

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 20, 2010**

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

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Thomas R. Kneeland, President*

*Shane Ewald, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Brian D. Larick*

*John R. McAlister*

*Nancy McGregor*

*David L. Samuel*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 20, 2010, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President Thomas R. Kneeland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Council Member Shane Ewald followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on December 16, 2010.

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

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

MOTION by McAlister, seconded by Larick, to move ORD-0201-2010 to First Reading of Ordinances on the Regular Agenda. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: McAlister, Larick, Ewald, Kneeland, McGregor, Samuel, Anderson. Motion carried.

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Laurie Jadwin, President, Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau wished everyone Happy Holidays; the board and staff of the CVB thank you for your support this year; was a challenging year for us; mid-year in 2009 we were forced to re-examine our budget and make substantial cuts; those cuts remained in effect in 2010; despite having minimal staffing we had excellent staffing; even with substantial budget cuts we were able to obtain many of our stated objectives and goals which positively impacted Gahanna business.

Karen Eylon, Director, Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau, also thanked Council for their support; it is a continued honor to serve this community; this report distributed tonight will become our annual report; with regard to the leisure market, we were pleased to launch our new web site; received recognition for our destination marketing and tourism development; participated in the AAA Great Vacations Expo which had almost 13,000 people in attendance last year; try to do as much advertising as we can with a scaled back budget; targeted that advertising to visitor audience; one we hope to continue with is the sports tournament market; contracted with a sports marketing and consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive sports facilities audit and feasibility study; should give us a road map for success; will continue to support economic development with that market; we do distribute our welcome bags to tournament attendees; in the group tour market, we saw an increase due to advertising; pleased to hear that the Herb Education Center has a record number of 27 groups visit this year; for group tours we do a variety of packaging and experiences; lot of those have been well received; work hand in hand with PDG Communications for several events; can carve out specific niches; new to us is the entire culinary tourism market; trends really are a defining factor in the visitation choices of where people go and travel; ground swell of that; hosted travel writers at OHEC; also produced chef biographies to promote and celebrate the culinary scene in Gahanna.

Jadwin stated distribution had been made of a comprehensive recap of the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival; that's what we share with sponsors; is a lot of information in this; is of great promotional value for our event; talks about the number of TV spots, radio spots, and print spots; this was our 12th annual and it continues to grow in size; was an increase in attendance from last year even though we charged a fee last year and did that also this year; the quality and reputation of the festival has created a wait list for musicians; even better is that it continues to positively impact our community; organization America For The Arts has a formula you can use to determine an economic

impact; using that formula the festival had an impact of nearly \$1.5 million dollars; look forward to trying to grow that; many of you know one of the biggest challenges is location; affects businesses along Mill Street area; had very few issues this year; had a lot higher level of partnership with the businesses; created new offerings that involved many of those businesses; there is great promotional value in the festival; some mileage out of that; will continue to strive to partner with our businesses; thrilled to hear them come to us with ideas; tremendous sign of growth; estimate a total of 42,500 paid admissions; all 3 major TV stations were there all weekend; 45 televised stories over the weekend which is up 55% from year before; word continues to be spread; the publicity value is over \$135,000; thrilled with exposure that creates for our festival; hotels are working with us in developing more packages which will increase lodging taxes; glad to answer any questions.

Kneeland thanked Jadwin and Eylon for the excellent job you do; organization has grown over the years; Creekside Blues & Jazz is a premier event; not many challengers to that; thank you for all the other work you do also; extend my appreciation.

McAlister stated he understands how the hotels and restaurants benefit; have any businesses that are not hotels or restaurants benefited from the CVB. Eylon stated she thinks one of the things is the residual economic impact; whenever we conduct business we are trying to do it locally - printing, design, promotional items for our media kits; when all those visitors come in they are filling up their cars at gas stations, buying miscellaneous items at grocery stores or drug stores; interact every day with our businesses; they seem to be pleased with our efforts.

Samuel asked if the Holiday Lights parade is coming back. Eylon stated that most of you know the very difficult decision made in 2010 for our organization and the Blue Ribbon Committee; they have met and want it to continue; board has given us until January board meeting to collect additional data as to whether we could take on the additional expenses; Collins has been working on getting numbers for us; even though we did a lot with the little we had, we did partner with businesses but obviously something was missing; the event probably could continue without parade; but within our organization we feel passionately about it returning; truly using our resources; will determine soon whether parade will continue.

Anderson commended Jadwin and Eylon for their hard work; curious to know about demographics for the attendees of the event; do they come from other states as well as in state; is that in the material. Eylon stated they did a visitor intercept survey in 2009; did not do one this year; will get that data from previous years; as event continues to gain recognition, believe it will continue to draw from further radius - Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Louisville, etc.; went to hoteliers to partner with and do radio spots around this event; their rooms are almost already sold out that weekend; will continue to push the bar as it relates to advertising; don't know if we can house all those visitors.

Clerk's Note: Reports are available in the Council office for review.

Scott Mounts, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, apologized for arriving late; just want to report that Clark Hall is continuing to go well; everything is on schedule and on budget; with regard to failed levy, we are still waiting on recommendations from superintendent; have to come up with \$6 million in cuts next year; most important item was that we rolled over the contract with bus drivers; asked them to consider a freeze in base and step salaries; union did not agree to it totally; is a 0% increase in base salaries but did keep steps in there; Happy Holidays.

#### **D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE: None.**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2010-0068**

To approve the Following sets of Minutes:  
1) December 6, Regular Meeting Minutes  
2) December 12, Special Meeting Minutes

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

**Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:****ORD-0202-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2011 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.

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

**ORD-0203-2010**

TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, DATED DECEMBER 7, 2010; 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-0192-2010**

TO REAPPOINT RICHARD PECK AS TRUSTEE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF GAHANNA COMMUNITY URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CURC); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0193-2010**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Reserve for Sick/Vacation Fund

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

**ORD-0194-2010**

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 1195.04, SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL STANDARDS AND CRITERIA, OF CHAPTER 1195, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION POLICY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORD-0195-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AND APPROVE THE FINAL RESOLUTION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FRA-TECHCENTER DRIVE EXTENSION, PID NUMBER 80722; ALSO KNOWN AS THE TECHCENTER DRIVE WEST IMPROVEMENT NO. 762; TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ODOT FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$1,802,972; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0196-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BIRD HOUK, A DIVISION OF OHM, FOR CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL SECTIONS 1 AND 2; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0197-2010**

TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND CHANNELS FROM ANDRE M. BUCKLES FOR RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED FOR THE TECHCENTER DRIVE WEST PROJECT.

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

**ORD-0198-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT WITH MCDONALD'S USA, LLC, FOR PROPERTY AT 110 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, FOR TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED FOR THE HAMILTON/GRANVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. 883; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0199-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO OPTICAL FIBER USE AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0200-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO FIBER INTERCONNECT AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion Resolution:**

**MR-0061-2010**

Motion Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$500 from Account No. 101.440.5456, Gahanna Swim Club Operational Expenses to the following accounts: \$419 to Account No. 101.440.5111, Part-time; \$59 to Account No. 101.440.5131, PERS; \$15 to Account No. 101.440.5132, Workers Comp; and \$7 to Account No. 101.440.5138, Medicare.

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

**MR-0062-2010**

Motion Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$200 from Account No. 101.439.5111, Ohio Herb Education Center, Part-time, to Account No. 101.439.5276, Ohio Herb Education Center, Lease Expense.

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

**MR-0063-2010**

Motion Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,500 from Account No. 101.211.5456, Police, Operational Expenses, to Account No. 101.211.5510 Police Minor Capital, for purchase of a replacement patrol bicycle.

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

**MR-0064-2010**

Motion Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$23,649 from the following Street Accounts to Account No. 220.330.5306, Maintenance Supplies: \$1,980 from 220.330.5137, Uniform Allowance; \$6,400 from 220.330.5216, Traffic Light Repairs; \$11,870 from 220.330.5249, Contract Services; \$1,200 from 220.330.5256, Rags & Towels; \$994 from 220.330.5274, Seminars & Meetings; \$855 from 220.330.5279, Training; and \$350 from 220.330.5401, Office Expense; total \$23,649. To also transfer funds in the amount of \$9,000 from Account No. 222.331.5249, State Highway Fund, Contract Services to 222.331.5306, Maintenance Supplies; for a total of \$32,649; for the purchase of rock salt.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

**MR-0065-2010**

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the Change of Corporate Stock Ownership of the D5 liquor permit for Bandy Inc., dba Mug N Jug, 333 Agler Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

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

**End of the Consent Agenda**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Development & Parks Committee - Anderson: No Report.**

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

**Committee of the Whole - Ewald: No Report.**

**Finance - Samuel: No Report.**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk - Legal:: No Report.**

**Council: No Report.**

**I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**ORD-0201-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO STEELWORKERS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT; AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE XX, INSURANCE OF ORD-0011-2008, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE NEGOTIATED LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STEEL, PAPER & FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL; TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance introduced by title by Kneeland.

**Introduced**

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Vice President of Council Ewald, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

No 1 McAlister

**Yes 6** President of Council Kneeland, Vice President of Council Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, Samuel and Larick

McAlister stated that the whole ordinance is a predicament; am not all in favor of passing; what this is is a contract to provide health insurance for our classified employees covered under the steelworkers; we have never had steel manufacturing but we have office workers represented by the steelworkers union; this health insurance has had a \$100 deductible for about 20 years; even given a modest rate of inflation percentage, these folks have the equivalent of a \$30 deductible; anybody who works knows this is not average; the average is about a \$1,500 deductible; my son has a \$4,000 deductible; yet by state law our hands are tied pretty much; if we don't pass would this go to arbitration; don't want to encourage the rest of Council to vote against and leave these people out in the cold and have no insurance; this is just one voice of sanity as an elected official stating this city can not continue with \$100 deductibles; things are going to change; winds of change are blowing in the legislature; am throwing this out and putting people on notice; this city is hurting for money; CFAC has made a recommendation to raise income tax; if that is so they can have the equivalent of a \$30 deductible, I won't vote for an income tax increase; need give from these unions who are holding us hostage under the force of law to feather their own nests; has to stop; presume rest will vote yes; I will be voting no.

Ewald stated there actually is some movement in the legislature on collective bargaining; is an article in the Dispatch talking about a review of collective bargaining and arbitration at the state level; this will have to happen at the state level; encourage everyone to contact Kevin Bacon and Nancy Garland and make sure they are aware of our concerns.

Stinchcomb stated she would like to clarify that this is a 1 year extension on the health insurance; team is at the table now; met all day today; holding a very tough line; McAlister is right in that we are negotiating to get the best deal we can; state law requires us to go to arbitration. Mumma stated we actually go to fact finding; steelworkers is different than safety forces; will plan on discussing in executive session with Council at some point in time; we are not bound to a conciliators decision; possibly some other options as we move forward; employees will not have insurance if this does not pass.

Anderson stated that given the fact there would be no health insurance if this is voted down, will vote yes; not in concert with the unions in terms of lack of give and take; fact that it is just for one year gives me some reprieve to vote yes; please continue to be vigorous in our negotiations; this is another indicator that we as citizens need to go to our representatives to have change.

**A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Vice President of Council Ewald, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes 6** President of Council Kneeland, Vice President of Council Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, Samuel and Larick

**No 1** McAlister

**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.**

**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

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

Kneeland stated they are gearing up for 2011; first meeting will be January 11. Ewald stated it was a very productive year; haven't been to last few meetings; leadership has been exemplary this year under Andre Porter who is with us this evening; thank him for his service on CIC; has been a very busy proactive year; accomplishing important work affecting us all.

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor:**

McGregor stated it was a busy meeting; Franklin County Emergency Management gave a report on their efforts for county and coordinated response; approved budget; did increase but a lot of it centered on one time grant money through AARA; not expected to be long term; also had report from Mid Ohio Food Bank who is in need of food.

**Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Samuel:**

Samuel stated that Mounts had covered the meeting well; share his concerns; will be a difficult year for school board and Council; every dime counts and are working hard on both sides.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Kneeland:**

Kneeland stated he wished to reiterate that Jadwin and Eylon have done a great job; banner year for all of us; good indicator for what is coming.

**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Mayor:**

Stinchcomb thanked the CVB; family and I have been elves and assisting Santa Claus as he has visited with children the last several weeks; the first Saturday was slow but place was very busy last weekend; several other merchants also; is a venue that is typically weather driven; is an event that assists our vendors.

Stinchcomb continued that it is an annual privilege to make presentation to the Council President; are given a City of Gahanna flag as the outgoing president; Kneeland's flag has been embroidered four times; that is not typical; we were elected to Council in 1991 and Kneeland has served as President in 1994, 1997, 2006 and 2010; running out of room on the flag; thank you once again; done a wonderful job.

**City Attorney: No Report.**

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

McGregor wished everyone a Merry Christmas; new granddaughter born last Friday - Marilyn Elizabeth weighed in at 7 lb. 13 oz; is grandchild #8.

McAlister wished everyone a Happy Christmas and best of health in 2011.

Larick thanked Jadwin and Eylon; is my first year on Council; ask everyone to be safe over the holidays; look out for each other; Merry Christmas.

Anderson stated it has been a wonderful and challenging year; opportunity for all of us to come together and find solutions to interesting problems; in this holiday season, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays.

Samuel said Merry Christmas to everyone; take time to be with friends and family; reason I asked about parade was that I was in Denver recently; they have a parade that runs two days and is two hours long; funded by a program called "Feed the Penguin"; raise money during the parade and at other events throughout the year; maybe we can "Feed the Lion"; Merry Christmas.

Ewald presented Kneeland with a token of appreciation for his service as Council President this year; thank those in attendance tonight; thank Jadwin and Eylon for all the hard work by CVB and to all their volunteer members; have a Merry Christmas; spend time with your family; are people in our community who need help this season and we have organizations that can help; one is GRIN - Gahanna Residents in Need; if you have extra food or time contact them.

Kneeland thanked all members of Council; has been a challenging year; lot of things have taken place; gone through the gamut this year; found a lot of new unprecedented ways to do business this year; thank all of you who chaired committees; thank a lot of volunteers like Jadwin and Eylon with CVB who had a very productive year; thank staff of the administration; depended on you all; staff is out there every day sweeping, towing, mowing; we have a lot of folks who are dedicated to the residents in this city; appreciate your dedication; also announce that there will be a Finance Committee on the 27th; need Mayor, Mumma, Treadway and Weber; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; hopefully 2011 will be a better year.

**O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 p.m. - Motion by Samuel.**

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**Stacey Bashore**  
**Deputy Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2010.*

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**Chair Signature**