

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 1998

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

GAHANNA'S VISION is . . .

. . . to be an innovative model community that values its rich heritage, pursues high standards, and where citizens respect one another

Members Absent: Sherie James-Arnold

Members Present: Karen J. Angelou, Robert W. Kelley, L. Nicholas Hogan, Thomas R. Kneeland, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Debra A. Payne

GAHANNA'S MISSION is . . .

. . . to ensure an exceptional quality of life by providing comprehensive services, financial stability, and well-planned development which preserves the natural environment, so that city government will continue to be responsive, accessible, and accountable to our diverse and growing community of citizens.

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

Gahanna City Council met on Monday, July 20, 1998, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Karen J. Angelou called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an Invocation, delivered by Council Chaplain Robert W. Kelley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Council Member Debra A. Payne.

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

President announced request to remove emergency wording from Ordinance No. 980278.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS

Andrew Zukowski, 453 Woodmark Run Drive, described actions toward his family as brutal; noted police and police cars; further addressed his water bill and water service; said he had tried to get water from the fire station and was told he could no longer do that. Zukowski addressed regarding his water bill and his water service. Noted trying to get water from fire station. In closing, asked for investigation of Director of Public Service and submitted formal letter request. City of Attorney Tom Weber said he believed Mr. Zukowski had appearance before water review board; appeal was denied; feels he has exhausted his administrative remedies, and needs to pay his water bill. Emphasized this is not a councilmanic matter-- is strictly administrative. Needs to make request of the Director of Public Safety or the Mayor. Zukowski assured this is about abusing power. Clerk directed by President to pass this letter request for investigation on the Safety Director and ask him to respond to Mr. Zukowski.

Tony Pupura, 148 Savern Place, said he has lived here 30 years. Addressed Council in his concern for thefts and traffic violations; noted Council members being victims of theft; noted number of pick up trucks--some with out of state plates, cruising neighborhoods on Sunday evenings after trash is placed out; felt people should be licensed. On questioning, was assured vendors are licensed. President assigned issue of procedures in place for vendor licenses IN SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Chief requested to give report on thefts in 97 and 98 and neighborhoods heaviest hit. Kelley noted when trash is out, it becomes public property. Weber said people put stuff out knowing people will take things. Weber felt issue is that people are scoping out properties. Payne noted block watch program. Pupura felt the court is too easy;

wants traffic violators punished.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

- 980275 TO AMEND SECTION 1167.18(c), SCREENING OF TRASH CONTAINERS OR RECEPTACLES, OF CHAPTER 1167, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, ADDITIONAL USE, HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.
Assigned to Development Committee
- 980276 TO AMEND SECTION 1171.04(A)(1), FENCE STANDARDS, OF CHAPTER 1171, FENCES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.
Assigned to Development Committee
- 980277 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MR. YATES FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 109 MILL STREET, CONSISTING OF 1.575 ACRES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
Assigned to Development Committee
- 980278 TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WESTERMAN COMPANIES
Assigned to Service Committee
- 980279 TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE OWNED BY RONALD D. AND VIRGINIA S. BRUBAKER IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR ROAD, IMPROVEMENT NO. 645, AS DESCRIBED IN PLANS ON FILE IN THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A, HERETO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
Assigned to Service Committee
- 980280 TO ZONE .979 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4307 JOHNSTOWN ROAD; CITY OF GAHANNA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICANT
Assigned to Development Committee
- 980281 TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE HELD BY COAXIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF CENTRAL OHIO, INC., TO INSIGHT COMMUNICATIONS OF CENTRAL OHIO, LLC
Assigned to Communications & Technology Committee

E. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Absent	1	Council Member James-Arnold
Yes	6	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

Minutes - To Approve - Regular Meeting July 6, 1998

Ordinances on Second Reading**980239**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - TAYLOR ROAD WATER LINE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**980240**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - City Attorney, Annexations Counsel

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**980241**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, Transcripts and Recordings

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**Ordinance - Postpone to August 3, 1998****980155**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 505, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING FEES FOR IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS; PROCEDURES REGARDING ANIMAL BITES, QUARANTINE AND REPORT

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.**Honorary Resolutions****980282**

TO RECOGNIZE JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**980283**

HONORING AND COMMENDING MARK SANTO

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**End of the Consent Agenda****F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

President stated the public hearing rules that would prevail: 7 minutes for proponents, 10 minutes for opponents, 3 minutes for rebuttal. Rules will prevail unless a majority vote of Council to waive.

980226

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE ZONING OF .979+/- ACRES AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4307 JOHNSTOWN ROAD; CITY OF GAHANNA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, APPLICANT.

President noted is part of area purchased by City for extension of Beecher Road; recommended by Planning Commission to zone to Suburban Office; is for a fire station site.

President opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m., calling for proponents.

Director of Development White, said on behalf of the Administration, are in agreement with the Planning Commission recommendation to approve this less than one acre residual right of way in order to allow us to negotiate a property exchange with Mifflin Township for subdivision development of a public facility; would be for Mifflin Township to establish a northeast fire station; said they have gone to the extent to design

a station to fit this property; is in the triangle area; said from the Development Department standpoint much development has occurred and will; this will provide coverage. White continued that the appropriate zoning would be Suburban Office; this would be a Conditional Use in Suburban Office zoning area.

President called for opponents. There were none. There being no further comment, President closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

980227

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1167.18C, TRASH RECEPTACLES.

President announced this issue was recommended from Planning Commission with recommendation to approve.

President opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m., calling for proponents.

Director of Development White said the Administration is in agreement with Planning Commission recommendation; said basic tenants of the Code would allow us to provide better as to commercial or manufacturing locations for the pad to be a concrete pad; would prevent rutting; said most bases are asphalt; said trucks are heavy. Said there is also the issue of screening; we are recommending materials for screening be compatibility with the building; provided for landscaping. Said this would allow us to control as new development plans come in. Said it is the City's intent not to force any of those that are already in existence as long as they are kept in good repair; if not, then any repair would require the area be brought to standards; emphasized that is anyone has screening--as long as it is in good repair and the City gets no complaints, then it can remain as it is.

President called for opponents.

Nick Hogan, 1040 Venetian Way, agrees with concept, but felt some provisions are not clear; said the ordinance could force every dumpster to be brought up to standards; could be discretionary. Noted the City dumpster is certain in "disrepair." Said with the concrete approach, and noting the construction materials of a building. Felt there is the consideration of the small businesses and the expenses that could come from this, reminding that the City has a whole lot more money than a lot of small businesses; matching 4 walls can be extremely expensive. Noted 1167 has been used from the enforcement standpoint; said he has no objection to concrete, etc., for new developments. Noted a small cleaners as an example; felt this would be a terrible hardship to come up with these potential expenses involved.

There being no further comment, President closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Kneeland felt in response to Hogan, a current one in place would not be a problem; felt it would involve maintenance, and would not require that this ordinance be enforced. White said the City is trying to get standards raised on new development; especially commercial trash receptables and trash in strip centers; also would like better construction; said under new construction, this is subject to Planning Commission; is they cannot match, they might look at another material that would match. White said the owner would have the option to repair as long as cited. City Attorney Weber said that is not what the legislation says; felt an owner could be subject to qualms of a zoning inspector. Weber said he is concerned that disrepair is a very broad term and there could be a lot of subjective interpretation. Kneeland felt the ordinance is not in final form; agreed it is very vague.

President asked White to be prepared to discuss this in committee.

Hogan questioned that the current law is not being enforced, and questioned why more stringent when we are not enforcing the current law. White repeated this is a strengthening for new developments; said the City is looking at existing and wants to let people know that they have to clean up their trash. White believed she could report in committee.

980228

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1171.049A)(1), FENCE STANDARDS.

President opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m., calling for proponents.

Director White said by saying fence in commercial and multi-family you do have to exceed 6 feet; this would provide a system so it can go higher.

President called for opponents. There were none.

There being no further comments, President closed the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland

Development Committee - James-Arnold

Service Committee - Stinchcomb

Safety Committee - Payne

Committee of the Whole - Kelley

Finance - James-Arnold

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

Clerk - (Legal)

980284

TRANSCRIPT FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ANNEXATION OF 5.1 ACRES ON SHULL ROAD, JO ANN HINKLE, HARRISON SMITH, JR., AGENT.

980285

TRANSCRIPT FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR ANNEXATION OF 9.5 ACRES ON JOHNSTOWN ROAD, MARK D. HERMAN, APPLICANT

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

K. REPRESENTATIVES

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - Kelley

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor

City Attorney

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Payne noted a local person on the bobsled team; Erin Remarus is in Lake Placid, will be there training, and will find out if she is going to be on that bobsled team. Hogan asked City Attorney Weber to look into the trash amendment--specifically the interpretation of the word "disrepair." Kelley asked Chief for recap of First Class crimes for 97 and 98 comparison. Stinchcomb and James-Arnold (close to last) enjoyed Malibu. Angelou apologized that she was unable to attend; is a wonderful senior activity; wished them the best. Noted the intensive meetings last week on with Al Groves; felt this is quite an extraordinary plan for downtown area; felt it was very well received; felt some people who were very against, are now wanting to make sure everyone gets a copy of this; said you really listened; felt it is good we did take time to go back and have public forums; listened to people; massaged what came out of that into something that is doable and good for community. Intent to make overlay district for older Gahanna; hope to make this legislation happen by end of the year; is a lot of hard work to put this together. Thanked Development Department and Council Office. Said Al Groves was delightful to be around; makes you feel you can do anything; felt walkway is going to probably be over the amount; will be more in neighborhood of \$750,000. Will be wonderful for that area. Another project is the Mill Race.

Kneeland asked what do we have to do to get our lights back in order? Jordan will be checking on that. Angelou noticed a lot of lights out in parking lot.

N. ADJOURNMENT - 8:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Vice President Kelley, to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.

Chair Signature