

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2011

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

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

David L. Samuel, President

Brian D. Larick, Vice President

Beryl D. Anderson

Shane Ewald

John R. McAlister

Nancy McGregor

Timothy W. Pack

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 2, 2011, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council David L. Samuel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Vice President Brian Larick followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Beryl D. Anderson. The agenda for this meeting was published April 29, 2011.

Members Absent: John McAlister

Members Present: David L. Samuel, Brian Larick, Shane W. Ewald, Nancy R. McGregor, Beryl D. Anderson and Timothy W. Pack

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Mayor Stinchcomb swore in Amanda Parker, newly appointed Clerk of Court; she will begin work on May 4, 2011. Parker said she is looking forward to working at the City of Gahanna.

Samuel welcomed newly appointed Council Member Tim Pack and said Pack was given the oath of office by Tom Weber on Thursday, April 28, 2011 in the Council office. Samuel said he would also like to welcome Parker, and Gahanna is a great city to work for.

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

Ordinances were introduced, by title, by Larick.

ORD-0089-2011

TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE OFFICE & INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANTING APPROVAL FOR JP MORGAN CHASE, 800 AND 825 TECHCENTER DRIVE.

Introduced, Second Reading

ORD-0090-2011

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Parks In Lieu/Capital Projects/Rathburn Woods

Introduced

ORD-0091-2011

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Big Walnut Trail/Nob Hill Easement

Introduced

ORD-0092-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BATTLE CREEK HEALTH SYSTEMS, DBA HELPNET EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Introduced

ORD-0093-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN FOR DESIGN WORK FOR THE SCIENCE BOULEVARD STORM OUTLET; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 964; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$14,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0094-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BIRD HOUK

FOR DESIGN OF THE SCIENCE BOULEVARD LANDSCAPE PLAN; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$13,900.

Introduced

ORD-0095-2011

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Miscellaneous, Operational Expenses

Introduced, Second Reading

ORD-0096-2011

TO REZONE 4.7+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS ROD/SF3, RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT/SINGLE FAMILY 3; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5593 HAVENS CORNERS ROAD; BROOKWOOD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., DOUG MADDY, APPLICANT.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

2011-0019

To approve the following sets of Minutes:

- 1) April 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2) April 26, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:

ORD-0087-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE TO PERFORM THE 2010 FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0088-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN INTERCHANGE OR HIGHWAY CORRIDOR AND HIGHWAY LANDSCAPING; FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GATEWAY PROGRAM FOR THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY SALT TOLERANT PLANTING STUDY; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$17,000; 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-0079-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN TO UPDATE TRIANGLE WEST SANITARY SEWER PLANS, OBTAIN EPA PERMITS, AND PROVIDE INSPECTION SERVICES; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0080-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO MUNICIPAL JOINT SELF INSURANCE POOL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0081-2011

TO ALLOW THE SURFACE APPLICATION OF BRINE; FOR DUST CONTROL AT SUBURBAN STEEL SUPPLY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0082-2011

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 2011.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0083-2011

TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$5,000 FROM THE GAHANNA PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE GAHANNA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

ORD-0084-2011

TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF FOUR LAPTOPS FROM THE GAHANNA PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION FOR THE GAHANNA SENIOR CENTER

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0085-2011

TO ACCEPT WARRANTY DEED FOR 3.546 ACRES LOCATED AT 94 PRICE ROAD

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0086-2011

TO REZONE .222+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS CC COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 470 HAVENS CORNERS ROAD; FIFTH THIRD BANK, APPLICANT.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:**MR-0018-2011**

Motion Resolution to reallocate the use of \$14,426 in Account No. 328.431.5596 from the Trapp Park Playground to allow the purchase of Skatelite Sheathing for the Skate Park.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0019-2011

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the transfer of D1 and D2 permits from MMAL Gahanna, Inc., DBA Rotellis, 1344 Cherry Bottom Road & Patio to Piada Gahanna, LLC, DBA Piada, 4697 Morse Road, Gahanna, Oh 43230.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0020-2011

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the new D5A liquor permit for Springhill SMC LLC, DBA Springhill Suites Columbus Airport, 665 Taylor Road, Gahanna, Oh 43230.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0021-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the TechCenter Science Connector consisting of the following parts: TechCenter Science Connector Street, Storm & Water, ST959; TechCenter Science Connector Sanitary Sewer, SA960; Science Boulevard Storm Outlet, ST964 and TechCenter Taylor Multi Purpose Trail, ST949.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0022-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bid for the TIZ Fiber Extension project, Phase 1, ST969.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Yes	6	President of Council Samuel, Vice President of Council Larick, Ewald, McGregor, Anderson and Pack
Absent	1	McAlister

End of the Consent Agenda**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:****Z-0003-2010**

To consider a Zoning application to zone 4.7 +/- acres located at 5593 Havens Corners Road; current zoning ROD/SF3 (Residential Overlay District/Single Family), requested zoning ROD/SF3; Brookewood Construction Company, Inc., Doug Maddy, applicant.

President Samuel stated the Public Hearing rules that would govern the public hearing, and asked the Administration if they had a presentation.

Anthony Jones, Director of Development, said tonight we have before you ORD-0096-2011, for a zoning change at 5593 Havens Corners Road; just a brief project summary; the property owner is Brookewood Construction Co.; is currently zoned ROD/SF3 which allows for 9 lots on the property; are requesting 4.7 +/- acres be zoned to ROD/SF3 which will allow for 14 lots on the property; Planning Commission had 4 public hearings; many points of discussion and they recommended it to Council for approval, to proceed with the zoning request. Jones referenced power point and said located west of the project is Jefferson Township, as well as to the north; directly east is Estate Residential 2, and farther west, south and southeast is SF3 zoning; we feel that requesting this zoning category is comparable to the surrounding properties; 9 lots are currently allowed on the property; zoning was approved back in 2006 by City Council; we are before you today to allow a total of 14 houses on the site; would keep the current building located on the site and allow for the construction of 13 new single family residences; the lot sizes will be an average of 60' in width from the building line with a depth average of 160'; the smallest lot will be just over 7,100 sq. ft., and the average lot size is just over 12,000 sq. ft.; the houses will be set back at least 25' from the right of way; the minimum rear yard setback will be 25', except for lots 3, 4 and 5, where the rear setback will be 30' in order to preserve the existing trees and provide additional buffers to the neighboring property; the minimum side yard setback will be 5' except for lot 8 which will have a sideyard setback of 25' in order to preserve some trees and to create a buffer between the neighboring property owners; a riparian setback shall be established along lots 9 through 13; this setback will be called the preservation zone setback area; will be no-build to construct any structures on this site; the developer shall install a split rail fence from lots 9 through 13 in order to demarcate where the zone is created on the properties there; south of the preservation zone constitutes all the property located in the 100 year flood plain; shall be designated the flood zone preservation area; the applicant commits to adhere to the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District recommendations implementing appropriate landscaping measures within the flood zone preservation area which shall be reflected in the landscape plan that will be approved by Planning Commission at a later date; the

development provides for 4' wide sidewalks within the right-of-way; the subdivision proposes one access point to the site from Havens Corners Rd. as you can see going south from Havens Corners Rd.; the 10' right of way easement will be granted through Franklin County for improvements to Havens Corners Rd. under the current development plan; lots 8 and 9 will be accessed from a common access drive as indicated on the site plan here; the owners of lots 8 and 9 shall be required to enter into an agreement permitting cross access and joint maintenance of the common access drive; one of the major talking points through the process was stormwater drainage and runoff; the existing pond that is located on the property shall be filled in; the existing barn and silo will be removed; storm drainage will incorporate best management practices such as green stormwater treatment, which may include but not limited to rain gardens, pervious pavements and other tree lawn detention mechanisms; storm drainage shall be in accordance with the stormwater drainage plan approved by the City Engineer, as well as the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District; the Development Department has reviewed this application and is in agreement with the Planning Commission about the proposed zoning change; the applicant who owns the property, Brookewood Construction Co., estimates that the construction on the subdivision could begin within one year.

Samuel opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m., and asked for proponents.

David Hodge, 37 W. Broad Street, said I am here on behalf of the applicant; try not to be too repetitive; have a little overlap; 4.7 acres currently zoned in the ROD/SF3 zoning designation for 9 single family residential lots; applicant is requesting rezoning of the property to the same ROD/SF3 designation to permit some lot line adjustments to accommodate 5 more lots; from 9 to 15 which includes the existing house on the property; the density with the proposal is 2.9 units an acre; proposal incorporates appropriate stream setbacks at the south, and preservation measures to that stream; this request, at this density of 2.9, is consistent with other Gahanna single family residential subdivisions including Rivers Edge, Woods at Rose Run and Greens at Clarenton; as you may know this proposal was extensively reviewed at the Planning Commission level, which review resulted in the positive recommendation of the Planning Commission to City Council; in working with the Planning Commission and several of the neighbors we were able to address concerns and make revisions to the site plan as well as the ROD text which include a reduction in the density from what was originally proposed; the resolution of an access and configuration issue at the southeast corner; lots 8 and 9 in the previous proposal had a couple more lots there; there was access from sort of a cul-de-sac drive off of there; there was an issue with the fire department's review and so a lot was eliminated there to reduce that issue; the other thing that enabled us to do was to shift lot 8 a little bit to the west; there is a neighbor there to the east who had a concern about the house there being so close to his backyard; the loss of the lot and reconfiguration allowed us to shift that over to the west and preserve some existing, mature landscaping along the east property line; another modification that we made was to the rear yard of lots 3, 4 and 5; there is a neighbor there who has a pool in their backyard; that pool is actually near the property line so we increased that rear yard setback from 25' to 30' which moves the location where those houses will be built away from that rear yard and also allows us to preserve some existing mature landscaping in that area as an additional buffer to that property owner; in addition there was some question and concern about the visibility of this proposal from Havens Corners Rd. at lot 1; we have committed in the text and on the plans to preserve some existing mature landscaping at that location as well as adding some buffering so that house is not visible from Havens Corners Rd.; also there is a pretty substantial grade change there so think with what is there and what will be added it will do a very good job of buffering that house from Havens Corners Rd. visibility. Another issue that came up through this

process was the value of the houses, and the applicant believes that the price point of these houses will range between \$250,000 and \$300,000; there was quite a bit of discussion at the Planning Commission level about this issue; we were asked to hire an independent appraiser, which we did, Charles Porter; he took a look at the proposal and the surrounding subdivisions and concluded in his report that the price point of these houses will not have a negative impact on the values of the houses in the subdivisions to the south and is consistent with values in the area; he also concluded that the average 2010 Rathburn Woods sale price was \$230,000 and that the Meadowbrooke development would have a positive impact on the values in the Rathburn Woods subdivision. This plan also comes with an improved stormwater mitigation plan from what the plan had previously been under the current 9 lots; that old plan diverted flow and changed the grade of property and diverted flow from the creek at the south end, the Souder Ealy ditch into a retention pond; so the old plan diverted flow and took it under Havens Corners Rd. into some Jefferson Township properties to the north; we have moved away from that plan and have committed to incorporating best management practices with green stormwater mitigation; includes rain gardens; the possibility of pervious sidewalks, pervious pavers along the street and a number of things that help us preserve the grade; will conclude that in December of 2010 there was a Citizens Financial Advisory Committee who reported to City Council; that report concluded imperatively that Gahanna be forward-thinking to protect and strengthen economic development initiatives which include the encouragement of higher density residential development; the Development division recommends approval of this request; also has approval of all other City agencies.

Samuel asked for opponents.

Christy Nickell, 244 Ashley Ct., read from a prepared statement; reminded Council that the vote from Planning Commission to recommend this to Council was not unanimous; asked why we are spending so much time discussing this again; three years ago the Commission told Maddy that 11 homes would not fit on this property; barely feasible with 8 homes; now proposing 14 homes; proposed home values are detrimental to the surrounding home owners' property values; lot sizes are one third the size of the contiguous lots; does not match the aesthetics of the community along Havens Corners Rd; including the front facing lot number 1; rules and regulations exist for a reason, and that is to protect the citizens of the city and to maintain the essential look and feel of our community; section 1143 requires SF3 zoning minimums of 11,000 sq. ft.; with 80' frontage; 35' setbacks; 25' rear yards ;side yards of not less than 7.5'; and the dwelling should not cover more than 40% of the lot; the proposed development does average 7,000 sq. ft. with 60' frontage, 5' side yards and less than the required 35' frontage and 25' rear yards when removing the no build areas and the floodplains from the plan; homes would cover more than 60% of the lots. Nickell read from 1152.01 and said that even the ROD (Restricted Overlay District), does not permit this number of homes because it is too much density for this property; the 2.9 density that the gentleman just mentioned includes the no build zones, preservation zones and green space; this is just another number that is being skewed by the proponents; Nickell read from 1171.05, Variances and appeals, and said the surrounding properties average 20,000 sq. ft.; the new homes do average 7,000 sq. ft. lots; our homes are tax based on an average \$300,000 to \$375,000 value; these are more than \$100,000 less; if it is merely a case of economic impact for the City according to the Franklin County Auditor's tax estimator, the City will make more money on 9 homes valued over \$350,000 than 15 homes valued at \$200,000; not to mention the additional \$560 per home, per year, that it costs the City to provide the services; that's an additional \$8,400 cost to the City, according to Terry Emery. The attorney said, on record, that Porter did an appraisal of the contiguous lots and said they are worth on average of \$235,000; after reading Porter's letter and

speaking with him for clarification, what he did was a simple MLS search of homes that sold in Rathburn Woods in 2010, arguably the worst year in recent real estate history; he did not do an appraisal of the contiguous home values; the homes on the report were not on the ravine and were small interior lots and all older homes; he was not asked to include Farm Creek or Jefferson Township which also abuts the property and carries property prices up to 1.2 million dollars; we find this very misleading; in conclusion you have already told Maddy that no more than 8 new homes should be built on this property; the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered and adjoining properties would suffer a substantial detriment as a result of this variance; this proposal does not meet the base SF3 zoning and it doesn't even meet the ROD requirements; honor your word and deny anything more than the 8 homes we have already agreed upon.

Rod Wilcox, 5582 Havens Corners Rd., said he is immediately north of this property; development makes no sense to me; to put in 60' lots on Havens Corners Rd.; there is nothing like it in the area; may get more tax dollars or you may not; if Porter appraised the surrounding properties at \$235,000, I will be filing my application tomorrow to reduce my tax valuation at the board of revision; I will take his appraisal to prove this based on his appraisal; I hope a lot of people do that because you will lose more than you will gain; currently very hard to get out of my driveway in the morning; takes 5 to 10 minutes; take into consideration the young kids walking down Havens Corners to get to school at that time of the morning; they will be at tremendous risk.

Ben Anders, 228 Ashley, said I agree with pretty much everything Nickell said; she said there are misrepresentations; if you have any doubt look into it yourself; they are not in the ball park; looking at what was up on the screen, the 9 properties would be like cutting those in half; will not fit in with the surrounding neighborhood; did not take into account Rathburn Woods, Farm Creek, Autumn Rush or Foxwood; want any development to be done right so that we can continue to have a great neighborhood; have not heard one proponent speak; contiguous neighbors are in complete solidarity; we are opposed to the density and price point of homes; they are using the value of our homes to sell his new property; at best our property values would stay neutral; will not increase the value of our property; please vote against this rezoning.

Billy Nickell, 244 Ashley Ct., said I live behind the property; have pictures of erosion and a tree behind 248 Ashley Court; dozens of 60 to 100 year old trees there; please don't vote tonight; come walk the property; cannot get grasp of what this development will do until you look at it in person; walk the creek; see the rocks that are gone with the erosion; don't see how it can fit; trees will come down.

Elsa Neihoffer Gerwin, 1165 Kames Way Dr., said my farm is directly to the north at 5594 Havens Corners Rd., my property is the entire north side of this proposed subdivision; at all of these meetings with Planning Commission we would hear words like this is a unique piece of property; can we compromise; during all of this time one lot was compromised in the subdivision because it was rendered unsafe by the fire department; there is nothing unique about the 60' subdivision lots at Rose Run and Greens at Clarenton; they are just straight line homes with no integrity; the ravine lots that they think are going to be such high priced houses, they're taking out a majority of the trees; do not know what will be left with the erosion; probably some of the houses will be compromised by trees even potentially falling on them as they begin to erode; with those smaller lot subdivisions they connect up to another subdivision; this is a stand alone subdivision with no connection for anyone trying to walk toward Gahanna; very dangerous to walk down Havens Corners Rd.; almost impossible to see people when sun is rising or setting; when you compare these other subdivisions, they at least have an

outlet; your main road coming into Gahanna or out of Gahanna you are compromising the look of what Gahanna prides itself on; what they can pride themselves on is the fact that Jefferson Township is still trying to stop developments like this; this was done correctly in 2006 with the current zoning as far as number of houses; to ask for 13 additional homes is just unbelievable; feel there has been no compromise on Maddy's part and no trying to retain the uniqueness of this property.

Samuel asked if there were any more opponents; there were none. Samuel asked for rebuttal.

Hodge said this development is consistent with other single family subdivisions in Gahanna; at least 3 others with 60' lots; with reference to is this an abuse of environmental resources, it is important to note that 650 acres are tributary to the Souder Ealy stream to the south of the property; we are 4.7 acres of those 650 acres; the vast majority of those 650 acres developed in a different time before there were appropriate safeguards in place from a stormwater mitigation perspective; we are but a blip on the screen of what contributes to that stream and the erosion issue; adding to that is that we are stepping to the table responsibly committing to the most current regulations, the review approval by the City Engineer and the addition of the review and scrutiny of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District; we are actually decreasing the amount of stormwater flow to that Souder Ealy ditch; with reference to the value issue, we were asked by a member of Planning Commission to see if there are other houses in the area that are of that value (\$250,000 to \$300,000) and if we do build at that value what kind of impact will it have on the other single family developments in the area; again the Rathburn Woods price point in 2010 was \$230,000, and the conclusion of Porter was that the development of this property for \$250,000 to \$300,000 houses was actually going to improve those house values in Rathburn Wood; yes we are in a housing depression and prices are down for everybody; \$275,000 as that value increases so does the value of other houses in the area; in closing we have the positive review of every reviewing agency and department.

Samuel asked for questions from Council. Ewald said this will be in committee Monday night, and Samuel said yes.

Heard in Public Hearing

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee of the Whole - Larick: No Report.

Finance - Anderson

Anderson said we will be looking at the 2012 budget in June.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Expenditure Study Committee - Larick

Larick said I have had dialogue with several organizations around us; should be getting information soon.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal: No Report.

Council

Samuel said he received an email from Fred Grossman who had concerns about a building on Granville St. and one on Shull Ave. that were purchased recently; also had questions on the Shull Ave. roadwork and questions about residential streets in general.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.****K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.****L. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Samuel**

Larick said the next meeting is next Tuesday.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Anderson

Anderson said she wanted to share the information from the last meeting as she had promised; monthly report from March 2011 which included Transportation & Infrastructure Funding, Regional & International Coordination, Highways, Active Transportation and RideSolutions; also discussion and passage of proposed amendments to MORPC CapitalWays Transportation Plan which included an upgrade of the interchange of I-270 and Roberts Road on the west outerbelt; minor widening of Taylor Road; also discussion on Central Ohio Walk & Bike to School initiative, and May is Walk & Bike to School month.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - McAlister

Samuel said McAlister was scheduled for May but will be out of town so I will cover the meeting next week.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - McGregor

McGregor said we have not had a meeting.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

Mayor said again would like to welcome Amanda Parker; she will be taking over as Clerk of Court with the retirement of our long time clerk, Karen Woodward. The meeting regarding Columbus Asphalt at the Columbus Zoning Board will be held on May 24th; the matter was postponed on April 26th due to a lack of quorum and a conflict of interest; we will be in attendance to express our concerns at the May 24th meeting; we will keep you apprised. Saturday was the 6th Annual Gahanna Cleans Green Day; was a great success; had 300 cars last year; this year 480 cars; GRIN box was overflowing; thank Cub Scout Pack 778, Jean Shaw and Sharon Montgomery.

City Attorney: Not Present.**N. COUNCIL COMMENT**

McGregor said Saturday she walked Gahanna Woods and enjoyed the pretty wild flowers.

Ewald said he appreciated the hard work of Council for the second tier of interviews for the selection of our new council member; like to welcome Tim Pack to Council and please feel free to reach out to any of us; know Pack has been involved with City government for many years; resident of Ward 2. Pack said he served for 11 years on BZA and has lived in Gahanna for 18 years. Ewald said don't forget the election tomorrow; know we have tough economic times; is very hard for retired people or those unemployed; please get out and vote.

Pack thanked Council for the opportunity to serve; hope to make a positive contribution; in my profession I travel and see a lot of cities with problems much deeper than ours; economy has taken a bite out of many communities; we have challenges facing us, but most cities have it a lot worse; challenges make you stronger; serve with perseverance. Anderson asked Pack to relate a little of his background. Pack said he was raised in Columbus; went to public schools; graduated from Columbus South High School; went to Ohio State; have had a career in aviation for the past 26 years.

Anderson said Pack is being modest, he is a pilot; we both served on BZA before I was elected to Council; congratulations; and also welcome to Amanda Parker; our family was one of those moving electronics and paper on Saturday; with our efforts of bringing businesses to the City I was fortunate to attend a women's conference today held at our own Creekside Conference Center; I was delighted to bring welcoming remarks and talk about the wonderful opportunities in Gahanna; underscored the low tax base; several of the people in the room were from small businesses; one of the honorees and keynote speaker was our very own, Gahanna resident and new Ohio Supreme Court Justice, Yvette McGee Brown; wonderful event and good to have it at our conference center.

Larick welcomed Pack to Council; thanked Collins and staff for spending a couple of hours with him; parks bring a good balance to our community; need to keep parks at their best.

Samuel said we gained two people but we are losing one department head; Emery is leaving to take a job in Marysville; I am sure you will do great things; for the students here glad you got to see a public hearing and see how we operate.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Samuel asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Ewald, 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. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Samuel, Vice President of Council Larick, Ewald, McGregor, Anderson and Pack
Absent	1	McAlister

Council rose to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.; Samuel said that Council will not take any action after Executive Session.

Council rose from Executive Session at 8:39 p.m., with all members returning to the dais.

P. ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 p.m.; Motion by Anderson.

Donna L. Jernigan, MMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2011.*

David L. Samuel
President of Council