



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Brian D. Larick, President
Nancy R. McGregor, Vice President
Karen J. Angelou
Merisa Bowers
Jamie Leeseberg
Stephen A. Renner
Michael Schnetzer

April Beggerow, MPA, CMC, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.

Monday, February 1, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Call-in Details:

513-306-4583,

Conference ID: 311 678 530#

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Gahanna City Council met in virtual session on Monday, February 1, 2021, via Microsoft TEAMS. President of Council, Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, McGregor, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on January 29, 2021.

Present 7 - Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, and Merisa Bowers

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

Tim McClurg, 935 Leaflock Ct. spoke about controlling speed on Helmbright. He asked if they were waiting until the school was going to open before adding a stop sign or improve cross walks. He asked about speed bumps and said that there are speed bumps that are designed to be easy on cars. He wants to know why we don't do that. He would like speed bumps on Helmbright.

Mayor Jadwin said she would follow up with Mr. McClurg.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes - To Approve:

[2021-0019](#) Meeting Minutes for Approval

2. Motions

a. [MT-0003-2021](#) MOTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & ENGINEERING PERMISSION TO BID THE 2021 STREET PROGRAM.

This item approved on the consent agenda.

b. [MT-0004-2021](#) MOTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & ENGINEERING PERMISSION TO BID SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

This item approved on the consent agenda.

c. [MT-0005-2021](#) MOTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & ENGINEERING PERMISSION TO BID RECYCLING PROCESSING.

This item approved on the consent agenda.

3. Resolutions:

a. [RES-0002-2021](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AMONG VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

This item adopted on the consent agenda.

4. Ordinances for Waiver, Adoption:

a. [ORD-0004-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION; WAIVING SECOND READING - CARES Act.

This item adopted on the consent agenda.

End/Pass Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, to Pass the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

E. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING:

Councilmember Schnetzer introduced the items in Section E.

- a. [ORD-0001-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION TO REPRESENT INDIGENT PERSONS BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS UNDER GAHANNA ORDINANCES.

This item was introduced

- b. [ORD-0002-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Damage to City Property.

This item was introduced

- c. [ORD-0003-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Water Meter Fees.

This item was introduced

- d. [SR-0001-2021](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE AT 3737 HINES ROAD FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICES.

This item was introduced

F. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None

Council

Mr. Leeseberg stated he was in receipt of correspondence from Columbia Gas in regards to potential rate changes.

G. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

No report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Mrs. Angelou said this is solar week and there are some webinars upcoming and the Executive Committee Meeting is this Thursday.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Mr. Leeseberg presented the report which is attached to the record.

[2021-0012](#)

Convention & Visitor's Bureau Report, February 1, 2021

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

No report.

H. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

The Mayor presented her report which is attached. She presented 2 Proclamations 1. Designating February as Black History Month 2. Designated the week of February 7-14 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. She explained that Gov Delivery is a new platform in which the City will be expanding communications with city residents. The City is working also on the sidewalk program and the ADA transition plan and will be holding public meetings on the topic in the future, more will be coming out on that.

[2021-0020](#)

Mayor's Report/Proclamations, February 1, 2021

City Attorney

No report

I. COUNCIL COMMENT

Mrs. Angelou said they got their first vaccine for COVID 19 and they feel pretty good. It was a smooth process at the Schottenstein Center.

Mr. Renner said thank you to the Mayor and Mr. Crawford for the service of the snow warriors. They're doing a great job.

Ms. Bowers thanked the Mayor for the proclamations. She was happy to see in the Mayor's report the item about technology development for Council. She is hopeful there will be a discussion on use of technology at the next Committee of the whole meeting on this topic. She shared information from Judge Carl Aveni: Fifty-three years ago today, public sanitation workers Echol Cole and Robert Walker were crushed to death in the compactor they were operating in Memphis, Tennessee. Black sanitation workers had complained to the city for years about unsafe working conditions, unfair wages, racial discrimination and unfair labor practices aimed at keeping them from unionizing. The deaths of Cole and Walker on Feb. 1, 1968 were as wholly avoidable as they were gruesome, and the workers had had enough.

On February 11, more than half of them voted to perform a work stoppage, and join the AFSCME. They were directly supported by the United Rubber Workers Local 186, which represented the largest group of black union members in Memphis. As the strike gained momentum over the following weeks, it attracted the attention and support of the civil rights movement, including the NAACP and the Rev. Martin Luther King.

Dr. King flew to Memphis on March 18, speaking to thousands of strikers and supporters and drawing the national eye to the cause. All of which culminated in a massive public protest on March 28, 1968, led by a grassroots local civil rights group, local union leaders, local ministers, the NAACP and Dr. King. When the protest was disrupted and ended prematurely by Memphis police, it was rescheduled for April 5. Which is why Dr. King was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Bowers, seconded by Leeseberg, to enter into executive session for the reason stated on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

K. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**April Beggerow, MPA, CMC
Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2021.*

Brian D. Larick