

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2013

Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 6:45 p.m.

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

*Stephen A. Renner, President
Ryan P. Jolley, Vice President*

Beryl D. Anderson

Karen J. Angelou

Brian D. Larick

David L. Samuel

Brandon Wright

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2013, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council Stephen A. Renner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Council Member Jolley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Angelou. Agenda for this meeting was published on March 29, 2013.

Members Present: Stephen A. Renner, Ryan P. Jolley, Brian D. Larick, Karen J. Angelou, David L. Samuel, Beryl D. Anderson and Brandon Wright

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

Members Present: Stephen A. Renner, Ryan P. Jolley, Brian D. Larick, Karen J. Angelou, David L. Samuel, Beryl D. Anderson and Brandon Wright

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Chief of Police Dennis Murphy stated that Sgt. Monty McCormick retired last Friday after 25 years of service this Friday, Sgt. Jim Graham will also retire with 25 years of service; took this process very seriously; the oral boards were conducted by Deputy Chief Bell, Lt. Jeff Spence representing the Supervisory staff, Mike Lambert representing the rank and file officers, Jason Pappas, a CPD officer and FOP President representing the FOP, staff lieutenant from Highway Patrol Steve Rosta, and Sergeant Vern Pringle, retired Ohio State Patrol; collectively they have over 150 years of law enforcement experience; had 11 individuals to interview over 2 days; selected were Ernest Choung and Ben Roush to be our new sergeants; we are considered a medium sized department and we must have the right people in the right place; this is first line supervision in a 24/7 operation; they run police department when we are asleep; we rely on our sergeants. Director of Public Safety Robert Keyes administered the oath of office to Ernest Choung and Ben Roush. Sgt. Roush's daughter pinned his badge on. Dispatcher Katie Teeters pinned the badge on Sgt. Choung. Renner thanked everyone for being here; understand the last promotions for sergeant were in 2007.

Bill Johnson, 473 Tresham Road, stated he lives in Ward 3 and has been a resident for about 10 years; saw the newspaper article last Thursday about the proposal to put some redesign to the Hamilton Road bridge over I-270 in conjunction with work to be done by ODOT; was quite baffled; based on article itself and minutes of March 25 simply could not and can not understand the purpose of this proposal; we have a big budget crunch for the next 5 years; large gap in our budget; currently a proposal to change the income tax code in Gahanna; will be on the ballot; this is not a trivial issue; we have a money problem like a lot of cities; this proposal does not seem to be a priority item; are decorative railings, lights and Gahanna a priority when we are tight on money; this is very similar to what we have on our Techcenter Drive bridge; is already paid for; the two bridges are within sight of each other; don't understand why you have to do this on a second bridge; what bothers me the most from the minutes and article is that it seems to benefit the interstate highway traveler rather than citizens; understand that ODOT will share the bulk of the cost; still a project I don't think has a priority; tonight you have a project for infiltration; that is important; also street improvements, yes on that, but decorative railings and special lighting on a bridge at the fringe of our city, no can't see value whatsoever; suggest you vote against.

Jolley stated he did receive an e-mail; did receive it late due to a computer glitch which has been fixed; appreciate your comments then and now; are insightful; like to provide

you with some of the background why I will be voting for it this evening; money is not coming from general fund for general expenses; it is a special tax increment financing fund paid into over the last 30 years; can only be used for certain projects; are a limited number of uses; we are facing a budget crunch; we do have a tax reform initiative on the ballot; there are times when projects come along through monies other than taxes, whether they are federal or state grants, and if we have funds in these funds for limited purposes we must consider these projects; bridge is being rebuilt by ODOT and we can have something produced that is of significantly greater value; this is a value piece and this has been borne out that one result is the creation of jobs; as we create jobs our income tax increases from those jobs; has been proven that one of the critical factors that many businesses look at is "beautification" of the city and what it looks like; is a very big factor for larger business; aesthetics of a city as you are driving through plays a significant role in attracting employers; not an insignificant amount of money but in the grand scheme it is a drop in the bucket; with the limited uses that this fund permits, it does present itself to be a good value given that it fits the parameters; giving us an expedient return and because it should attract more employers; hope that provides you with an understanding of the financing and why I will be supporting.

Angelou stated this is not going to be voted on tonight; it is just being introduced; will be voted on in two weeks; just wanted you to know as a matter of process.

Anderson stated in going back to beautification it is not just a regard to business; people driving through city are potential future residents; we need to look at things in the aggregate and compare pennies on the dollar; we need to weigh all factors; agree with your point if only looking at the face of the matter but there are many other factors to consider.

Claire Yoder, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, stated it was a relatively quiet week last week due to spring break; graduation for next year has been set at Schottenstein Center for May 24, 2014; this year it is June 1; entered into a shared service agreement with Metropolitan Education Council; good example of what we do as shared services; issue we are all looking at; to save dollars as well; next Board meeting is Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Clark Hall.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Jolley.

ORD-0070-2013

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DECKER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR FARMWOOD PLACE STREET INFILTRATION PILOT PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 982.

Introduced

ORD-0071-2013

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CHEMCOTE, INC., FOR THE 2013 STREET PROGRAM; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 1004; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$57,645.

Introduced

ORD-0072-2013

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE HAMILTON ROAD OVER I-270 BRIDGE ENTRY FEATURE; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$15,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0073-2013**

TO REPEAL CHAPTER 914, TREE REPLACEMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced**ORD-0074-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUND ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION; FOR A GRANT ON A CONSERVATION WATER QUALITY PROJECT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**ORD-0075-2013**

TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEED AND QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR 23.014 ACRES ALONG RIDENOUR ROAD, NOW KNOWN AS LOWER MCCORKLE PARK, FROM THE GAHANNA INVESTMENT CLUB, INC.

Introduced**ORD-0076-2013**

TO ACCEPT LIMITED WARRANTY DEED FOR 7.915 ACRES ALONG RIDENOUR ROAD, A PORTION OF WHICH IS PART OF THE GAHANNA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, FROM GEORGE AND VIVIAN PARKER

Introduced**E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2013-0011**

To approve the following set of Minutes:

1) March 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:**ORD-0068-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LTC CLUB OPERATIONS CITY, INC., FOR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF GAHANNA SWIM CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:**ORD-0058-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH OHIO POWER CO., A DIVISION OF AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOR A CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0059-2013

DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORYES

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0060-2013

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GAHANNA INFRASTRUCTURE SRTS, PID NUMBER 88483; ALSO KNOWN AS THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PHASE I, IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 961 PROJECT; TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ODOT FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$28,638; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0061-2013

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, PHASE II, IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 1002; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0062-2013

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND CITY OF GAHANNA FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT, STYGLER ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$30,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted as Amended on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0063-2013

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION FOR UNIFORMS, MATS AND TOWELS.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0064-2013

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Sewer System Capital Improvement Capacity Charges

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0065-2013

TO REAUTHORIZE AND CONFIRM THE PLANNED TRANSFERS AS APPROPRIATED IN ORD-0001-2013.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0066-2013

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - FEMA Operational Expenses

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0067-2013

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Tax Incentives, Development Tax Rebates

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

MR-0017-2013

Motion Resolution to authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$28,740 as follows:

From: 101.343.5254, Development Promotion \$17,626
101.431.5254, Parks, Promotion \$8,725
101.432.5254, Recreation, Promotion \$2,389

To: 101.359.5596, Creekside, Capital Projects/Improvements \$23,572
101.359.5456, Creekside, Operational Expenses \$5,168

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Yes 7 President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley, Larick, Samuel, Angelou, Anderson and Wright

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee of the Whole - Jolley:

Jolley stated he sent report by e-mail to members of Council last week after Committee of the Whole.

Finance, Service & Safety - Larick: No Report.

Development & Parks - Wright: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk:

2013-0010 Notice to Legislative Authority of new D3 liquor permit for Wine Guy Gahanna, LLC, DBA the Wine Guy, 1st floor, patio only, 500 Creekside Plaza, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is April 29, 2013.

Clerk stated this would be addressed in committee next week.

Received and Filed

Council:

Anderson stated she received notice of the CVB annual meeting on April 18 at 7:30 am at Creekside Conference & Events Center at a cost of \$10 per seat; also the Chamber of Commerce April issue of their bulletin; is always insightful information on new members, etc.; April membership luncheon is on April 11 at the Creekside Conference & Events Center at \$15 for members; also a meeting in the bulletin to be held April 25 at Mt. Carmel Siegel Center.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0069-2013 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 73-77 MILL STREET TO LEGALLY PERMIT RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Angelou stated we requested waiver because of the long time the sidewalk has been closed; the Planning Commission has agreed with the type of facade that is going to be done; can move ahead now and that's why we suggested the waiver with the emergency.

Jolley thanked Griffin for addressing the concerns of Council; did go down and look at the building; pleased with the compromise.

Renner stated he did take Griffin up on his offer and did visit the site; pleased that we came to an agreement that is better for our citizens; was out of town last week but did keep up on issues.

Wright stated he did concur with what has been said; given the compromise and willingness of Griffin, am in support; very positive from that aspect; was 7-0 from Planning Commission on this.

Anderson stated she did concur with what has been said; Planning Commission has looked at this and fleshed this out for a second time; is something we should support.

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Vice President of Council Jolley, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley, Larick, Samuel, Angelou, Anderson and Wright

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:

Larick stated there is a meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. and regular April meeting is April 23 here at City Hall.

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

Angelou stated next meeting is April 11.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Jolley: No Report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley:

Jolley stated Anderson spoke about annual meeting; the board will be meeting this week to potentially vote on a new executive director; will update at next meeting.

Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel:

Samuel stated next month is my last meeting; sad at leaving; great group of people to work with; working on completing their 5 year plan by MORPC; submit to US Dept. of Transportation; COTA has projects and service expansion which they are financially capable of producing; looking at increased transit service; renovation of McKinley Avenue facility; complete natural gas fuel stations there used by COTA and will add another CNG for use by local governments; available on web site; digital displays at certain points along routes, alternative fare system, open fare payment system; a bus rapid transit plan on Cleveland Avenue is in the works; select stops speeding up the process to get downtown; annual replacement; 1/12 of fleet replaced with CNG busses; MORPC will be getting information shortly.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor:

Renner stated the Mayor is at a community association meeting regarding the tax increase; will be here when done there.

Trails Presentation by Parks & Recreation

Director of Parks & Recreation Tony Collins presented information on the trails within the city; a copy is available in the Council office.

Samuel asked about plans for Safe Routes to Schools or is there anything in the future the school system is looking at. Collins stated he is not aware of anything with the schools; SRTS is being driven by the Parks & Recreation Department; the 2012 award is for construction in 2014; not applying tomorrow for another section; over next couple of years will see improvements.

Renner stated it was a good presentation; early in presentation you mentioned Brookings Institute talking about increase in value. Collins stated that they state there is an increase in property value close to \$9 a square foot; up to 1000 feet you would see a \$9000 value increase to a house. Renner stated he circles around the county a lot and see what other cities have. Upper Arlington soccer fields can't compare to ours; enjoy our parks.

Anderson stated that with regard to SRTS and connectivity; is it the goal to have everything connect down to Creekside; is it part of the vision to have connectivity along Johnstown down to Creekside. Collins stated side paths were constructed in front of Y and as development happens will make sure to work with developer on connectivity; worked with a development where we requested a sidewalk and property owner was concerned because there was no connectivity; we said build it today because there will be some day; not completely connected; hope it will eventually; lot of private property that we have no funds to develop; is on the overall bikeway plan adopted in 2010.

Jolley stated he was able to ride the trails on Saturday; amazing to be able to get to different sections safely; great to be able to do safely; spent time looking; in answer to Mr. Johnson a lot is done through grants; applaud you and your department for staying on top of plugging us into available funds; grant funds are getting harder; will do as much as we can when we can.

City Attorney: No Report.**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Angelou stated she applauds Anthony Jones for Jobs Ohio Mode luncheon; was very informative and successful; congratulations on that; the churches of Gahanna are clearly working together; Ministerial Association has a large project dealing with those in need; as member of Peace Lutheran, church has raised \$16,000 of \$20,000 donation for bringing everything together in one location to get them what they need; long term project for Ministerial Association; is a bright beacon of light within our community; know other churches are involved and within short period of time raised \$16,000 and possibly have reached \$20,000 now; congratulations to that organization.

Samuel thanked Johnson for being here; also thanks to Yoder; happy to see two young men who are now sergeants in this great police force.

Anderson stated she would piggy back on Ministerial Association; several locations have been thought about and identified; conversations continue and monies raised; are various forms of giving back through food, clothing, furniture, etc. at various churches; important that our faith based organizations realize the need; always an essential fabric with regard to every community; know of people in need please let churches know; identified from teachers etc; March 31 was 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage; get

more women involved in communities and to be on boards and involved in other activities; fabric of our country to get more diverse.

Wright stated he was excited with Parks & Rec Foundation; learned that the department is looking to be innovative with program "Live at 5"; whole big event they have planned; upcoming on the calendar; hope we can get more synergy to Creekside itself; that along with shaded structure will have more people down there; very happy to see there is a lot of diversity in Gahanna; with promotion of 2 sergeants it exemplifies they have a good path regardless of race and age; very excited to see that; can identify with people who look somewhat like you; makes you feel more at ease.

Larick congratulated our new sergeants; also want to thank and congratulate Teal and the administration on bond refunding and reaffirmation of our credit rating; lot of effort went into that project; is a good picture of what city has been doing and it is money in our pocket; thank you and congratulations.

Jolley stated he echoed Larick's congratulations; also congratulate sergeants; thank Johnson for coming to get clarification; appreciate that; encourage others to do the same or contact us; thank you.

Renner echoed congratulations to 2 sergeants; good to see the opportunity to promote from within; hope we have sooner opportunities to do this again; also take my hat off to Teal and Braun on the bond refunding; got to sit at luncheon and meet everyone involved with that presentation; very impressed with candor and knowledge and were able to represent city well.

Mayor Stinchcomb stated she did speak to Kiwanis this evening; was a very engaged group.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, 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, official, licensee or regulated individual unless such public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing and to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of public property through competitive bidding or public auction.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley,
Larick, Samuel, Angelou, Anderson and Wright

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Renner requested Mayor Stinchcomb, City Attorney Ewald, Braun, Teal, outside Counsel Mike Underwood and Collins attend Executive Session. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. with all members returning to the dais

P. ADJOURNMENT: 9:46 p.m. - Motion by Samuel.

Donna L. Jernigan, MMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of* *2013.*

Chair Signature