

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 24, 1999**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Service Committee**

*Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman  
Debra A. Payne  
L. Nicholas Hogan  
Robert W. Kelley, ex officio*

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

Terry Jordan; Karl Wetherholt; Dennis Moriarity, Waste Management; Dennis Roeder, resident; Press.

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

**Members Present:** Debra A. Payne and L. Nicholas Hogan

**Members Absent:** Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

**990204**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLYDE E WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE TAYLOR ROAD BASIN; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)**

**990207**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FRA-IR270-37.00 WHICH PROPOSES TO PLAN AND RESURFACE PAVEMENT, PERFORM PAVEMENT REPAIRS AT SPECIFIED LOCATIONS; PROVIDE PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND INSTALL RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS; ALL FOR WORK ON I-270 IN GAHANNA CORPORATE LIMITS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)**

**990210**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CODY ZIEGLER INC FOR CHANGE ORDERS TO THE BIG WALNUT PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY, IMPROVEMENT NO. 708; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Regular Agenda (Duplicate)**

**ISSUES****980525**

TELEPHONE ACCOUNT ANALYSIS - AMERITECH.

Jordan stated Ameritech was in process of preparing bill; should have ready for next committee.

**990212**

Dennis Moriarity, General Sales Manager, Waste Management, stated this contract went out to bid last fall; have been some issues especially 2 weeks ago when we had a serious issue; are having tough times keeping good quality drivers; we do 1000 homes per route per day; add more trucks if we have the drivers; in spring there is more trash; have always had routes finished except for 2 weeks ago; have averaged 25 misses per week for the last 8 to 10 years; 27,000 collections per week in 9,100 homes which is less than 1% miss factor; had 120 complaints 2 weeks ago; was a labor issue; am not unionized; had some issues with drivers; did get some good ideas from Jordan; talked to Rauchenstein last Thursday and only had 2 or 3 complaints last week; averaged 15 per week in 1998 and up to 19 now; am a resident myself; now we are back on schedule; was told that we stayed on schedule today.

Jordan noted that they keep weekly stats; 164 misses between trash, recycling, and yard waste 2 weeks ago was down to 19 last week and had few calls today; did talk with Waste Management because of the severity of the issues; did send letter; residents will

not tolerate trash sitting out; impressed upon them need to stick with contract.

Payne asked about one day pickup. Moriarity stated he did not know when it was officially switched; feel City would not be happy going back to a multiple day schedule; Monday is Gahanna with yard waste on Tuesday and we put all our resources into it; 2 weeks ago yard waste hit us hard too because of the great weekend we had; our reputation is on the line; we did hit a speed bump in the road; this has our full attention as well as that of John Drury our CEO in Houston; your letter was faxed to our attention in Columbus within 15 minutes of his receiving.

Payne stated that concerns were raised at Council meeting by Dennis Roeder of 905 Peppercorn. Roeder stated that based on the discussion this evening am thoroughly satisfied with response; appalled that company would not have contingency plans; glad to hear that we are working to forestall further episodes; will be content at this time. Moriarity presented Roeder with a card and asked him to call directly if he had further problems; did have a back up plan; pulled from our site in Newark and delayed some routes over there; won't let service be an issue here; our business is not complicated; don't anticipate it being a problem in the future.

Hogan stated he would like to put numbers in perspective; have numbers for 1998 and 1999 and second quarter is not over yet; what is a good average for misses per week. Jordan noted he had called around to see what is happening with the competition; average is 5 to 10 misses per week in Westerville and Dublin; that same week we had problems USA Waste cities elsewhere had same problems we did; that's general average found; figures are average number of misses; noted our average miss in 1998 was 9.8 or somewhere in that ball park. Moriarity noted that Jordan keeps more detailed records than other cities. Jordan noted he had provided information on whether they had competitive salaries and on some type of incentive program; does cost their company money to come back and pick up a miss; gave them some ideas if they deploy they may try to build on, Hogan stated he was glad Moriarity lived in Gahanna. Moriarity stated this was a 1 year contract with 3 one year options; we want those options; think we tackled the problem and got it resolved; do pay if a driver already has his CDL when we hire. Roeder stated that mass resident call ins are usually not an accident; is usually labor union organizations and can be dealt with from management end. Moriarity stated that problem was a combination of personnel changes and operations management; have addressed that.

RECOMMENDATION: Remove from agenda.

**990213**

TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$12,000 FROM ACCOUNT 101.145.5511, STREETS, CAPITAL PROJECTS, CURRENTLY DESIGNATED FOR THE CLARK/OKLAHOMA PROJECT TO BE USED FOR THE HAMILTON ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY.

Wetherholt stated the County had reviewed the scope of the study and has added some work; increases the consultant scope by \$12,000; recommend same as prior by using funding appropriated for Oklahoma Avenue; account 101.145.5511, Streets, Capital Projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Floor Motion, consent agenda

**990214**

Wetherholt noted there was nothing to be done at this point; will work with office and get all the things needed for legislation; will be a contract with Stonehenge Co. and City for them to construct the sanitary sewer and us to reimburse them for the overages to

extend off site and a supplemental appropriation; can't proceed with this however until we free up the money currently set aside for the East Industrial sewer; when the TIF legislation is done money will be released and we can move forward with this. In response to question from Hogan, Wetherholt stated Stonehenge Company is not planning on doing anything until year 2000 so it's not a problem yet. Hogan suggested that if it became a problem to bring the item back to committee for alternate funding; leave on as a monitor item.

Wetherholt noted this is the Triangle West sewer; good thing we split it out; projected per acre cost is close; Stonehenge did do a detailed estimate of the cost of the sewer and that's how we came up with the figures; is another annexation pending in that area; all tied together; sewer will serve that area.

RECOMMENDATION: Continue as a monitor item until Wetherholt brings back to committee in order to move forward with legislation.

#### 990215

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON BRICKLAWN AVENUE.

Wetherholt noted this is a standard easement; AEP wishes to put a back guy on a pole; is on City property so need the easement.

**Recommended for Introduction to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)**

#### 990216

TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$17,800 FROM ACCOUNT 101.145.5511, STREETS, CAPITAL PROJECTS, CURRENTLY DESIGNATED FOR THE CLARK/OKLAHOMA PROJECT TO BE USED FOR BIG WALNUT CREEK IMPROVEMENTS

Wetherholt stated this additional cost has to do with all the electrical work; Al Groves has spent a lot of time modifying the project a lot of times; did do a change underneath by Lola's deck; was going to have exterior wooden siding; now a stone wall about 2' high with fill behind it and leave it open; will be a railing which was another change; will have a rope railing that will meet code; 2' steel pipes attached to the walkway with thick ropes at correct spacing to comply with industrial standards; wish to take this additional \$17,800 from the Oklahoma account; account number 101.145.5511, Streets/Capital Projects; need floor motion. After discussion, recommendation is to check with City Attorney Weber to see if this should go on consent or regular and need for Hogan to abstain.

**Recommended for Introduction to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)**

### **Director of Public Service**

Jordan reviewed his report; do now have no through trucks signs on Goshen; have almost completed the new striping at Stygler and Rt. 62; will be putting a crosswalk at Helmbright and Havens Corners as discussed at previous meeting; will need to put in a little bit of sidewalk and then we'll do the crosswalks.

With regard to pool safety, committee requested that office check with President Kelley; this item was in Safety Committee and then Committee of the Whole and was not on anyone's agenda this evening; when will it be discussed again as Jordan now has his report ready.

Discussion was held regarding the demolition of the home on the Kraner property we are buying in Olde Gahanna. Wetherholt noted that included in the asphalt overlay bid was the building of a parking lot at that location; money has been appropriated to a Development account; is an existing house and garage there; in order for the parking lot

to be built needs garage taken down at a cost of \$2500; Mayor and Development Director also wish to take the house down; there is no money to do that; would like to start legislation and then come back to committee to provide \$8,000 for the demolition of the house. Jordan noted that the Chamber office is next door and they have expressed some interest in being in this house rather than the one they are in; for parking availability need to move quickly; what is planned will only add 6 more spaces. Hogan asked that from the administrative standpoint all options be looked at; could also move the house from the current location next to the Chamber office and open up the entire thing; there is a vacant lot on Carpenter and North High where the house could be moved almost at same cost; need to look at all possibilities; some houses can't be moved but if it's in decent shape then this would be something we should think about; understand house was totally renovated inside; might be worth our time to move it instead of taking down; put in Chamber parking lot and then own 2 buildings; look at all possibilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration discuss further among themselves and come forward with a recommendation after reviewing all options; discuss again at next committee.

### **Riva Ridge & Venetian Way**

Hogan noted a light pole in the middle of the sidewalk at Riva Ridge & Venetian which means there is no wheelchair accessibility; asked Jordan to look at this situation and correct. Jordan stated he would look into it.

### **ISOBEL L. SHERWOOD, CMC/AEE, Deputy Clerk of Council, reporting**