

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2002

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

*Karen J. Angelou, Chair
L. Nicholas Hogan
Robert W. Kelley
Michael O'Brien, ex officio*

Members Absent: L. Nicholas Hogan

Members Present: Karen J. Angelou and Robert W. Kelley

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Payne, Murphy , Rinehart, Keyes, Collins, Wetherholt, Isler, Davies, Mazeau, Mitchelll, Weber, O'Brien, Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

MR-0010-2002

Motion Resolution to concur with the Parks and Recreation Board for the 2002 Golf Course fees which raise the fee for golf cars from \$4.25 to \$5.00 for 9 holes and \$6.25 to \$10.00 for 18 holes; Gahanna Municipal Golf Course.

Mitchell said he still wants to go forward; presented Golf Cart Report; if we raise the rates as we propose would be an increase in income of \$4,716; proposed prices would still keep us under most courses. Angelou said that the funds raised should go back into the golf course; should become self sufficient as possible; prices are not out of line. O'Brien thanked Mitchell for the information and said he agrees that we should go forward with this.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Hamburg Fireworks Display Inc.

Mitchell said that he is recommending Hamburg; received quotes from Zambelli, but Hamburg will give us approximately 100 shells more for the same price; have worked with Hamburg and they know our setup and their security is good; plus they will upgrade the show.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent Agenda; no need to come back to committee.

PRESENTATION:

Overview of Operations Bureau Organizational Chart

Angelou said she is restructuring the Safety Committee Agenda and has asked Murphy to present an overview of the Operations Bureau Organizational Chart (attached and made a part of the minutes herein). Murphy said he is always pleased to educate people about the department and will go over briefly what the department is doing and what is currently challenging; will not talk about narcotics or personnel. He continued that the PD has 53 total officers; total authorized strength; has one vacant slot; will be sending Kelie Anderson to the Highway Patrol Academy starting March 4; 48 of the 53 are deployable; 31 in Operations Bureau; Standards and Investigation Bureau has 4 community cops and 10 detectives.

Murphy continued that what is challenging the PD now is Policies and Procedures; need to update; long process; as far as he can tell they have not been updated since 1990; this is the biggest threat to the PD right now; must get these revised. He would like to bring the canine unit in one night and possibly members of the SWAT team. In answer to

question about how many officers are on the street per shift, Murphy said first shift has one sergeant and 8 officers; second, one sergeant and 9 officers, and on third one sergeant and 8 officers; will beef this up when the other 5 officers are deployable. Angelou thanked Chief Murphy for the presentation.

REPORT - Director of Public Safety:

Keyes said the most pressing thing for the department right now is the Policies and Procedures; will be working to accomplish this as soon as possible for the good of the department. Angelou congratulated Keyes on 5 years as Safety Director.

Keyes spoke about two grievances that have been filed; both of these are contesting promotional procedure; they are arguing the validity of MOU 99-2. There was lengthy discussion about MOU's, with all agreeing that Council should receive them for tracking and then attach copy to the Labor agreement.

Grievances

MOU's

Miscellaneous

REPORT - Chief Of Police:

Operations Bureau

Standards and Investigation Bureau

Administrative Bureau

Miscellaneous

REPORT - Director of Parks and Recreation:

Parks

Recreation

Senior Services

Golf Course

Miscellaneous

REPORT - Civil Service

Jernigan reported that the Civil Service Commission will be giving a test for Police Radio Dispatcher on March 26th, and for Police Officer on April 20th, as the eligibility list established for police established January 12, 2002 has been exhausted. Angelou said the topic of monthly reports to Council will be on the next Civil Service agenda.

ISSUES:

2000-0034

MONITOR:

- 1) Skateboard Park.
- 2) Pizzurro Park
- 3) Morse Rd/US 62 Signage

Skateboard Park - Angelou said she has seen the one at Reynoldsburg and it seems nice; right beside the Police Station; would like the committee to visit some time. Collins passed out information addressing a Skate Park in Gahanna. Council will continue discussion.

The Safety Committee Agenda is being restructured.**Character Counts**

Angelou and Collins had discussion about a program started in many communities to work to establish character among people of all ages; center the community's efforts to promote character to more people; has had a huge impact. Angelou said she first heard about the program at National League of Cities and passed information on to the Mayor's office; Collins has background in the Character Counts program and will report back to Council at the next meeting, further explaining the program.

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council