



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

Office of the Clerk of Council  
200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Thomas R. Kneeland, President of Council*  
*Stephen Renner, Vice President of Council*  
*Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley, Brian D. Larick,*  
*Jamie Leeseberg, Michael Schnetzer*

*Kimberly Banning, CMC, Clerk of Council*

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Monday, December 7, 2015

7:00 PM

City Hall

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 7, 2015, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Tom Kneeland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council Renner delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on December 4, 2015.

**Present** 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Thomas R. Kneeland, and Brian D. Larick

#### **B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA. - None.**

#### **C. HEARING OF VISITORS.**

Patricia Kovacs, 527 Haversham Drive, believes we should purchase the VFW property; very happy that we purchased the property on McCutcheon Road and it will be used for parks instead of apartments; was disappointed we did not purchase the FOP property when it was available; thinks the VFW property will be a great property for the City to purchase; understands the concern for money but in favor of the purchase.

Sharon Montgomery, 572 Bonnington Way, have been working around Ohio for 13 years to restrict driving under the influence of electronics; the 2010 Council discussed a local texting law and chose to continue the current general full time and attention law; have not seen any evidence that there has been any effect on driving with using electronics; in a near-miss situation with a phoning driver recently in front of the police station; said that driver was not worried about penalties; Ordinance 144 would expand the use of incremental penalties for repeat offenders; incremental penalties and increased penalties when serious harm results are tools to enhance traffic safety but only when penalized; to a lawmaker or enforcer, against the law

means "on the books", to an offender it means "there is a high risk I get caught, too much to take the chance"; our officers have only the states law and that is not enough for them to make a dent in this behavior; respectfully request before voting Council asks the Police Department for statistics on how often drivers are stopped and cited for inattention and how many note e-distractions; the numbers should help decide if there is a need for incremental penalties or if there is an underlying problem like stopping and citing distracted drivers; this code section does not seem to deter many e-distracted drivers; thanked the Council and hopes to have this discussed in Committee next week.

#### **D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:**

Renner introduced the items under Section D.

#### **Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:**

[ORD-0136-2015](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0137-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, TRI-COMMUNITY POST NO. 4719 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 75 WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD, GAHANNA OHIO 43230; AND TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, TRI-COMMUNITY POST NO. 4719; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$250,000.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0138-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MOUNT CARMEL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE GATEWAY TO HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0139-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL OHIO HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM (COHCC) FOR THE JOINT SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0140-2015](#) TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016; TO REPEAL ORD-0182-2014; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0141-2015](#) TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY FOR PART-TIME PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016; TO REPEAL ORD-0180-2014; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0142-2015](#) TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR COMMAND STAFF PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016; TO REPEAL ORD-0181-2014; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0143-2015](#) TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016; TO REPEAL ORD-0183-2014; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0144-2015](#) TO AMEND SECTION 331.34, FAILURE TO CONTROL; WEAVING; FULL TIME AND ATTENTION, OF CHAPTER 331, OPERATION GENERALLY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0145-2015](#) TO AMEND SECTION 335.12, STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON STREETS; COLLISION WITH UNATTENDED VEHICLE, OF CHAPTER 335, LICENSING; ACCIDENTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0147-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0148-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0149-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BILL WALKER FOR CLEANING OF THE GAHANNA GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2017.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0150-2015](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund (FLETF) Capital Projects/Improvements.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0151-2015](#) TO ACCEPT LIMITED WARRANTY DEED FOR 0.4725+/- ACRES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 HELMBRIGHT DRIVE, PARCEL ID NO. 025-008163 FOR THE TAYLOR ROAD BOOSTER STATION.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0152-2015](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - to post reimbursement of legal fee payments to Special Counsel.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes - To Approve:**

[2015-0379](#) City Council Minutes - November 16, 2015

**These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

[ORD-0119-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH GEOSEARCH TO PROVIDE RECRUITING ASSISTANCE IN FILLING THE GIS ADMINISTRATOR POSITION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0120-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE STEELWORKERS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016, TO PROVIDE MEDICAL, DENTAL AND VISION COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE STEELWORKERS BARGAINING UNIT AGREEMENT.

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

[ORD-0121-2015](#) TO AMEND CHAPTER 161 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0122-2015](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - TIF Reimbursement and debt service transfers due to certain TIF revenues exceeding forecast.

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

[ORD-0123-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR 2016 CITY OF GAHANNA HEALTH SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0124-2015](#) TO AMEND CHAPTER 921, SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS

AND RENTAL RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

[ORD-0125-2015](#) TO AMEND CHAPTER 929, WATER CONNECTIONS AND RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

[ORD-0126-2015](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Fleet Program Auction Proceeds.

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

[ORD-0127-2015](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Insurance Claims Proceeds.

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

[ORD-0128-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TOOLE AND ASSOCIATES FOR PLAN REVIEW, BACK-UP PERSONNEL AND INSPECTIONS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0129-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MEACHAM & APEL ARCHITECTS, INC., FOR PLAN REVIEW AND BACK-UP PERSONNEL; AND TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0130-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FEINKNOPF MACIOCE SCHAPPA ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR PLAN REVIEW AND BACK-UP PERSONNEL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0131-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND WILLIAM E. CONROY, II FOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTION SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0132-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE DAVENPORT GROUP USA FOR BUILDING PERMIT SOFTWARE; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$67,200; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0133-2015](#) TO AMEND THE ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 148, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; TO INCLUDE REVISIONS TO THE BUILDING FEES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0134-2015](#) TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

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

[ORD-0135-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ABC RESTROOMS FOR THE RENTAL OF PORTABLE RESTROOM UNITS THAT WILL BE PLACED IN VARIOUS CITY PARKS AND AT SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE 2016-2018 SEASON.

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

**Ordinance: Introduce and Waive Second Reading.**

[ORD-0146-2015](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - General Bond Retirement Fund.

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

**Motion Resolutions:**

[MR-0049-2015](#) MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RENEWAL OF ANY LIQUOR PERMITS IN JANUARY 2016 FOR THOSE BUSINESSES CURRENTLY HOLDING LIQUOR PERMITS AND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GAHANNA.

**This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

[MR-0050-2015](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CHANGES IN STAFFING, BENEFITS AND ALLOCATIONS. TRANSFER DETAIL ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A.

**This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

[MR-0051-2015](#)

MOTION RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,500 TO THE POLICE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT (ACCOUNT NO. 101.211.5512) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING PORTABLE RADIO ACCESSORIES IN SUPPORT OF NEEDED, PLANNED AND REQUIRED RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES. TRANSFER DETAIL ATTACHED.

**This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

[MR-0052-2015](#)

MOTION RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO BID FOR THE 2016 CCTV PROJECT & SANITARY SEWER CLEANING PROJECT.

**This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

[MR-0053-2015](#)

MOTION RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,329 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 101.359.5596, CREEKSIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS/IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCOUNT NO. 101.363.5512, PARKING GARAGE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.

**This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

[MR-0054-2015](#)

MOTION RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 101.141.5249, LANDS & BUILDINGS CONTRACT SERVICES TO ACCOUNT NO. 101.211.5596, POLICE CAPITAL PROJECTS/IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.

**This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**Resolution:**

[RES-0010-2015](#)

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MAJOR GENERAL JAMES WILLIAMS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Larick, seconded by Leeseberg, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Kneeland and Larick

**End of the Consent Agenda**



**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

[ORD-0136-2015](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016.

Teal said if Council has any questions, please submit to Staff prior to the Finance Committee so that there is ample time to prepare responses and/or research.

President Kneeland opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

There were no proponents or opponents.

President Kneeland closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

**G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

[2015-0375](#) Committee Minutes - November 23, 2015

**Committee of the Whole - Renner**

No report.

**Finance - Schnetzer**

No report.

**Service & Safety - Leeseberg**

No report.

**Development & Parks - Larick**

No report.

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk**

No report.

**Council**

No report.

**I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION -**

[ORD-0102-2015](#) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY'S JOHNSTOWN ROAD DISTRICT TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF SERVICE PAYMENTS INTO THAT FUND; SPECIFYING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS DIRECTLY BENEFITING THE PARCELS; AUTHORIZING MAKE-WHOLE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO THE GAHANNA-JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE EASTLAND FAIRFIELD CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Larick, seconded by Renner, to Amend by Substitution and Adopt as an Emergency.

Discussion on the Motion: Larick said there has been discussion with the Township; last conversation with Chief Kauser he advised he was happy with the updated language and the formal vote from the Township for their approval of the legislation; opportunity for us to take a development that could have had minimal economic return to gain a little bit for the City with the TIF in place along with any future development that may occur; in favor of this legislation; Kneeland agreed this is a good piece of legislation; support this and believe it will help all entities involved; Angelou thanked Larick for bringing this legislation forward; making the Township whole, it is the best of collaboration.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Kneeland and Larick

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: NONE.**

**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**

**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Kneeland**

Larick said the last meeting of the year will be December 15 at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

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

Angelou said next meeting is Thursday.

**Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Jolley**

No report.

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

Jolley said the Holiday Lights Parade is getting positive feedback; 5K had 350 registered which is the highest we've had; expanding Holiday Lights outside just the downtown area has been very successful.

**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor**

Stinchcomb said the Strategic Plan is underway; public will have a chance to give input; staff has several meetings scheduled; all Council including incoming are being interviewed by Managing Results to discuss the plan.

**City Attorney**

No report.

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Angelou said the Economic Development 411 was a little different this year; gets you excited about being "the something" of the world; said the next Economic Development Community Engagement Committee (EDCEC) is tomorrow the 8th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss middle part of the plan.

Kneeland gave kudos to everyone helped with the Holiday Lights; believes it drove a lot of people to the area; businesses liked the change; still had a parade with traditional layer; but the new change was well received.

- O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of public property through competitive bidding or public auction AND 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.**

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Renner, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of public property through competitive bidding or public auction AND 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: 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Kneeland and Larick

- P. ADJOURNMENT - by Leeseberg at 9:32 p.m.**