

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 13, 2000

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman

Michael O'Brien

Donald R. Shepherd

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Robert O. Keyes, ef officio

Members Present: L. Nicholas Hogan, Michael O'Brien and Donald R. Shepherd

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Chief Murphy; Karl Wetherholt; Tom Komlanc; Jerry Isler; Press

PENDING LEGISLATION

2000-0049

Notice to Legislative Authority of Liquor Permit Transfer from 161 Mill Street Inc., DBA 161 Mill St. 1st Floor, to 161 Mill Street Inc., DBA Coaches, 230 Granville Street, Transfer of D1, D2, D3, and D3A. Last day for objection is 11/22/2000.

Chief Murphy stated that they have no problems with this; they are just moving to a different building; same establishment.

Recommended for Legislation

2000-0050

Notice to Legislative Authority of Request for New Liquor Permit for Discount Drug Mart, Inc., DBA Drug Mart; corner of Hamilton and Beecher Roads; New C1 and C2 permits. Last day for objection is 11/22/2000.

Chief Murphy stated that they do have problems with this one; do not want to approve a liquor permit for a building that is not even built; recommendation is not to approve. Shepherd agreed. O'Brien wanted clarification on the process this would need. Murphy explained that they have already notified Liquor Control that they are not going to approve this on the enforcement end of things; paperwork will need to go in from Council stating they agree not to approve it; Chief Murphy will call Liquor Control to make sure there is nothing administrative that the Council needs to do; this is one of the first times they have not approved a liquor permit.

Recommended for Legislation

ORD-0257-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2000 FISCAL YEAR WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION TO REPRESENT INDIGENT PERSONS BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS UNDER GAHANNA ORDINANCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Shepherd stated that he had no problems with this; it has to be done.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES

2000-0034

MONITOR:

- 1) Skateboard Park.
- 2) Pizzurro Park
- 3) Morse Rd/US 62 Signage

RECOMMENDATION: Carry as a monitor item.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

Hogan stated that he waited until after the election to bring this up; not for political reasons; Council previously passed a Resolution that they did not know what it was; sounded quaint; Gahanna passed Resolution in support of Big Darby Wildlife Refuge in November 1999; thought it was related to having the Big Darby Creek cleaned up;

56,000 acres of property; basically a land grab; got nuts and bolts of this while campaigning; many opposed; kept getting asked why Gahanna is in favor; Senator Dewine is pushing for this; financing has been put on hold; Debra Pryce is opposed; Pat Tiberi is opposed; there is a website at nodarbyrefuge.org; does not want to ask for new legislation; simply repeal what we passed; we could leave it the way it is, which is a Resolution in support; pass Resolution opposing it; do opposite; pass Resolution withdrawing support; willing to go with whatever Council decides; do not want to leave it as is; want to at least remove support; does not want Gahanna to be included in support of this. Shepherd explained that they want to control the land along the Darby and tell farmers what they can or cannot do; effectively lose portion of property. Shepherd questioned why Gahanna is involved. Hogan answered that he thinks it happened because people know that the Mayor is in favor of wildlife; they were looking for support; Mayor didn't mind passing a resolution. Hogan talked with Mayor and Payne and felt this was something he had to bring forward. O'Brien questioned if this was a moot point; didn't it fail on ballot. Hogan replied that there was nothing on ballot; partially correct in that it failed in Congress to be funded federally; all they have to do is be able to fund it and then they can do it. Shepherd suggested withdrawing support after further review of the matter. O'Brien mentioned that Big Darby is a scenic waterway; it is protected to certain point anyway; now they want to protect all the land. Hogan stated that he has been contacted by people in area; one offered to come here to explain why they are opposed; farmers feel they brought part of it on themselves; asked federal government to come in and declare it a scenic waterway. Sherwood is working on wording of a new Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: On consent agenda, if information is available, otherwise bring back to Committee for discussion.

SR-0007-2000

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND DESIGNATING A BLIGHTED AREA KNOWN AS "CREEKSIDE"

Hogan stated that he would like this matter moved to the regular agenda for second reading. Discussed with Payne to make her aware of it.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Hogan read from article that the pipe in Big Walnut Creek has resurfaced; O'Shaughnessy supports the water line; Arlene Shoemaker is opposed; want to put pipe in Big Walnut Creek from Hoover Dam to Morse Road; instead of 2 to 5 million gallons being released, it will be 23 to 25 million gallons released into creek with rest inverted into water line; basically cutting water in half; article was in Columbus Dispatch on Sat. or Sun.

STACEY BASHORE, RECORDING