

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 25, 2002**

**Immediately Following Previous Committees or**

**9:15 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Committee of the Whole**

*Robert W. Kelley, Chair  
Karen J. Angelou  
L. Nicholas Hogan  
John McAlister  
Debra A. Payne  
David B. Thom  
Michael O'Brien, ex officio*

**Members Absent:** Michael O'Brien

**Members Present:** Debra A. Payne, Robert W. Kelley, John McAlister, L. Nicholas Hogan, Karen J. Angelou and David B. Thom

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## **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

Weber, White, Davies, Lee, Komlanc, Wetherholt, Mayor, Isler, Hall; Press.

## **PENDING LEGISLATION**

### **ORD-0055-2002**

TO CREATE CHAPTER 138, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

### **ORD-0064-2002**

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, TO ESTABLISH DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO SET COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

### **ORD-0063-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MODIFIED CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR CREEKSIDE DEVELOPMENT-PHASE II; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$323,750; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wetherholt said the presentation on this was 2 weeks ago; Creekside Phase 2; the ongoing contract we have with Stilson changed; evolved into a different project; to keep it right we need modification; we are really doing what told to do but is a different scope; dollars the same; scope updated. Kelley asked how much of the money has been used so far? Wetherholt said 50 to 60 thousand. McAlister questioned needing the engineering plans if we are not going to build the pond. Hogan said he would like this legislation postponed; think we have the cart before the horse; the public meeting is this week; Council needs to vote this up or down before the contract is changed. He has still not seen a traffic impact study; feels this should be postponed until we see if Phase 2 passes.

Wetherholt said the current ordinance needs to be amended by substitution to delete the supplemental appropriation; was prepared in error.

White said that Phase 2 goes to Planning Commission this week; there is no approval to come back to Council; will not come back to Council unless you say once Planning votes on it it must come back to you for a formal vote; your authorization comes with approving the funds. We would like to meet certain time schedules; go out for bids in the next several months; does not think there will be much public backlash with Phase 2 as it is now. Kelley questioned whether the use of the Janis Hair Salon property and Best Courier property will be for a lagoon and a water wheel; he, as well as McAlister and Hogan, is hearing that the City is going to spend 2 million dollars on a park with a lagoon and a water wheel.

McAlister asked why the City cannot afford to construct a building for the baseball league; why can't parks do that; but can use almost 2 million for a pond and a water wheel? It was stated that the baseball league is a private organization. McAlister said but other cities do things like this for their leagues. Hogan said one of his concerns is

that the project was to be 3 1/2 million dollars; with 1.7 million funded totally by the City for a park; what about the developer is he going to want a park; no sense to do this first; do not need engineering now; need a vote of council for the 1.75 million; \$326,000 was appropriated, but we have only spend \$50,000 to \$60,000. Angelou said the City is responsible for the infrastructure; development to the north is coming because of this park like infrastructure. Hogan said the Old Bag of Nails is coming in; we didn't renovate that; left it the way it was and the developer is coming in. White said we have been working on this for 5 years and now we are down to 1.75 million; what public wanted; have 6 developers interested and their interest is based on the predicate that it will be waterfront development; value added because of this; everything the City does is public improvement and public infrastructure. Discussion followed.

It was agreed to put the ordinance on for second reading on Regular Agenda.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**Donna Jernigan, CMC/AE, Deputy Clerk of Council  
Reporting**