

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 1999

Immediately following 7:00 p.m. Committees

8:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

Karen J. Angelou

Robert W. Kelley, ex officio

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Bob Kelley, Jerry Isler, Raleigh Mitchell, Dennis Murphy; Press; Government Students.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Absent: Karen J. Angelou

Members Present: L. Nicholas Hogan and Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

NEW LEGISLATION**990100**

TO AMEND SECTION 333.99, PENALTY, OF CHAPTER 333, DUI; WILLFUL MISCONDUCT; SPEED, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Weber had asked for this change after discussion with Ray Mularski; need penalty to be able to charge with Reckless Operation; misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; Second Reading, Consent; does not have to come back to Committee.

Recommended for Introduction to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

ISSUES**Canine Update**

Hogan said he heard a rumor that we now have a dog and an officer assigned to the program. He had questions about liability insurance, overtime and the overall cost. Kelley said he also has great concerns about the liability. Jordan checked on cost; can insure for an additional \$445. Kelley continued that he was invited, by Chief Murphy, to be present for the physical fitness portion of the choosing of the handler.

Murphy said yes we do have the dog; Samson; was donated by Batelle. Officer Frank Stewart has been chosen as the dog handler. Both Samson and Officer Stewart will be taking the Canine Training Course for five weeks, and when they have completed it they will both be certified through the State; once dog is certified will be the same liability as an officer. If we did not take the dog when we did someone else would have taken him.

Hogan said he thought Council was debating the issue of whether we need a dog or not, and was waiting for information concerning the liability, overtime and the need for Memorandum of Understanding with the officer.

Murphy said it is common to allow the handler one half hour before they go out and one half hour at the end of the shift for care of the animal. He will obtain Memorandum of Understanding from Officer Stewart.

Isler said the funding is available in the Police insurance account. Committee recommends to proceed with liability insurance.

Kelley said this was a decision of Safety Director Keyes and the Chief; they have the authority to do that. Kelley asked that we also receive something in writing from the veterinarian and Petsmart that they will be donating the food and care.

990089

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HAMBURG FIREWORKS DISPLAY INC. FOR FIREWORKS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION 1999

Mitchell said this is the company we used last year and were very pleased; they can fire electronically which is much safer and a much better presentation; he feels it is definitely best to continue with them. Committee had received RCA to contract with Hamburg. It was agreed an ordinance would be best.

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DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC, Deputy Clerk of Council