

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2010

Immediately Following Previous Committees or

7:30 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Committee of the Whole

Shane Ewald, Chair

Beryl D. Anderson

Thomas C. Evers

Thomas R. Kneeland

John R. McAlister

Nancy R. McGregor

David L. Samuel

Members Absent: David L. Samuel

Members Present: Shane W. Ewald, John McAlister, Thomas C. Evers, Nancy R. McGregor, Beryl D. Anderson and Thomas R. Kneeland

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Stinchcomb, Brandi Braun, Tom Weber, Isobel Sherwood, Chief Murphy, Grant Reveal, Terry Emery, Tony Collins, Angel Mumma, Jennifer Teal, Sadicka White, Karl Wetherholt, Mike Andrako, General Williams, Press

PENDING LEGISLATION

ORD-0007-2010

TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE LANDSCAPE PLAN, DATED MAY 6, 2009, FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO

Ewald called the meeting to order: the first order of business is the pending legislation for the Comprehensive Landscape Plan.

Collins said the only changes were we added information on Ash trees; there were some grammatical changes that were part of the process. Ewald asked for any questions; there were none. Sherwood clarified this legislation has had a first reading and a public hearing.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES - From Director of Parks & Recreation:

Code Change - Section 154.03

Collins said this request is for a Code change; we need an ordinance to authorize it; when we looked for revisions in this section of Code, which is for the update and administration of a written plan, we noticed it has had relatively insignificant changes the past several times; since nothing is happening on a bigger scale, we would like to do revisions every 3 years instead of yearly. Ewald asked what is the down side to doing it less frequently. Collins said I don't see a down side; we could come back and add information anytime if necessary.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

ISSUES - From Director of Finance:

Authorize Mayor/Julian & Grube Engagement Letter

Mumma said we would like an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign an engagement letter with Julian & Grube for the audit of the year 2009; it is a standard audit and they are the Independent Public Accounting firm that has the contract from the Auditor of State. Ewald asked if we have had any issues with them. Mumma said every 3 years, the Auditor of State asks for the accounting firms to submit their proposals without costs, and then they are rated; the Auditor's Office looks at them and then the costs come into play; it is an independent evaluation; the contract from the State is not awarded just for the lowest price even though they have been the lowest; this is the final year of their contract with the State; they may not return; there is a peer review as well as the Auditor's Office to make sure they are in compliance with auditing standards.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

Transfer of Monies Between Funds

Mumma said in order to allow transfers between funds, we are required by the auditors to provide separate approval in addition to annual appropriations; we are requesting an ordinance to permit the Director to make these fund transfers as outlined in appropriations.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

ISSUES - From Clerk of Council:

Board & Commission Reception

Sherwood said she would like to remind all that the Board and Commission Reception will be on Tuesday, January 26, and will be held here in the Council Committee Room; there is an invitation in your packet; I would like the approval for a Resolution for Teresa Woolley; she was not reappointed at this time; it would be presented at this reception.

Recommendation: Teresa Woolley Resolution.

Civil Service Rules

Sherwood said in your packet you will find the Civil Service Rules; we sent these out early so Council would have time to review them; representatives from Civil Service will attend the next meeting for discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

Della Brandenberger, Reporting