

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2002

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

Michael O'Brien, President of Council

Robert W. Kelley, Vice President of Council

Karen J. Angelou

L. Nicholas Hogan

John McAlister

Debra A. Payne

David B. Thom

Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AEE, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 18, 2002, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Michael O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Vice President of Council Robert W. Kelley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on March 14, 2002.

Members Present: David B. Thom, Michael O'Brien, Karen J. Angelou, Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan, Robert W. Kelley and John McAlister

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by McAlister to remove MR-0013-2002 from the Consent Agenda and place it on the regular agenda under Correspondence and Actions.
ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, McAlister, Hogan, Kelley, O'Brien, Payne, Thom.
Motion carried.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Windy McKenna, Gahanna Jefferson School Board stated she was glad to attend; thanked Hogan and McAlister for attending last week's meeting; received an Auditor's award for audit just turned in; proud of that award presented to Treasurer Dan Griscom; presented certificates to Bill Withrow and Kevin Kowalsky in recognition of carrying the Olympic torch; also time of year to renew administrative contracts so next month's Board meeting will be 3rd Thursday in April in order for Human Resources Department time to get all the new hires on the agenda; also approved a motion to issue diplomas to WWII veterans who dropped out to join military and did not get to graduate; believe there are 7 currently; that number could increase between now and then; will be receiving diplomas on April 19 at 10:30 a.m. in a big ceremony in the High School auditorium; hope you can attend; if you know of anyone this would affect please encourage them to call school and let them know.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:**Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:**

Ordinances, introduced, by title, by Payne.

ORD-0055-2002

TO CREATE CHAPTER 138, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0056-2002

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR ADA COMPLIANT STANDARD DRAWINGS AND TRANSITION PLAN FOR WHEELCHAIR RAMPS; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$10,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0057-2002

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES TO ENGINEER THE GRADING OF ADJACENT PROPERTY, NORTHEAST CORNER OF TAYLOR AND MORRISON ROADS; IMPROVEMENT NO. 769; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0058-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO FINAL CHANGE ORDER AGREEMENT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR THE CHERRYBOTTOM ROAD WATERLINE, IMPROVEMENT NO. 741; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$5,227; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0059-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WESTERMAN COMPANIES, TO INSTALL THE SCADA SYSTEM FOR THE PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE, HARRISON POND, FOR MONITORING OF THE SYSTEM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 804; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0060-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC COMPANY TO PROVIDE UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE HARRISON POND PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE, IMPROVEMENT NO. 804; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0061-2002**

TO ZONE 1.3+/- ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS ER-2 ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; ZONING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1133.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5866 TAYLOR ROAD; JOSEPH PATTERSON, LANDOWNER, CITY OF GAHANNA, APPLICANT.

Introduced, to Development Committee**ORD-0062-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MAXIMUS INC., FOR REAPPRAISAL OF THE CITY'S FACILITIES AND INFORMATION FOR GASB 34 AND GIS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0063-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MODIFIED CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR CREEKSIDE DEVELOPMENT-PHASE II; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$323,750; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**ORD-0064-2002**

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, TO ESTABLISH DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO SET COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2002-0002**

To approve minutes of the following meetings:

- 1) December 2, 2002 Regular Meeting.

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:**ORD-0052-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO ANNEX CERTAIN 0.783+/- ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO

THE CITY OF GAHANNA, SAID LAND BEING COMPRISED OF ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0053-2002

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HAMBURG FIREWORKS DISPLAY INC., FOR FIREWORKS FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA 2002 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0054-2002

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT FOR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE RELATING TO SOILS, DRAINAGE, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

MR-0014-2002

Motion Resolution to allow funding appropriated in Account No. 325.122.5548, Capital Improvement, earmarked to be used for right of way purchase for Helmbright and Havens Corners, to be used for additional engineering for the Improvement No. 794, since purchase of right of way is not necessary.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0015-2002

Motion Resolution to go our for bids for Improvement No. 803, Water Tower Rehab.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0016-2002

MOTION RESOLUTION TO REQUEST PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW NOTIFICATION PROCESS OF CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNERS.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Vice President of Council Kelley, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Vice President of Council Kelley and McAlister
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End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

President stated Public Hearing Rules that would govern the public hearing this evening.

Z-0001-2002

To consider an initial zoning for 1.3+/- acres located at 5866 Taylor Road; ER-2 zoning pursuant to Section 1133.08 of the Codified Ordinances; Joseph Patterson, landowner by City of Gahanna, applicant.

President opened Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated that, using terminology of the Chief, sometimes some things fly under the radar screen; this area is land that had been annexed some time ago but the appropriate zoning was not attached to it; this is a

consideration for initial zoning for 1.3 acres on north side of Taylor Road; ER-2 is being requested because that is our holding zoning for annexations that come in and the land meets that zoning requirement; is a single family residential property; ask that it be zoned so it is consistent and compatible with zoning in that area.

President asked for opponents. There were none.

President closed Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - McAlister: No Report.

Development Committee - Thom: No Report.

Service Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Safety Committee - Angelou: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Kelley

Kelley noted that a presentation on Creekside will be made at Planning Commission on March 27th; note that if there is to be public input this is the time to do it; hope residents will show up.

Finance - Payne: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:

Z-0003-2002

To consider a zoning application on 8.963 acres of newly annexed property located at Morse and Hamilton Roads; requested zoning of CC2; Gahanna Properties, L.L.C., by Bret Boyd, applicant. (Public Hearing. Advertised in RFE on 2/28/02 and 3/07/02).

President set Public Hearing for May 6, 2002.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Council:

MR-0013-2002

Motion Resolution to use \$2,000 from the Council Contingency Fund for corporate sponsorship of a float in the 2002 Gahanna Holiday Lights Parade.

McAlister stated this was a small amount of money but is representative of a principle; tax dollars should be used for infrastructure and things that cannot be done without; people in Gahanna don't think we should be spending \$2,000 on a parade when this is being done by private money; has been compared to spending money for fireworks or recreation; then it should be taken out of Parks and Recreation instead of City Council; also hear comments from my constituents about buying a commercial float purchased with tax dollars; other people put them together with volunteer labor; judging on these floats the professionals are judged against the amateur floats.

Angelou and Payne stated the floats are not judged. White stated there has been judging on the floats; generally speaking the professional floats and those made from volunteer groups - which have outshined the professional floats sometimes - are judged together; however, it was suggested by the Committee after last year's parade that the

judging be categorized; that suggestion has been adopted for the 2002 parade. Angelou stated she thought they had been separated; this is a good change.

Hogan stated his concern was not the money but the judging of professional floats against the volunteer floats; if that has been changed the committee made a wise decision.

Kelley stated that this parade is one of the events have ever seen most attended in Gahanna; people have enjoyed it; agree with McAlister on how we spend some of our money; but this is good for the communtiy and brings people in.

Payne stated she wants to see us participate; feel this is a quality of life issue; businesses come here for same reason; parade is a quality of life issue; this markets our community; there is more marketing and publicity on Holiday Lights than anything else we have.

Thom stated that in over 50 years in this communtiy have witnessed a lot of parades but nothing like Holiday Lights; nowhere else in Central Ohio is there a parade like this; 3 years ago at the first one saw more people on Mill Street than I have ever seen; this is for the kids; especially after last year with 9-11 it was a time to pull families together; feel this is a small amount to pay to support this parade and the City of Gahanna; we get lots of miles out of this money.

Angelou stated she felt it was a matter of civic pride; tells the business world that we are a community; that we come together and support events; Channel 4 has taken an interest with lots of public service ads; can't imagine not having it at this point.

McAlister stated he is not against the parade; am against spending other peoples money on things that are nice to have as opposed to must have things; can't back this becuase of that; parade will go on with or without a City float.

O'Brien stated he appreciated McAlister's position.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

No	1	McAlister
Yes	6	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Vice President of Council Kelley

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:

ORD-0043-2002

TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 2.7+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4479 JOHNSTOWN ROAD; REQUESTED BY FRANKLIN E. ECK, JR., AGENT FOR PETITIONERS GARY E. AND JEANNE M. GREEN.

City Attirbet Weber stated we do not have the deed; issue now is that the legal description has not been completed; expect to have in two weeks; request you postpone for another two weeks.

Postponed to Date Certain to Regular Agenda

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**K. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kelley:**

Kelley stated next meeting is March 26th at 8:00 a.m. at Heartland Bank. Angelou stated that at that meeting they wanted to have explanation of CVB; met last Thursday and voted to bring forth to CIC and City Council the raising of the bed tax to 6%; had hoped that CIC would have met on the 19th so could have come with that recommendation for committees on the 25th; however, they are not meeting until the 26th; don't want to bring that forth until we have blessing of CIC; in order to meet all of the time lines involved have asked for introduction on April 1 and then have committee discussion on April 8; wanted everyone to be aware of that; normally have discussion before introduction but ask for this change due to the meeting schedule; want o ahve this in place for June 1; need to pass by April 15 to have it in place by June 1; have asked that this be in Finance Committee on April 8.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne:

Payne reminded everyone that MORPC Luncheon is April 18th; Pat is taking reservations.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Varies (March - Hogan):

Hogan stated it was a great meeting; very talented kids; Megan Tomko, from High Point Elementary gave a power point presentation on Sea Lions; she prepared it by utilizing new Tech Center; also saw Middle School South data books that establish goals, set goals and measurr results; overall very powerful presentations.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - Hogan/Thom

Clerk's Note: Next meeting is set for Monday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report.

City Attorney: No Report.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Angelou stated that Richard Tom passed away last week; was a dedicated volunteer and served on COTA Board for a while; did this with dedication and came in and reported what he had learned; he was a bus rider; was someone unique who asked questions of the riders; was a wonderful person; those of us who knew him will miss him.

McAlister stated that he hoped the students in attendance made note of what went on tonight; I cast a no vote for something that is extremely popular; partly on principle; partly for the reason that politicians know no limits sometimes to spend money; sometimes have to expect a difference when its a nice to have item instead of a need to have; hope you got that out of tonight's meeting.

Hogan stated that he has been in Arizona, Nevada and Louisiana in the last few weeks; have some stories to show that sometimes it is better for government to do nothing; they

built a new \$4.9 million train station in Grand Canyon about 2 years ago; has never been used; in planning it somebody forgot to check the length of the train; it blocks all roads in and out of the park if they use the station; best story was when visiting friends in Arizona the state has been accused of not having vision so the state legislature passed, and governor signed off, on a bill to clean up the air; bill said if you purchase an automobile or SUV that can be converted to natural gas the state will pay 50% of the cost; everybody ran out and bought including dealers and submitted their vouchers; state realized that law said "could be converted" not "was converted" and went to court and lost; court said you parsed the law now you live with it; the state is now \$100 million in debt because of it; the state school system is having a horrible time because of one law; sometimes doing nothing is better than doing something; that is also imperative for School Boards and local governments; we need a watchdog; found those stories fascinating.

O'Brien stated that while watching news this evening was a special report about the 6 young ladies all 19 years old from Bowling Green who lost control of van and all 6 were killed; from interviews with their professors and others these were all very bright young ladies; bring it up because of the nice weather coming people will be out on the roads; as you young adults graduate in the next couple of months be extra aware; in times of joy and great happiness and special events we sometimes lose focus; want all of you young people to be around for a long time; hope we can take this tragic event and learn from it; pay more attention on the highways; my heart and prayers are with the families.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:03 p.m. - Motion by Thom.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.*

Chair Signature