

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 16, 2000

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

*Debra A. Payne, President of Council
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Vice President of Council
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member
Michael O'Brien, Council Member
Donald R. Shepherd, Council Member
Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AAE, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, October 16, 2000, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Debra A. Payne called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with an invocation led by Council Member Stinchcomb, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 317 from St. Matthew's.

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, L. Nicholas Hogan, Donald R. Shepherd, Thomas R. Kneeland, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

MOTION by Stinchcomb, seconded by O'Brien, to move ORD-0254-2000 from Consent Agenda and place it under Item D, To Be Introduced. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Stinchcomb, O'Brien, Hogan, Shepherd, Kneeland, Payne, Angelou. Motion carried.

MOTION by Payne, seconded by Stinchcomb, to add RES-0034-2000 to the consent agenda. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Payne, Stinchcomb, Shepherd, Kneeland, O'Brien, Angelou, Hogan. Motion carried.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS

J. R. Thomas, Director, Emergency Management Association, 756 Harmon Avenue, Columbus stated he wished to take this opportunity to address Council; Mayor has a meeting set with our Executive Chair; we are in charge of coordinating and facilitating all emergency operations in Franklin County; contract with every community; City of Dublin does do their own siren warning system although they are a member for other services; if city chooses to pursue you would be the only community not a part of the EMA; do look at planning, coordinating services, training programs with fire, police, and elected official, what to do in terms of disaster; have worked with people in City on federal reimbursement and state funds; work on exercises in community, primarily at Port Columbus on fire service with Mifflin Township; also do training sessions with schools especially during tornado season; will plan on attending committees next week to give you an opportunity to ask questions. Payne stated she would assign this item to Committee of the Whole which will start at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Bill Woody, 354 Sycamore Woods Lane, stated he wasn't sure about his timing on this; read in local paper about fiber optic line; ran across something today on a 622 megabit laser; was that considered; have you looked at engineering requirements for ITS; will we be using the network for other things; what produced the requirements; City budget just a few years ago was about twice what this will cost; \$3.4 million to run a line with incredible capacity but doesn't have industrial potential to use struck me as possibly not being the best way to proceed; do we want to get into the communication business; what are plans for maintaining. Kneeland responded that it basically wasn't just for fiber optic lines; will be our ITS system also; will have control boxes for traffic management; Komlanc can give you a breakdown and Wetherholt could get you data on that; is much more than a fiber project. Payne urged Woody to speak with Assistant City Engineer Komlanc.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Introduced, by title, as amended, by Angelou.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

ORD-0246-2000

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS EASTGATE INDUSTRIAL CENTER; PIZZUTI PROPERTIES, APPLICANT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Development Committee

ORD-0248-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR UNUSED VACATION ACCRUAL TO THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE CLERK OF COUNCIL; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced

ORD-0253-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0254-2000

TO CREATE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; FOR THE PERIOD OF 14 MONTHS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2000 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2001; TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION THEREFOR; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0255-2000

TO AMEND SECTION 1167.18, SCREENING REQUIREMENTS, OF CHAPTER 1167, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Development Committee

ORD-0256-2000

TO AMEND SECTION 1163.02, MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES; AND SECTION 1163.08, INTERIOR LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS, OF CHAPTER 1163, PARKING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Development Committee

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt

ORD-0249-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Water Meters

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

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt as Emergency

ORD-0247-2000

TO AMEND ORD-0158-2000 TO ALLOW FOR THE CORRECTION OF THE DEDICATED STREETS CONTAINED IN THE ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE GREENS AT CLARENTON, SECTION 1, PART 2; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; 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-0235-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE END OF OKLAHOMA AVENUE FOR THE EXTENSION OF FRIENDSHIP PARK FROM DONNA LOU ROBY, TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$60,000 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0236-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DONALD R. KENNEY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EAST INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 727, TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPORARY PUMP STATION, IMPROVEMENT NO. 761; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$225,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0237-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DONALD R. BENTLEY, JR., FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR EASEMENT, 4460 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, FOR THE TRIANGLE WEST SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 740; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$11,200; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0238-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JACK A. WILLIAMS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR EASEMENT TO BE LOCATED EAST OF HAMILTON ROAD AND SOUTH OF MORSE, 5061 SHAGBARK ROAD, FOR THE TRIANGLE WEST SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 740; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$15,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0239-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SIDNEY I. BLATT/FRANKLIN STEEL CO., FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT NO. 737, EASTGATE SANITARY SEWER; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$50,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0240-2000

TO AMEND CHAPTER 337, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, SECTION 337.99, PENALTY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Postponed to Date Certain of November 7, 2000**ORD-0243-2000**

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS WOODMERE PLACE; BROOKWOOD CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., APPLICANT

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading**RES-0032-2000**

TO HONOR ROGER F. "BUTCH" SCHIRTZINGER, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0033-2000

TO HONOR THE GAHANNA KIWANIS ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0034-2000

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INTENT TO FORM A COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution**MR-0063-2000**

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the 2000 tax forms.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0064-2000

Motion Resolution to reallocate \$12,930 to Asphalt Overlay for Parks Paving Account 101.431.5511.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0065-2000

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the transfer of Liquor Permit from Blazin Wings Inc. dba Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar to Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc., 1380 Cherry Bottom Road.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0066-2000

Motion Resolution to allow funds appropriated in Account 101.343.5511, Capital Projects, Development, in the 2000 Annual Appropriation and set aside for "Public Infrastructure - Street Lights for Downtown" to be used for Street Lighting, Clark and Oklahoma, Improvement #671.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member O'Brien, 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 Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
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End of the Consent Agenda

O'Brien read resolution for Butch Schirtzinger; stated it would be presented to him at his retirement dinner. Hogan read resolution for Kiwanis and presented the resolution to Jim George.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Payne stated Public Hearings rules that would govern all public hearings this evening. City Attorney Tom Weber administered an oath to those persons wishing to address Council.

CC-0013-2000

To recommend to Council a change to Section 1167.18, Screening Requirements, of Chapter 1167, General Development Standards, to reference Landscaping Requirements found in Chapter 913.

Chair opened Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Chair asked for proponents. Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated this will allow for cross reference to the update of landscaping requirements.

Chair asked for opponents. There were none.

Chair closed Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

CC-0014-2000

To recommend to Council the approval of changes to Section 1163.02, Minimum Number of Parking Spaces Required; and 1163.08, Interior Landscaping Requirements, of Chapter 1163, Parking Regulations

Chair opened Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Chair asked for proponents. Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated that the substance of this code change was made after a review by a special committee of Planning Commission which looked at the ratio relationship of parking to building sizes; also looked at number of parking spaces required so that minimum would be increased such that the ratio to impervious soil would be increased; means we will have less parking spaces; old code references 1 to 250; now would say 1 to 400; by doing this can increase landscaping requirements from 2" to 3" and the bed for tree would be increased; more pervious soil and a greater opportunity to cluster trees and have greater aesthetic value.

Chair asked for opponents. There were none.

Chair closed Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.

S-0002-2000

To consider the Creekside Development Conceptual Plan recommended for approval by Planning Commission on August 23, 2000; originally referred by City Council to Planning Commission on July 5, 2000 to obtain public input for recommendation on adoption of said plan.

Chair opened Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Al Groves, President, Urban Spaces, stated he was the planning consultant for Creekside; this is a milestone in this process that has been going on for 2-1/2 years; has been a pleasant journey so far and hope to have it move forward to a successful conclusion; this plan shows initial phase that was selected for review and comment and development; basically it is the area west of Mill which is north of the post office and east of Mill Street between Carpenter and Walnut; within that area we have some plans prepared to show different schemes; one board shows the Creekwalk level; in the context of this it is proposed that a floodwall be put in this project; at a point there would be a gate; would be able to close off the channel in the event of a flood to keep all flood water outside the retaining wall; no flood water would come in through the channel; idea being that on the inside of the floodwall you could create a riverwalk development with shops, restaurants, and areas of activity down to the waters edge; would be a street level above so there would be at least two levels of development; idea is to create a mix in there; would be a critical mass of entertainment and activity area; you do have cold weather up here so we investigated the possibility from November till March if we would draw water down behind the gate and have freezing coils in concrete that area could be converted in an ice skating rink to last for that period of time; creates wintertime activities to skate, winter festivals, etc; shops and restaurants would have a function in the winter; area would be full of water in the summer for paddle boats etc; creates year round activity which becomes a catalyst for redevelopment of Olde Gahanna; creates new development; displayed picture of hotel on Riverwalk in San

Antonio and same group is looking at possibility of locating near the post office site looking out over the creek area; this would create a different ambiance and a catalyst for redevelopment; shown you basic elements of plan; glad to answer any questions.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Stinchcomb, to extend the time for the proponents and opponents for 3 minutes. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Stinchcomb, O'Brien, Payne, Hogan, Shepherd, Kneeland. Motion carried.

Shane Riedel, 1400 Waveland Drive, stated that as a citizen of Gahanna felt it was important to come forward and state support; will be a large portion of small businesses; will encourage type of jobs we want in this community; this is the type of development we want; holds great potential to create the sense of community we want to encourage; idea of our citizens socializing in one point in our community is attractive; something we should encourage.

Chair asked for opponents. Jack Kirkpatrick, 308 Worman Drive, stated it was rather difficult to be an opponent for this presentation; came to gather information; have concerns with City's involvement in Olde Gahanna; has been a long neglected area of our city; we dealt with industrial zone for a long time; presentation was rather brief; have question on flood wall; businesses are planned in interior of that area; the creek itself is not aesthetically clean looking water; perpetuating water that is not reflected in the city building; it is not beautiful clear blue water; look at the mill race and you will see that it is brown; with pump that puts out many thousand gallons of water and the waterfall itself is impressive but for the mill race itself the water is pretty stagnant; my concern is not what we are trying to do; concern is in perpetuating this waterway into Olde Gahanna and whether it is aesthetically pleasing; I don't think it is; where water flow is goo in Big Walnut and at rock barrier and where you have rolling water aesthetics is more pleasing; where it is stagnant it is poor; have no problem with boats etc; is an attribute of our community; unfortunately it is not a clear running stream; likewise don't know whether the extension of the water way will be visually attractive from street; don't know if wall will act as a barrier; a multi level hotel may be beautiful; don't know where to go at this point; spend more time with you trying to understand. Payne noted this item will be discussed in Committee of the Whole on Monday, October 23.

Ron Piehler, 201 Carpenter Road, stated he has been around Gahanna since 1940; worked with Olde Gahanna Business Partnership; was the only resident involved; am blunt and to the point; is amazing how people can be taken in by big things coming in to City; tried to put something here that doesn't fit; we are not San Antonio and never will be; scaled down Riverwalk to Creekside and am very proud of that; but some things bother me; spent \$10,300 on advertising in Dispatch; don't know why; the pumps are another issue; we jump into things without checking; permanent road, the lights, and wiring weren't immune to flooding; we may jump into things too fast; need to slow down so we don't have to redo; hotel is fine along freeway; will take up a large space down there and am not sure it is feasible; only have events one day - Holiday Lights, 4th of July, Creekside Festival, Historical Society - all one day events; who will stay in a hotel; feel the hotel and parking garage will take away from our small town; talk was never over 2 story and am now hearing 3 story; there is public parking in Gahanna that people don't use; people want to park at front door; we don't want to end up with 2 white elephants; have looked at strip malls and vacancies in our area like Hunters Ridge, Stoneridge, Strawberry Plaza, next to Graeter's, Silver Lane; there is now 40 vacancies in those strip malls; hate to see the white elephant come out; the thing against Olde Gahanna is that all the old structures are gone; that is something that is a plus for other cities; all structures are masonry and intact in Worthington, Westerville, Grandview, etc.;

go down to Waynesville and there are no parking garages; people get out and walk; that's part of the fun; it has been great on the Creekside events; would like to see it scaled down to a smaller better event; common sense comes into play; work on lights and pumps; people get degrees but have never seen one in common sense and think we may need it here.

Thomas Gyde, 110 Clark Street, stated he chose Gahanna as the place to raise my children; looked all around and do love it here; want to see it improved; but do have a few things; the people in charge must have highest integrity; not for going forward on this project without knowing more about the integrity of people in charge; not you personally but in public matters there are times when things change and communication with public is so critical; need to have public completely on board; look at the new streets in my neighborhood; were told that certain things would happen that didn't happen; were told that there would be 72 hours we wouldn't have access; some people haven't been able to drive for 3 months; that's how things happen; these plans are much bigger than new streets; until everyone is committed do have concerns; put it to a vote; give me a list of what cost will be in real dollars and the costs in inconvenience and things we may or may not like; give me real costs and benefits of plan; things we can't measure; and of course my opinion is my opinion; also who will pay for it; love paying taxes for good value but don't like committing my money to things that may not be a good investment; not only financially but also to raise my children.

John McAlister, 620 Forestwood Drive, stated his concern is traffic; no change in street there; can't add another lane; will be a lot of congestion; will completely change the nature of downtown Olde Gahanna; is not my property or your property; decisions have to be made by private property owners; if this is a great idea, why aren't private developers jumping on this; question expertise of elected city officials who are not in real estate business; question why my elected officials should be attempting things that should be done by private developers; where is it written that City should become a developer ; what happens if it fails; what choice did I have in the process; want to be able to evaluate before I make the investment; if City has \$20 million maybe we are paying too much in taxes which are extracted out of our wallets for things we can't do ourselves like street lights, fire, police; resent the fact money is being extracted in form of taxes that should by all rights be by a private developer.

Patricia Peck, 122 Oklahoma, stated she was one of the citizens that has been participating since the beginning; have spoken before Planning Commission many times; scope of project got cut back and was to be Mill Street only; wasn't going to have canal but it's back and can easily go all the way around; weren't going to have parking garages and they're back; in the northern part am concerned about traffic on Mill Street; this is not State Street in Westerville or High Street in Worthington; were looking at residential and commercial just east of Mill but everything new being shown is commercial; what is happening to residential; what does Gahanna need; does need some fixing up of the downtown; does need some addition to area; a new hotel will block the view of the water; will not bring residents downtown; will bring others but not existing residents; what will this do to quality of life; in attempting to create an attractive and quaint Olde Gahanna we are losing the real Olde Gahanna.

Linda Cramer, 127 Oklahoma Avenue, stated she was concerned about this plan; do thank you all for the improvements to our street; have high blood pressure now; have less trees; have not been listened to; have been told things would happen that haven't; where is the human element; do we not need trees and things for children to play with; thank Mayor for agreeing to leave the forsythia bush at entrance to Friendship Park; that's wonderful; but have all been under strain with this; if you lived there you would

know what we've been putting up with a light pole broken and then next day; children being put in danger; wires down; gas leaks; must have been 5 gas leaks in one week; please consider that there are human beings in this neighborhood.

MOTION by Hogan, seconded By Angelou, to extend time for the opponents and the proponents by 5 minutes. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Hogan, Angelou, Payne, Stinchcomb, Shepherd, Kneeland. Voting no: O'Brien. Motion carried.

Payne noted time as 8:25 p.m. and stated there would be 9 minutes total for rebuttal.

Groves stated he would like to address the issue of water quality and flow; it's intended to have constant water flow in this channel; quality of water will be good at all times; there is no intention to have crystal clear swimming pool but also not intent to have something unpleasant; was never intended to be San Antonio; we don't have ice skating; have done projects in many places and not just San Antonio; they all have characteristics of their locale; the success of Creekside as it is today has evolved out of this planning process; was phenomenal to me; with regard to question as to why are we building for people from out of town, we are building it as a place for families and the center of social life; have been here for both Creekside Festivals; urge you to have many festivals; we have one at the drop of a hat; is the center of social life; have about 10 million visitors a year; million people that enjoy the ambiance; was stated that local people will never go to hotel; last night my wife and I stayed at the hotel in San Antonio because it was convenient; lot of people do that; hotels on freeway are for people going by not staying here; what we have attempted to do in other places is create a place for people to go to; will be small and fit the need; have a very difficult time finding room in Gahanna when I come up here; usually can't do it; do need more hotels to accommodate people if they can be nice facilities that become destination points; you will have succeeded; question was raised about raising children; don't think there is any place greater than Creekside and council rings; anyone who has been down there has experienced the sense of community; traffic will be a problem; several recommendations have been made to take highway routing off that street; take highway routing off would help solve part of the traffic problem; but there are other things that need to be addressed; this can be a beginning and a catalyst; whole thing is about the quality of life; this is a tremendous opportunity.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Kneeland, to extend time by 1 minute for the proponents and opponents. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Kneeland, Stinchcomb, Hogan, Shepherd, Payne. Voting no: O'Brien. Motion carried.

Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated we are trying to come to a point where we have a conceptual plan that basically gives us a set of guidelines we can utilize for subsequent development of this area; think we have met with and talked to a majority of the people who have testified; have taken plans to all sectors and areas of the City so we can display them to the public; from Council, to Mayor, to myself and other department heads and staff, we haven't rushed to judgment or action; will have been here 3 years in November and this was my initial assignment; actions the administration has taken over the subsequent years have been well thought out; can be further scaled down; plan before public this evening encompasses those things City can cause to happen through the public infusion of tax dollars, mainly tax revenue, for a concept of the creek; very important to note that from existing mill race to existing channel is a new body of water; flood wall separates and you would have a separate source of water; mill race is in a natural setting and is part of the creek; extension would be in a contained concrete lined type of area; another thing with regard to hotel, is that this is concept; a final hotel has to be secured; would determine the feasibility and final determination on the parking

garage and etc; people say there is no place to park and the city needs to make public parking available; is a mandate we have heard from downtown businesses; we have provided some by Chamber and Sanctuary; traffic congestion will happen; we are promoting residential; this plan allows for residential development; hope we can entice local and regional developers to put up units for this area; we want people to live here; will help with overall revitalization; we want it to be quaint and attractive but also economically viable; need to make every segment viable; we are prohibited from using tax dollars.

Payne stated that Public Hearing time is up and closed Public Hearing at 8:35 p.m. This item will be discussed in Committee of the Whole next week around 8:00 p.m.

Payne noted that Tom Liskay had presented last meeting and have letter of what he wanted to say which will be part of the record.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland: No Report.

Development Committee - Angelou: No Report.

Service Committee - Stinchcomb: No Report.

Safety Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Stinchcomb: No Report.

Finance - Angelou: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal

Z-0012-2000

To consider a zoning application for 1.8+/- acres of newly annexed property located at 4618 N. Hamilton Road; requested zoning of CC-2, Community Commercial 2; Continental Real Estate by Sean Cullen, applicant. (Public Hearing. Advertised in RFE on 9/21/00 & 9/28/00)

Chair set Public Hearing for November 20, 2000.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Z-0013-2000

To consider an initial zoning for 28.7+/- acres located at 6547 Clark State Road and known as the Hannah property; ER-1 zoning pursuant to Section 1133.08 of the Codified Ordinances; City of Gahanna, landowner.

Chair set Public Hearing for November 20, 2000.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0250-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Gas & Oil

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

[ORD-0251-2000](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Parts

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

[ORD-0252-2000](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Garage Mechanic

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

K. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Kneeland stated next meeting is November 13, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. at Heartland Bank.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne

Payne stated she did present resolution which passed; provided a regional focus for unincorporated area; our Development Department will make sure this gets to Commissioners when they vote on this issue.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

Shepherd stated the sweatshirt issue consumed a lot of time; Billy Withrow has been around this City a long time and has been awarded a part time job with Gahanna schools in a position he has been doing for free for many years; now being paid to do it.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien

O'Brien stated that letters are being developed and planning for a November 16 meeting; requesting ideas for developing common goals; time to get this off dead center and talking once again.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

McGregor noted that it had been stated that Gahanna would give the UDF their requested zoning for the Taylor and Taylor Station site; was stated that it had been promised by us; did send letter; in two instances where zoning has been controversial both have been defeated or withdrawn; we have been consistent with that; thank Jefferson Township for voting that down; is a corner that, in terms of traffic, will be difficult; already a high accident corner; extraordinarily good to agree with Jefferson Township on common ground.

City Attorney

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou spoke regarding supporting MORPC; have been on Council 19 years and believe that MORPC has always been there; take federal funds and allocate them; really like to say to County Commissioners, if it's not broken don't fix; their support is for townships and not cities and MORPC is trying to bring everyone together; indeed feel this is because MORPC took absolute stand against the annexation bill that passed the Senate; they took a position; urge you to all go out and vote and take a hard line look at our County Commissioners; needs to be addressed; why take MORPC out of the picture that is only for their benefit.

Shepherd thanked people who came out for Creekside hearing; do appreciate opposition; if you don't have it you can't work through an issue; for those who live in Ward 2 will be glad to speak with you and work through this whether you agree or disagree; there is never one solution to please everyone; need to please the majority and do what is good for the City and residents; feel we are trying to make that happen.

O'Brien stated he appreciated hearing from both sides; would like to continue hearing from people as this has been ongoing; tonight was not the first night public has been invited; will be more time for the public to be heard; people are invited to come out and you can do that by E-mail, by coming out, by calling your Council member and letting them know how you feel; this has been going on since Hyett Palma in the early 80's; this is a work in progress; appreciate everyone's input; this was not a presentation of a plan that has been; have enlisted the support of one of the premier architectural and engineering firms in the world and Urban Spaces has facilitated a community forum on what is before us; this has come together from everyone; do want to explain my unusual stand not to extend time for either side; felt it was developing into a forum for candidates for office to promote themselves and did not think that was a proper place for that to be done; a public meeting of City Council should not become a forum for anyone for public office.

Hogan stated he was a little confused by O'Brien's comments; but do want to thank everyone for coming out; don't care what the issue is or whether we agree or not; glad to see so many government students; whether it takes 30 minutes or 60 minutes, will continue to vote for extensions; thank you for coming in and letting us know; E-mail us as council@gahanna.org and it will go to all of us; with regard to the County Commissioners; are other people running; one is Jeff Wolfe; if you have problems with current commissioners there are options.

Kneeland stated it was nice to see young folks out there; scouts and leaders having ability and time commitment to find out what local city government is all about; good to see students from the government class too; thanks to everyone for coming out; nice to hear all sides of issues; is an ongoing process; still developing a plan that would be adoptable; this is not brick and mortar but concept.

Stinchcomb also thanked everyone for coming; this is a concept plan; majority will be privately developed; need to share a brief story; bank at 5/3 and talked to branch manager who is a Gahanna resident; was admiring their job in investing in that corner; they have remodeled and did share some concerns with what's happening to Granville Street; Boston Market is closed and National City Bank made a bad decision for them; wanted to know what are we going to do; poignantly apparent to me that it is absolutely critical and that this project is more important than ever; haven't had the Meijer and Home Depot and big box retailers coming to Gahanna; they are going north of us; so are the banks; don't want to see that happen; want to see banks and restaurants remain in our central city; all Creekside is part of urban redevelopment of our downtown; need retention of current business; that is happening right now; very pleased that we are well under way in this project so we don't see further deterioration of downtown.

Payne thanked everyone for coming; invite you all to come back for discussion part so we can answer questions; also not to belabor, the resolution passed is not because I chair MORPC; 93% of taxpayers live in incorporated area; 7% are in unincorporated; this is not appropriate for region; what is best for taxpayers; County felt it was appropriate to use my tax dollars for that 7%; that's why I oppose this formation of a separate Planning Commission.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:53 p.m. - Motion by O'Brien.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.

Chair Signature