

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 5, 2008**

**Council May Meet in Caucus beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Nancy R. McGregor, President*

*Thomas C. Evers, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Shane Ewald*

*Thomas R. Kneeland*

*John R. McAlister*

*David L. Samuel*

*Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council*

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

*Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, May 5, 2008, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Nancy McGregor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Vice President Evers delivered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on May 2, 2008.*

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

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**B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

*Motion by Anderson, seconded by Evers, to move RES-0010-2008 from the consent agenda to Item K, Motions Resolutions, Regular Agenda. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Anderson, Evers, Ewald, Kneeland, McAlister, McGregor, Samuel. Motion carried.*

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

*Kathleen Meyer, 789 Black Gold Ave., stated she was present to talk about my support of the City purchasing the Gahanna Swim Club; my family and I have been members for several years; pool has gotten to the point that the upgrades are necessary, primarily in the front pool which is several decades old; for necessary upgrades to take place, the City needs to take over and make that happen; feel this is necessary in order for the swim club to remain in existence.*

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

*Ordinances introduced, by title, by Evers.*

**ORD-0104-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH W.E. STILSON CONSULTING GROUP, FOR DESIGN AND RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES FOR THE HAMILTON/GRANVILLE INTERSECTION; IMPROVEMENT NO. 883; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0105-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SET FORTH THE TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE HAMILTON/GRANVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. 883; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0106-2008**

TO AMEND ORD-0294-2007, SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, TO ALLOW FOR CHANGE IN PAY GRADE FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND TO INCLUDE JOB SHARING LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE III; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$6,049; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0107-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CJI RESEARCH CORPORATION TO CONDUCT A RESIDENT SURVEY FOR GAHANNA.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0109-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Creekside Programming

**Introduced****ORD-0111-2008**

TO REZONE 0.9618+/- ACRES AS RID, RESTRICTED INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3643 OLDE RIDENOUR ROAD; EAGLE ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS, INC., OWNER, BY CITY OF GAHANNA, APPLICANT.

**Introduced, to Development & Parks****ORD-0112-2008**

AN ORDINANCE REDESIGNATING THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF GAHANNA AS THE AGENCY OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, AND AFFIRMING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATION AS SUCH AGENCY UNDER SECTION 1724.10 OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO.

**Introduced, to Finance Committee****E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2008-0001**

- 1) May 5, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2) May 12, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes

**This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.****Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:****ORD-0108-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AT&amp;T TO RENEW OUR CURRENT PHONE CONTRACT AND DS1 SERVICE CONTRACT AND TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL DS1 LINE FOR NETWORK CONNECTIVITY TO THE HUNTER'S RIDGE SWIMMING POOL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.****ORD-0110-2008**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A STATEMENT INDICATING THE SERVICES THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, WILL PROVIDE TO THE 10.3+/- ACRE TERRITORY IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA UPON ANNEXATION; REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OWNER; AND CITY BUFFER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.****Ordinances on Second Reading:****ORD-0094-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH OHIO CAT, EQUIPMENT DIVISION, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CATERPILLAR BACKHOE, MODEL 420 E IT, OFF THE STATE CONTRACT #778515H, INDEX #STS515.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.****ORD-0097-2008**

TO ACCEPT GRANT MONIES OF \$2,455 FROM THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO FOR A BUY RECYCLED GRANT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE SAID GRANT MONEY.

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

**ORD-0098-2008**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Safety Overtime & Safety Seminars/Meetings

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

**ORD-0099-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Senior Services Capital

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

**ORD-0100-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLASS ACTS COLUMBUS, INC., TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE GAHANNA FREEDOM FESTIVAL.

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

**ORD-0103-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED CONTRACT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR SCOPE CHANGES AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR TECHCENTER WEST; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion Resolution:**

**MR-0023-2008**

Motion Resolution that this Council has no objection to the stock transfer of the D5 liquor license for Dolphin Lounge, Inc., 345 Agler Road & Patio, Gahanna, OH 43230.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**MR-0024-2008**

Motion Resolution to authorize funds appropriated to Account No. 101.431.5596 for Friendship Park Shelter, to be reallocated and used towards the Friendship Park Gazebo upgrade for patio and landscaping improvements.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Kneeland, seconded by Vice President of Council Evers, 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 McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel

**End of the Consent Agenda**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

**Z-0008-2008**

To consider a zoning application to zone 0.9618 acres located at 3643 Olde Ridenour Road, Eagle Academy of Columbus, Inc.; current zoning SF-3; requested zoning RID (Restricted Institutional District); City of Gahanna, by Bonnie Gard, applicant.

*President opened Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.*

*Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated she was not a proponent but giving administrative comments; this property is on Olde Ridenour Road and associated with*

*Eagle Academy, this is requested in our effort to complete all of the RID zonings; they are asking for this portion of the property to be rezoned from SF-3 to Restricted Institutional District for their respective instructional facility; Planning Commission recommended this zoning and it is now before you.*

*President asked for further proponents. There were none. President asked for opponents. There were none.*

*President closed Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.*

**Heard in Public Hearing**

## **G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

### **Development & Parks Committee - Ewald:**

*Ewald stated the Creekside Grand Opening was a wonderful event even though weather was not best; there was an excellent turnout; went by Sunday and inflatable apparatus was there; kids were everywhere.*

### **Public Service & Safety Committee - McAlister: No Report.**

### **Committee of the Whole - Evers: No Report.**

### **Finance - Kneeland:**

*Kneeland stated he will be getting with Isler to make sure we get the 1st quarter results at May Finance meeting.*

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

### **Clerk - Legal: None.**

### **Council:**

*Ewald stated Council received several e-mails and would like to reiterate most were in support of purchasing pool.*

*Kneeland noted that he had invited folks to participate in a presentation by eCivis to talk about their grant research tool; we have no pending contract; they have a tool that I think we should investigate; passed along to other folks; hope to have a good turnout.*

*McGregor stated Council had received an invitation to an open house to be held by Bird Houk.*

### **Creation of Special Committee - Communications Committee:**

*McGregor announced the creation of a special committee of Council for 6 months to be known as the Communications Committee with Dave Samuel as Chair, Beryl Anderson and Tom Kneeland; will also include 3 members of the administration to be designated by the Mayor; can extend time if necessary; would expect report back to Council at completion of their work.*

## **I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**

### **Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:**

**ORD-0101-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 148 PARKLAND DRIVE; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$645,000 THEREFOR

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Evers, seconded by Kneeland, that this matter be Amended by Substitution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes        7        President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel**

*McAlister stated he was reluctant initially to support this legislation; spent \$2.5 million to add YMCA, now want us to purchase the swim club; we are in the dog park business, the skate park business, golf course business; we subsidized pool at YMCA; stuck our toe in swimming pool business with Hunters Ridge Pool; Collins has convinced me we need more swimming facilities; will support this; what I am concerned about, in the history of the swim club it was a totally volunteer run organization; volunteer board, volunteer labor, members who contributed money to keep it going; if this passes my fear is that the spirit might be lost; with City employees running the pool, parents may expect baby sitting, for City employees to run the swim teams and manage swimming events and so on and so on; there is a fine line between having a strong volunteer organization and having it hired out; we can't do that; for all of you in favor of us taking it over, you need to bear that in mind; be cognizant that this \$645,000 capital purchase may cost us way more; any expenditure on that pool to be made by City of Gahanna, you will need to tack on 10% to 15% in labor costs; the law in this state on any capital expenditure is that we pay prevailing wage which is a payoff to the unions; if it would need a capital improvement now, you can pay the least possible price; by turning that over to the City we will have to abide by laws passed in the 30s; bear that in mind.*

*Kneeland stated he will be supporting; remember going to that pool in 1958 time frame; has changed a lot but hasn't; was run by a board of volunteers then and up to now; they have done a great job; we pride ourselves to do things like our sports programs, etc. with a great support of volunteers; understand the impact with the growth the City has encountered from 200 in the 1950s to almost 40,000 now; saw the e-mails of support; what I struggle with is that incrementally we have added operational expense costs and capital costs to our budget which were non-predictable; thing I would like to see at some point is that we have done a long-term facilities plan for these types of facilities; we have our long-term parks plan; begs for it because of the capital investment we will be making; some long-term facilities plan for the pools or similar facilities; could create some staffing problems that would exist down the road; wise for us to investigate a long-term facilities plan; will formalize that to the administration ask you to look into that; people we have talked to have all mentioned the front pool; if the pool goes bad in the front without a long-term plan how will we address; we can go fix it but do we have choices; wise for us to evaluate what those choices might be.*

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Evers, seconded by Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes        7        President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel**

**ORD-0102-2008**

TO ADOPT THE FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN, DATED DECEMBER, 2007

*Kneeland stated the reason for my request is based on a number of requests we got from our citizens asking questions about a portion of the documents about the Hamilton and*

62 corridors; misunderstanding of what the purpose of the plan is; think we need to have a public meeting, not a public hearing, but a public meeting to allow discussion with folks that have raised concern; hope the administration will hold that meeting or meetings.

Postponed to Date Certain to Development Department

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:**

**RES-0005-2008**

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE \$1.57 BILLION BIPARTISAN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE AND THE IMPORTANT BENEFITS THE INITIATIVE WILL BRING TO OHIO'S REGIONS, COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS.

*Evers stated that when it was originally introduced by the Governor the way they were looking to fund was not something I favored; this bipartisan option is a better package, lesser amount, and less reliance on debt; can support this evening.*

*McGregor stated she had the same feelings; can support.*

*McAlister stated he looked at the resolution; promises to create new jobs in Ohio and lays the foundation for long-term economic prosperity; a promise from a politician - that makes me wonder; another Whereas states it will better position our state, regions, and communities to attract and create economic growth for decades to come; did a little research in Wall Street Journal; Ohio now ranks 47 out of 50 states in economic competitiveness according to the American Legislative Exchange Council; we're going to change all that by imposing an economic stimulus package; Ohio politicians deplore plant closings even as they impose the third highest corporate income tax in the country at 10.5%; we have the sixth highest personal income tax of 8.87%; all of this tax money is going in to the state coffers so that 85% of it can be paid out in welfare programs; virtually 85% of the entire state budget is wealth transfer; Texas has no income tax and has a huge competitive advantage over Ohio; Ohio's most crippling handicap may be that its politicians are still in the grip of such industrial unions as the United Auto Workers; sure they had a little bit of a hand in what went into this economic stimulus package; because we have a closed shop state in Ohio, that means a worker can be forced to join a union whether they wish to or not; many companies, especially foreign owned, say they will not even consider locations for new sites in the state because of that; but we're going to solve all that because we're going to pass this economic stimulus package; states with right-to-work laws that make union organizing more difficult, had twice the job growth of Ohio in a 10 year period of time and that's according to the National Institute of Labor Relations; Texas is a right-to-work state and has been adding jobs by tens of thousands; nearly 1,000 new plants have been built in Texas since 2005; just in the last 2 years; Ohio has had negative growth; will solve all that by passing a tax and spend economic stimulus package; Texas has added 345,000 jobs but we're going to create jobs by taxing people and creating an economic stimulus package; rather than emulate Texas, Ohio's politicians think we can make Ohio competitive by imposing additional spending and debt which our young people will have to pay off over the next 30 years; Ohio has an economy that is burdened by high taxes and work rules that impose heavy costs on employers; whereas Texas embraces free trade, keeps taxes low, doesn't impose unions on business and has tooled itself for the 21st century; to me having the City of Gahanna and this Council advocate something like this is like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic; no way I can support this; hope my fellow Council members will not pass this resolution; would be happy to bring a resolution that is in line with what has made Texas a leading state in creating jobs and let's send that to the state legislature; but not this retread old politic new deal type of program that has made Ohio a backward state; Karl Marx said in*

1875 "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need"; that is what Ohio has become; 85% of all state spending is going to wealth transfer; the majority of the 99 people in the House and the 33 in the Senate think they can make Ohio a progressive state by following communist dictates; will not vote for this resolution.

Kneeland asked where the request came from; McGregor stated it was at MORPC's request brought to us by the Development Department. Kneeland asked if other communities have passed it. Director of Planning & Development White stated most other communities have; opposition did come from the initial deal; some of the things just elaborated on; didn't want to indebt the State to almost its maximum bond capacity to fund the incentive package; negotiation in the Senate and House to come up with this bill; took funding from smoking money and other things like that; only part bonded is the Clean Ohio portion and that's for additional funds to make the \$400 million; my understanding is that several communities in the Central Ohio region have passed resolutions in favor of the bipartisan bill and MORPC also did. McGregor said when it was originally presented it was mostly being bonded and I did not support it; have since redone the financing so only bonding will be Clean Ohio for an additional \$200 million and that will be voted on in November.

McAlister stated that part of that money, I think millions of people expected the \$245 million to be used to reimburse Medicaid for the illnesses they are paying for as a direct result of people who smoke; tobacco fund was \$300 million and it is being given to industries that are already doing well; who do you think lobbied for that; taking money that was to go to prevention of diseases and giving it out in a form of corporate welfare to companies that are already doing well like the biomedical field; invest \$100 million in Ohio's Logistics and Distribution Infrastructure; what does that mean - give money to the railroads; two railroads in the State of Ohio paid out almost \$1 billion in dividends but yet the State of Ohio feels they need to give them tax money; another part of this bill was creating internships so that people who intern at Ohio colleges won't leave the state; if you're starting a business where would you start it - in Ohio or in Texas, regardless of where you intern; this is backwards thinking and not something that deserves a resolution.

Anderson asked if in the alternative would McAlister put together something more along the lines of what you espouse; wondering what that would be. McAlister stated he would be glad to bring it up to committee.

**A motion was made by Kneeland, seconded by Anderson, that this matter be Adopted. The motion failed by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>3</b>	President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers and Kneeland
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<b>No</b>	<b>4</b>	Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel
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## RES-0010-2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE OHIO JOB READY SITES PROGRAM.

Stinchcomb stated there was a last minute request and some outstanding questions on this resolution; we were trying to resolve before the meeting; need some time for further study; would like to ask for a special meeting next week after committees; must pass something by May 15 to apply for the grant.

McGregor stated a Special Meeting will be held next week after the committee meetings to hear this item.



Postponed to Date Certain to Committee of the Whole

## L. REPRESENTATIVES:

### Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Ewald/Kneeland:

*Ewald stated there is a meeting tomorrow evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Finance conference room upstairs.*

### Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor/Anderson:

*McGregor stated next meeting is May 8.*

### Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - McGregor:

*Windy McKenna offered congratulations to all of you after the weekend you have had; glad to see everything went well; our last school board meeting was April 10; won't try to fill you in on that; thank you to all who had a hand in the role of voting and construction of Creekside from the beginning to the grand opening; put Gahanna on the map; was here and able to participate on Thursday; had Student Government Day; was a wonderful day as always; Yvette McGee Brown was a wonderful speaker; lots of positive comments; thanked Council office staff for all their work on the event; best one yet; get better as we go along; we are inviting our counterparts to our meeting Thursday night; district has been awarded grant to begin Mandarin Chinese at the elementary level; prom was past weekend; also in April had our Academic Awards; was a record night; freshman class needed a 3.9, sophomores a 3.8, juniors a 3.7 and seniors a 3.6 average; had 15% of our kids who fell into the category; was blown away with that number; stage was packed; April 22 Eastland Fairfield had an open house to see their addition for the automotive mechanic section; if you have a chance stop down and see it; high school is doing Jesus Christ Superstar this weekend; will be the first test of their new sound system for an elaborate presentation; Thursday night is our regular board meeting; Goshen Lane DARE graduation is Tuesday May 20 at 1:00; Royal Manor is May 23rd at 1:00 p.m.; High Point is June 3rd at 8:30 a.m. and Chapelfield is June 4th at 10:30 a.m.; high school graduation is May 31 at the Schottenstein Center; no tickets necessary; senior awards night is the same as your next meeting; will get here as soon as I can; Wednesday June 4 is the last day of school; in the process of choosing new high school principal; decision will be made shortly; appreciate McGregor coming to last meeting.*

*Ewald agreed to attend next meeting.*

## M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

### Mayor:

*Stinchcomb stated that at the Creekside dedication on Thursday received recognition from County Commissioner Paula Brooks, from Senator Voinovich's office and from Pat Tiberi's office; so many stories you can tell; on Sunday just quietly walked through the lagoons and park; had people recognize me and they thanked me and the City for what we have done; said thank you and said they like what they see; that was very rewarding; really had an opportunity to see how the plaza and the park should work; had 4 different events over 4 different days; every day was a different layout and different event; would say thank you to the staff, especially Parks & Recreation who were there from first thing in the morning to late at night for the whole event; was a huge success; thanks to Development and Parks & Recreation for all their work throughout this project; thank you to staff.*

**City Attorney:**

*Weber stated that the Parks & Recreation Foundation dinner was a wonderful event on Saturday night; everything was great; Dioun provided the food and drinks and the money went to the Foundation; everything was great.*

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

*Samuel stated he understood there was more than \$20,000 in donations that evening for the foundation; thank Mrs. Meyer for her input on Gahanna Swim Club and the seniors who are here tonight for putting up with us; lot happens in committee; we need your communication with us; that's the reason for this committee; will be starting that shortly.*

*Ewald stated he attended all 4 days of the Creekside event; grand opening was tremendous; had a great turnout; aesthetics were perfect; banners were nice; food and entertainment was wonderful; each day was a different focus; Sunday was great; well trained staff on site; everything was excellent.*

*McAlister stated he was out of town Friday and Saturday getting rained on at Churchill Downs; attended on Thursday; was glad to hear that 85% of the commercial and retail space has been leased out; that's good for us and also that 30% of the condominiums have been spoken for; in a down market like we have that is tremendous; bodes well for the economics of the project; front page write up in the IT&T News of Heartland Institute; very accurate article; graphic on front page on how WiFi will work; first city in Ohio to do this; have been a lot of cities that have ventured and have failed miserably; they haven't gotten in to it with the plan we have; nice to get national recognition.*

*Kneeland stated that throughout the 4 days we reiterated that "we can do this" and "we did it"; almost pleased to tears; it has been a long trek to get here; lot of milestones we had to climb with our fingernails; couldn't have done it without support of the community; couldn't have done it without our city staff; they played more than the typical role; without staff this couldn't have been put into play; thanks especially to Stonehenge Co.; Dioun has shown dedication to Gahanna; originally with our plan at the beginning we could have ended up with concrete walls and a much more prison-like atmosphere; he saw need and vision and saw what he needed to do to make it successful for him also; 80% to 85% commitment on business side is huge; appreciate all the efforts.*

*Anderson also expressed thanks to everybody who came out; reflect on 4 days and it was awesome to see; Dave Samuel and I have expressed that this has been a wonderful time to come on Council; so many things happening in Gahanna; Debra Payne came from West Virginia; she saw this from beginning through approval process; was good to meet others who were part of the planning including those from San Antonio and even before this was approved; can only imagine what those original folks feel; wonderful things that have happened; need to continue to support Creekside; festive moments right now but this is just a beginning; much more to come; to Collins and Parks & Recreation congratulations on the amount you were able to raise; thank White for your tenacity; all of staff who participated, more than we have time to mention; got some coverage for something being done; many things are being done in Creekside; for young people know that you are part of the next generation that will experience what has been envisioned here; carry the torch forward; continue to support Creekside; tell others; what made me feel good was to stand back as an observer and see people's excitement and how they were not only enjoying the activities but enjoying the whole*

*thing called Creekside; that was very heartwarming; this is the fruits of all labor; congratulations to all those directly involved; keep your vision moving forward.*

*Evers stated he did want to thank everyone involved with the project; those in previous Council that started the project as well as the previous administration; also Tiney McComb, Gary Jones, and Rob Matney of CIC; those from GEI and CVB as well and all staff; Stonehenge's commitment to this public/private partnership was huge; is groundbreaking; this is the beginning of many things; proud to have been a part of the project; also like to recognize Mrs. White as she was recently written up in Business First as one of the top women in City of Columbus as a change-maker; urge you to read it.*

*McGregor stated she had been remiss for not thanking Jernigan and Sherwood for Student Government Day; Judge Brown did a wonderful job; nice time this weekend; thank everyone who made it a great weekend; the marina surprised me; when we were down there for Student Government Day there was nothing there but dirt; Thursday it was full of water and boats; was amazing; one point of transformation that was done in a short time.*

## **O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*Motion by Evers, seconded by Kneeland, 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. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Evers, Kneeland, McAlister, McGregor, Samuel, Anderson, Ewald. Motion carried.*

*Council rose to Executive session at 8:29 p.m. Council rose to report from Executive Session with all members returning to the dais at 9:05 p.m.*

## **P. ADJOURNMENT: 9:06 p.m. - Motion by Evers.**

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**Donna L. Jernigan, CMC**  
**Senior Deputy Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2008.*

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**Chair Signature**