



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4, 2017

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER - Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 4, 2017, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian D. Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Jamie Leeseberg, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on December 1, 2017.

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

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Leeseberg requested to move Item O., Executive Session after Hearing of Visitors.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Renner, that the Motion to amend the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

Karen Crognale, 2891 Langly Court, Blacklick; speaking on behalf of Resolution to save the Crew; son is player on the team; Gahanna is the place they started playing soccer when he was 4 years old; very important to the development of our children; strong supporter of sports and parks and recreation; believe the Columbus Crew is a true community asset; thanks Council for their support.

Chris Hudson, 143 Midhurst; also here on behalf of Resolution to save

the Crew; hopes Council supports this; tough loss this week for the team; now is the time that these kinds of symbolic and important motions help unite the City and stack the pieces in the battle for public perception that is being portrayed incorrectly.

Brenda Hoffman, 279 Highmeadow Drive; here to talk about sidewalks; have an issue with hers; Shane Ewald has been involved; appreciates him; is a City-wide issue; has to do with trees; have learned a lot from interacting with other people; trees are part of beautification; problem is, the roots are producing; USDA says to cut them; still fighting sprouts from trees they have cut down to stumps; still have neighbors with the trees; others are saying they have that too; have a genetic disorder; have a wheel chair and will be in it; knees need replaced; eyes have been operated on 3x; will be in a wheel chair as will other people; your neighbor's sidewalk has an impact; imperative how we in the community treat each other regarding sidewalks and these trees; putting burden on each other; we are paying tax dollars to Franklin County; they are removing these trees from the Scioto Metro Park; we are protecting them; no tree anywhere in the world more important than a person's health; fell in front of her house and it hurts a lot; said things on Facebook and tried to get people out to Council; got many messages and understands things differently; do not want to spend more money on this issue and give up another vacation; let's do something for the people; do not get permits to take out a tree; if the people want their curb tree, they can have it; why pay to take down an invasive species; showed images of trees that were under her sidewalk; all of us need this; Angelou asked the tree; Hoffman said Cleveland Select; cannot buy after the first of the year; is a Bradford pear; Rob Wendling is a great arborist and always doing his job.

1. School Board Update

Not present.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Larick requested Mayor Kneeland, Shane Ewald, Abby Cochran, and Attorney Paul Bittner attend the Executive Session. Executive Session will be held in the Council Conference Room.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. with no action taken.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Leeseberg introduced the items under Section D.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

[ORD-0102-2017](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

[ORD-0103-2017](#) TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 1.4+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, LOCATED AT 4297 E JOHNSTOWN ROAD; PARCEL ID NO. 170-001499; FILED BY JACKSON B. REYNOLDS, III; J ERNEST WELLS, D.C., PROPERTY OWNER.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

[ORD-0104-2017](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - PROJECTED LODGING TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) AND THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC).

This Ordinance was Introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2017-0249](#) City Council Minutes 11/20/2017, Special Council Meeting and Committee Minutes 11/27/2017

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0089-2017](#) TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO SECTION 1108.01, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, TO ALLOW A SIDEWALK NOT TO BE BUILT, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1509 BLATT BOULEVARD, PARCEL ID NO. 025-011769.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0091-2017](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) FOR THE YEAR 2018 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING TOURISM AND HOSTING COMMUNITY EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0092-2017](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GRANT

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0093-2017](#) TO ESTABLISH THE BENEFITS FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0094-2017](#) TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0095-2017](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SEAN H. MAXFIELD TO SERVE AS MAGISTRATE FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA MAYOR'S COURT FOR 2018.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0096-2017](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - INSURANCE CLAIM AND RESTITUTION PROCEEDS.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0097-2017](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - PARKS & RECREATION DONATION PROCEEDS

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

[RES-0012-2017](#) RESOLUTION TO URGE THE INVESTOR-OPERATOR AND CHAIRMAN OF COLUMBUS CREW SOCCER CLUB TO KEEP THE FRANCHISE IN COLUMBUS AND FOREGO ANY EXPLORATION OF RELOCATION TO ANOTHER CITY.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0034-2017](#) MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RENEWAL OF ANY LIQUOR PERMITS IN JANUARY 2018 FOR THOSE BUSINESSES CURRENTLY HOLDING LIQUOR PERMITS AND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GAHANNA.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0035-2017](#) MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE TRANSFER OF A C1, C2, D6 LIQUOR PERMIT FROM JB & B LLC TO ALPINE DRIVE THRU CORP, DBA ALPINE DRIVE THRU, 210 GRANVILLE STREET, GAHANNA, OH 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0036-2017](#) MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE TREX D1 LIQUOR PERMIT FOR CHARLES PENZONE, INC., 1356 CHERRY WAY DRIVE, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0037-2017](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR-END PROJECTION OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

President Larick opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m.; administration had no comments; there was no public comment; President Larick closed the public hearing at 8:26 p.m.

[ORD-0102-2017](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018.

G. COMMITTEE UPDATES

No report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

No reports.

Clerk

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

[ORD-0090-2017](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) FOR THE YEAR 2018 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Renner, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

To Amend by Substitution and Adopt:

[ORD-0098-2017](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PERSONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY LOCATED AT THE GAHANNA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Angelou, that the Ordinance be Amended by Substitution and Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

K. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS:

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

No report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou said Executive Committee meets Thursday.

Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education - Metzbower

No report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Renner

Renner said CVB was able to generate marketing and promotion for Creekside and Gahanna with the Holiday Lights; Visit Gahanna was able to obtain promotional coverage for many businesses; candle light walk was canceled due to weather and is planned to be rescheduled; past weekend, Visit Gahanna welcomed more than 600 runners for annual Santa Race 5K; number of participants was up 50% and was a record high; businesses that were open generated revenue.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

No report.

City Attorney

No report.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou said would like to thank colleagues who have been so kind during this time; does not feel like herself; cannot tell you how many times she has gotten rides to MORPC and home; Mr. Metzbower, Leeseberg, and Mrs. McGregor have helped; hard getting through these past 13 weeks; have made it easier; thank you.

P. ADJOURNMENT

8:30 p.m. by Leeseberg