



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Brian D. Larick, President*  
*Nancy R. McGregor, Vice President*  
*Karen J. Angelou*  
*Merisa Bowers*  
*Jamie Leeseberg*  
*Stephen A. Renner*  
*Michael Schnetzer*

*Krystal Gonchar, MPA, Clerk of Council*  
*Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.*

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Monday, August 2, 2021

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular session on Monday, August 2, 2021, in Council Chambers of Gahanna City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Rd. President of Council Brian Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Nancy McGregor, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on July 30, 2021.

**Present** 6 - Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, and Merisa Bowers

**Absent** 1 - Jamie Leeseberg

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

None.

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS.**

**- Proclamation Honoring Steve Nye**

Mayor Jadwin shared the sad news of the passing of Steve Nye, who worked for the Gahanna pools; called on his family members to present the proclamation (see attached in file 2021-0149 below); will celebrate Steve Nye Day at the Gahanna Swimming Pool on August 14; will be a celebration of his life.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. Minutes - To Approve:**

[2021-0148](#) Council Meeting Minutes for approval.

These Minutes were Approved on the Consent Agenda.

**2. Ordinances for Second Reading:**

[ORD-0035-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART NINE, STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, CHAPTER 913, LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

**End of Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Bowers, to Pass the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 1 - Leeseberg

**E. MOTIONS**

**1. Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Appointment**

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Renner, to appoint Ross Beckman to the vacant seat on the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 1 - Leeseberg

**F. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING:**

Schnetzer Introduced the item under Section F.

[ORD-0049-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AECOM FOR THE CLAYCRAFT ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT; AND TO REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

**G. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & EMERGENCY ADOPTION:**

[ORD-0048-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ASTRO POOL COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPLASH PAD AT GAHANNA SWIMMING POOL; WAIVE SECOND READING; ADOPT AS EMERGENCY.

Bowers thanked Director Ferrell for her explanation of having just the one bid; this will be a real asset to families with young children. Larick stated that we want to ensure that we continue looking at pools as part of a larger strategy.

**A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Bowers, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

**Absent:** 1 - Leeseberg

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

### **Clerk**

[2021-0150](#) Notice of Franklin County Commissioner's Resolution for Expedited 2 Annexation; Passed July 13, 2021, for Parcel ID No. 191-003163; Johnny Torres-Guzman & Amelia Sifuentes-Torres, applicants.

Clerk stated that this is the next step in the annexation process, and Council must wait a minimum of 60 days before passing any additional legislation; tentatively scheduled for the September 13 Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **Council**

None.

## I. **REPRESENTATIVES:**

### **Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg**

Not present. Larick stated the next meeting is August 24, here at City Hall.

### **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou**

Angelou stated that the next Executive Meeting will be held in their new offices this week; will be their first in person meeting in over a year and a half.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg**

Not present. Mayor Jadwin stated that they are continuing their Mid Week At the Creek; they are getting ready for the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival.

**School Board (SB) - Schnetzer**

Schnetzer stated that there are continued discussions on the school compensation agreement, with an internal deadline of end of week for a new draft agreement; discussions will continue after that.

**J. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor****[2021-0149](#)**

Mayoral Proclamations and Report for August 2, 2021.

The Gahanna Division of Police submitted their 2020 Annual Report; full scope of operations; full of data and metrics; commends Chief Spence and Deputy Chief Lawless; worked with the marketing team to finalize; tomorrow evening is the National Night Out from 5:30-8 p.m. at Sunpoint Park; this Saturday Pelotonia will travel through Gahanna for the first time in its history; the Corvette Club will have a classic car show on Saturday at Creekside as a fundraiser for Nationwide Children's Hospital; will be bringing back Support Gahanna day; Creekside Hops & Vines tickets are now available; last day for pool operations is coming up in August and September; have been working with Angelou on source of income legislation and so the development team is looking into that to understand the needs of residents; COVID regulations and guidelines are ever changing but no changes at City Hall for now; have attached a proclamation for National Black Business Month in support of our black-owned businesses.

**City Attorney**

Mularski stated that the Speed Way Towing case has been appealed.

**K. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Angelou said that she missed having people be a part of the meetings and is glad to see people in the audience; is celebrating her 55th wedding anniversary this week. Bowers attached two reports, one for June and one for July; thanked residents for reaching out; thanked the Parks Department for great communication; stated that schools will

begin soon and to be mindful when driving. Renner stated that he's grateful to be back at the dais and see the community and be able to connect; thanked Mayor Jadwin for the Steve Nye proclamation; it is paramount to the community that we have dedicated people for a cause; that is what builds community; told the story of how he was going to the CVS nearby his home and when he arrived, there was yellow tape covering the door and there was a police presence; if not delayed by neighbors then he would have been at the store when it was held up; have taken active shooter training but when it happens near your home it is a different level of awareness; lastly, the street poles are being repainted which looks great. Schnetzer stated that he sends his sympathies to the Nye family; hopes they find comfort in his lasting legacy. McGregor stated that she had four grandchildren taking lessons with Nye over the winter; appreciated his efforts in getting the kids exercise despite COVID; is such an important life skill; all her grandchildren have learned endurance by being part of the swim team; Nye will long be remembered by many of his students. Larick stated that the temporary Gahanna Library is open at the Hunter's Ridge Shopping Center while the new branch is under construction; so many lives were effected by Steve Nye; the pools are a success in part due to him.

[2021-0153](#)

Council Member Merisa Bower's Constituent Reports for June and July, 2021.

**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:29 p.m.

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Krystal Gonchar, MPA  
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2021.*

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Brian D. Larick