



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 3, 2018

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 3, 2018, 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 November 30, 2018.

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.

None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

President Larick stated that visitors will have 3 minutes to speak; stated that there is a portion of the meeting which will have allotted time to speak on the Budget; also explained that there will be an Executive Session during the meeting, and will have a Finance Committee Meeting following. Larick called for speakers.

Jeannie Hoffman, 708 Waybaugh Dr.; regarding Lean Gahanna, have not seen any recent updates on the website; seems like a good place for a lot of savings; don't know how many departments had been trained, but somewhere around 21% of full time staff had been trained according to the website; hopes that is being taken into consideration for future savings.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Vice President, Jamie Leesberg, introduced the items under section D.

[ORD-0099-2018](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019.

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0100-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) FOR THE YEAR 2019 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0101-2018](#) TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC).

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0102-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED AND RESTATED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 710 CROSS POINTE ROAD AND IS A PART OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #1

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0103-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED AND RESTATED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600 TAYLOR STATION ROAD AND IS A PART OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #1

This Ordinance was introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2018-0219](#)

11-19-2018 Regular & 11-26-2018 Committee Minutes

[PLEASE NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the 11-26-2018 Finance Minutes will be exported on Monday and the 11-19-2018 will be edited for completion. I apologize for the inconvenience.]

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0091-2018](#)

TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0092-2018](#)

TO ESTABLISH THE BENEFITS FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0093-2018](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND ADOPT THE PAY PLAN ADMINISTRATION POLICY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0094-2018](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ADDENDUM TO EXTEND SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD WITH SEDGWICK CMS, AS THE PROVIDER FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE SELF INSURED WORKERS COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND STATE FUND CLAIMS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0095-2018](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MEACHAM & APEL ARCHITECTS, INC., FEINKNOPF MACIOCE SCHAPPA ARCHITECTS, INC., TOOLE & ASSOCIATES, FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES FOR PLAN REVIEW, BACK-UP PERSONNEL, AND INSPECTIONS.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0096-2018](#)

TO AMEND VARIOUS CODE SECTIONS AND THE BUILDING AND

ZONING FEE SCHEDULE.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0097-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR 2019 CITY OF GAHANNA PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading as an Emergency:

[ORD-0104-2018](#) 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 2019; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0105-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A BARGAINING UNIT AGREEMENT FOR THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC (FOP-OLC) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR THE POLICE RADIO DISPATCHERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance - To Reconsider, Amend by Substitution and Adopt, As Emergency

[ORD-0090-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT, CAPITAL CITY LODGE NO. 9 CONTRACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Metzbower, seconded by Renner, 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 HEARING:

[ORD-0099-2018](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND

OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019.

Chris Schuett, 225 Stonegate Circle; stated he is a resident who moved to Gahanna in 2007 to start a family; stated there was a marginal difference of less than 1 percent for and against vote; 49% of residents voted for tax increase; good time to continue the budget discussion and understand the no votes; would like to see community stay involved; as a Gahanna small business owner, initially wanted to vote no due to increased cost to him; after research and conversation, changed mind and voted yes; some may have voted no due to tax lawsuit; believes they are two separate things; tax lawsuit stemmed from 1980s; does not believe a settlement would have made this issue go away; if 5% of residents would show up, would have over 700 people here tonight; goal for new year is to BE GAHANNA; make an effort to get involved and treat elected officials as a team, not opponents; looking forward to a fantastic 2019.

Mike Hroncich, 775 Gulf Stream Ct.; will be speaking on additions, subtractions, and general comments on the budget; Gahanna has asked for feedback on the budget, submitted in October; will base discussion on that version; for Parks & Rec., increase fees from 2% to 15% to add over \$184,000 in revenue; could advertise on pool fences; could add another level of safety; could increase stormwater to 12% to offset capital project costs; between those two items, increases the deficit by more than \$300,000; for engineering salaries, have a hiring freeze; would decrease by \$230,000; Walnut Street rebuild is a priority 2 project and should be put on hold; would decrease by \$195,000; for Parks & Recreation salaries, there was an increase from 2018 to 2019 of \$250,000; cost of living raise of 2.5% amounts to only \$80,000; confused by decrease because there was a smaller head count however the increases for one supervisor was \$50,000; suggestion is that if the significant increase is due to a higher head count, then also have a hiring freeze; would decrease by another \$175,000; finally, for legal salaries, would recommend keeping the paralegal position part time instead of moving full time; would increase by \$50,000 otherwise; this would get the City within \$400+ of the balance; tax lawsuit impact includes liability insurance of \$5 million; is the full amount allowed to be applied if Gahanna is forced to pay entire \$13.9 million for suit; how much would future premiums go up; does the fund have to be replenished and if so, to what amount; what are the plans to account for the worst case scenario for 2019 budget; if you know a big expense is coming then you must plan for it.

President Larick called for additional comments from the public, but there were none. Thanked the speakers for their input; stated this is the most challenging Budget in his tenure here; and discussion is critical.

President Larick called for comments from Council. McGregor stated that anyone can send emails with ideas if not comfortable speaking in person; said to email council@gahanna.gov, it goes to all 7 members. Angelou thanked everyone for coming; will have another discussion in 2 weeks. Metzbower thanked those who have come and believes it has been productive. Larick made one last call for public comments, and there were none. Closed the Public Hearing.

G. COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None.

Council

None.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

Nothing to report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou stated the Executive Meeting is this Thursday, and the final

meeting for the year is next week.

Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education - Metzbower

Nothing to report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Renner

Renner highlighted the Holiday Lights event; was a great event; more than 35 business supported the event with sponsorships; more than 50 businesses provided activities and held open houses; 57 volunteers shared time and talents.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Kneeland thanked everyone for coming out; big crowd; McGregor talked about how to get in touch with Council; if anyone wants to reach out to administration, please contact mayor@gahanna.gov.

City Attorney

Ewald said there were a lot of questions about the tax lawsuit; reminded everyone that they might be members of the class and so he is unable to speak with anyone without legal representation present. Addressed Mr. Hroncich; stated that he had already asked 2 weeks ago to change the paralegal position back to part time; appreciates his comments.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Metzbower thanked everyone for coming out and providing input. Angelou said she felt Veteran's Day was a wonderful event and it filled her with pride to see all the veterans who were there; sat behind a 95 year old man who was determined to stand. Holiday Lights was a great event; was there doing letters for Santa; the Children were darling; it was a home town event. Thanked all instrumentalists who were there. It was Gahanna at its best. McGregor said she's a member of Central Ohio Birders Facebook page, and recently posted a photo of a blue jay that had caught a snake in its mouth; the people who commented had never seen such a thing; thought that was a topic of interest. Renner thanked

everyone for coming and hopes all engage; will hold office hours for West Side at Tim Horton's on Saturdays, and at schools; begging for input. Schnetzer thanked all for attending; can receive phone calls as well; have met with residents in homes as well; always happy to engage. Leeseberg said he echoes colleagues' comments; said regarding Blue Jays, is aware they are hoarders. Larick said there will be an Executive Session, but it will be maxed at 25 minutes.

- O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 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 AND under authority of Section 5.40(c) of the Council Rules of Procedure to confer with the City Attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.**

A motion was made by Metzbower, seconded by Leeseberg, 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 AND under authority of Section 5.40(c) of the Council Rules of Procedure to confer with the City Attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 7:57 p.m., but recessed until the Finance Committee adjourned. Council reconvened the Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. and reported from Executive Session at 10:36 p.m. with no action taken.

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

- P. ADJOURNMENT**

by Renner at 10:36 p.m.