

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 13, 2000**

**7:30 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Service Committee**

*Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman*

*Michael O'Brien*

*L. Nicholas Hogan*

*Debra A. Payne, ex officio*

*Karl Wetherholt, ex officio*

**Members Present:** Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Michael O'Brien and L. Nicholas Hogan

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**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Jerry Isler; Karl Wetherholt; Buck Stinchcomb; Kathy Culp; Tom Komlanc; Press

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

**ORD-0264-2000**

TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, STREET AND STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 723; AND SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 724; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN THE GREENS AT CLARENTON, SECTION 1, PART 2; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Wetherholt stated that there are no problems; has everything for it and has signed off on it; punch list is almost completed; last thing they are doing is the overlot seeding; should be interesting; looks pretty nice.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

**NEW ISSUES:**

**Ballard Drive Street Lighting**

Wetherholt stated that this was requested by a petition from property owners; GGC to do design; got proposal from them; submitted in RCA; will come up with the costs associated with that lighting. Stinchcomb asked if this would be paid for by assessment. Wetherholt answered that is what they petitioned; they will need legislation to contract with GGC and legislation to assess these people;

once assessment goes through he will need a resolution that basically orders the City Engineer to provide detailed plans and cost estimates. Stinchcomb mentioned that this should be ready for 1st reading. O'Brien stated that he is not in favor of assessment; lighting is a basic thing that should be provided by the City; not in favor of them having to pay for it; wants to see the whole City lit.

Stinchcomb agreed that intersections need to be lighted, but we need to get this done; this step is required. Wetherholt stated that the Ohio Revised Code provides that the City only pays for a portion within the intersection. Stinchcomb questioned whether that would be one or two lights. Wetherholt answered that it is not done by each light, it is done by percentage of pavement; all the pavement is illuminated; the portion within the intersection counts as the intersection; outside of that is assessable. Stinchcomb mentioned that there will be a better handle on this after the cost assessment. Hogan questioned what the cost would be to illuminate the whole City; is there any ball park figure without a lot of research. Wetherholt answered that would have to be looked at after the 1st of the year. O'Brien mentioned that AEP may be able to help with it.

Wetherholt stated that part of problem is defining the City; seems extremely clear when you talk about it; but when you go street by street, there are fuzzy areas. Hogan feels it should be done by the City no matter what. O'Brien agreed that we need a plan to do that; advocate of lighting every neighborhood. Stinchcomb suggested that Wetherholt at least start by taking a look at major intersections, even in residential and work down the list. O'Brien agreed.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Consent Agenda

**Street Projects Adjustment**

Wetherholt stated that these require Motion Resolutions to allow the underruns from asphalt overlay concrete street rebuild to be used for a project that was an overrun; claimed that contractor went beyond contract limits; deducting that from him; goes toward Dark Star, 62, Beecher overrun; one of the things that is bad with contractor running over on time makes the inspection go way up.

Stinchcomb stated that it seems like a lot of money; is it still in the 10% typical area?

Wetherholt stated that it has had a bad history; got delayed as Ohio Department of Transportation unit; it was annexed; forced into next year; added some fiber optic conduit to it so that is part of the overrun.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion Resolution, Consent

## West Gahanna Entry Phase II

Wetherholt stated that the landscape architect grant would cover something like 75% of cost of project; the state estimators may be unfamiliar with these types of projects; they came up with a million instead of \$600,000; won't know until they actually bid it; typical with state project; local public agency need to pay local match to get project sold.

Stinchcomb stated that the only comment she has is that if the project ends up being a million dollars, she feels that they have spent enough on the West side Gahanna entry way; have other entry ways; not ready to spend that much more money; I think enough is enough; agreed if part of this was in the budget. Wetherholt thought that it was not appropriated. Isler mentioned that it was appropriated and then spent. Stinchcomb questioned what it was spent on. Isler thought that it was back in 1999 that they originally appropriated the million. Wetherholt mentioned that they could cut back on scope. Stinchcomb asked if it had been 2 years since we revisited these plans.

Wetherholt stated that plans were just developed this summer. Stinchcomb thought that they had looked at the whole scope a couple of years ago. Wetherholt stated that it was not his project then. Hogan stated that he also has a problem with it if the project comes in at a million dollars. Stinchcomb stated that they usually come in around estimate. Hogan stated that he agreed with Stinchcomb on this matter; not ready to move forward. Stinchcomb stated that we need to move this item to Committee of the Whole; review exactly what the plan is; what is a million dollars going to get us; need a visual layout. Wetherholt stated that ODOT needs to know whether it is a go. Stinchcomb asked if they would lose a grant; they can wait 2 weeks; wants to look at in committee. O'Brien stated that we need to do it right here in Service committee in 2 weeks. Stinchcomb agreed to leave in Service; need as much detail as possible; we have to draw the line somewhere.

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RECOMMENDATION: Bring back to Service Committee for discussion.

Hogan mentioned that he keeps getting asked when is the G going to be lit. Stinchcomb added that the City spent \$10,000 on that project and it is now a very non-visible perception; money was not well spent. O'Brien asked if we paid for it, why isn't it lit? Wetherholt answered that a lot of the money went just to have power brought up to it; some of the money went for fiber optic devices that can be reused and will not go to waste; but basically we have given up on the concept of lighting it the way it was originally designed. O'Brien questioned why can't we make people make it work. Wetherholt answered that this was not a performance specification; contractor did exactly what design said; contractor said it wouldn't work. O'Brien stated that we need to get it evaluated. Wetherholt mentioned that they doubled the lighting; had Jess Howard out; did contract to install the lighting per plan; much of that was for various lighting power supplies and so forth. Hogan asked why not just use a spotlight. Wetherholt

answered that was not part of the plan. Stinchcomb stated that obviously the plan does not work and Wetherholt needs to look into it. Wetherholt stated that it does not provide the intended effect; you have got a lot of ambient light around it; you would have to cut off all the other lights; you've got background lighting; contractor did exactly what was on the plan; no performance guarantee; said he wouldn't do it; would have said if there was a performance guarantee. O'Brien stated that not if we can help it in the future; need performance clause; this seems to happen all the time. Stinchcomb stated that she wants to see a solution. Wetherholt answered that he will not be looking into this in 2000.

### **Triangle West Sanitary Sewer - Resolution of Necessity**

RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda

### **Price Road Waterline - Bid Opening**

Wetherholt stated that the bid was under the estimate; 5% contingency in it; comes out of water fund; appropriated award this year; funding there.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Consent; Does not need to come back to Committee

### **Utility Atlas Update**

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Consent; Refer to Committee of the Whole.

### **Hamilton Road Traffic Study**

RECOMMENDATION: Refer this to Committee of the Whole

### **West Bikeway Connector**

Wetherholt stated that they got the grant; got proposal for engineering; usually have engineering done when we get the grant; only had the concept; now we have to get \$328,000 grant ;we have a proposal to do nine tasks for \$44,860. Stinchcomb asked if we could use part of the grant for engineering. Wetherholt answered not usually; have to use for construction; this is run by ODOT. Stinchcomb asked how much of the project will the grant cover. Wetherholt answered that the Grant will cover 50%. Stinchcomb asked if this is in the 2001 budget. Wetherholt answered that they have a portion. Isler will check and get it into 2001 appropriations. Hogan stated that he would like to see a map on this area. Stinchcomb asked if there was anything besides the concept right now. Wetherholt stated that they have enough for a concept drawing; Carter submitted several bound reports, but it has been awhile ago; this is part of the Trailways loopway. Stinchcomb stated that we will need the most current information. Wetherholt stated that they can break the project up into two pieces; enough to start in 2000; and then put it in appropriations for 2001. Stinchcomb asked if they will be able to start some of it this year. Wetherholt stated that it would be good to get started on some. Stinchcomb added that we need to break it out to see how much we can do this year; we need to review the whole thing.

RECOMMENDATION: Refer back to Committee for discussion.

### **ITS Project Adjustment**

Wetherholt stated that they need a Motion Resolution for this; funding is all in the correct account number; to design the old intersection to have mastarm lighting on that

intersection; old Ridenour will be the only one without mastarm lighting. Stinchcomb questioned if the \$14,000 was to engineer the light pole. Komlanc explained that it is for 4 mast arms and additional components; makes sure that Mill Street is tied into engineering.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion Resolution; Consent

### **Ken Singh Settlement**

Wetherholt stated that basically the City agreed to buy the entire tract for \$550,000; the price per acre is reasonable; makes all the lawsuits go away; won't have to build temporary pump station; could then resell the T&S parcel.

Stinchcomb stated that she appreciates the fact that they are going to save a lawsuit and asked if there has been an appraisal. Wetherholt stated that they have appraised it for purposes of evaluating the easement itself; will have to get an appraisal for market value. Stinchcomb stated that she would like the City to have control of that tract; not pay more than its worth; would like to see a current market value appraisal. Hogan asked how long ago did Singh buy it. Wetherholt answered April of 1999. Stinchcomb mentioned that T&S had it then.

Wetherholt stated that T&S sold it at a greatly reduced price; will get the exact appraisal figure. Stinchcomb asked if the City Attorney has seen this. Wetherholt stated that contract attorneys have been working on this; need to start legislation to supplementally appropriate funding to do the appraisal. Stinchcomb stated that she was willing to put it on for 1st reading. Wetherholt mentioned that it was the intent of Payne to have an executive session on this matter and will have the appraisal available then.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Refer to Executive Session on 11/20.

### **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

Stinchcomb stated that she has spoken with the newly re-elected county engineer regarding the Havens Corners and Helmbright intersection; engineer said he is willing to do a new study of that intersection; knows Wetherholt has done some video of that intersection; would like to have some discussion in this committee; would like to have a study yet this year; has questions about the last study; how long; what time periods; comment was made that we only need a traffic light for 10 minutes a day; has some concerns; Chief Murphy is very interested in safety aspect; like to have initial discussion; have Wetherholt bring video and counts to Committee. Komlanc mentioned that the video will probably not show what you need it to show; the traffic was shifted to a later start time for the school; need to do another video to show regular pattern; specified time from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Stinchcomb stated that she would like to take up the County Engineer on his offer.

### **Stacey Bashore, Recording**