



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Krystal Gonchar, Deputy Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, April 15, 2019, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian Metzbower, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Vice President of Council, Stephen Renner, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on April 12, 2019.

Present 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Brian Metzbower, and Nancy R. McGregor

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

Patricia Kovacs, 527 Haversham Dr.; stated that she is the Chair of the Bicycle Advisory Committee; stated that she was happy to see a trail from the Darling Road housing development, which cuts through to Hannah Park; have heard recently that there was an issue with the developer and that there's a proposal to put up a fence there; would hope that we don't do that; stated that the fence cuts people off from the park; cyclists can't get through there; Clark State Rd. is getting too busy for cyclists; currently, people can go through Harrison Pond and then get into Hannah Park; stated that putting in a trail there was one of the items on the list of projects for the Committee; urged Council to please reconsider installing a fence.

- Capital City Corvette Club to present the Parks & Recreation Foundation with a donation

The Capital City Corvette Club presented a donation to the Parks & Recreation Foundation. Jeanne Stoll, 1680 Carriage Rd., Powell; as a representative of the Capital City Corvette Club, is here tonight to thank the City for their support of the Vettes, Rods & Classics car show at Creekside; with the support of the city, we are now a premiere car show; what makes this important is that all the profits are given to Nationwide Children's Hospital; we had asked hospital staff for a list of big ticket item needs for the hospital; we were able to purchase gaming console carts, called Go Carts, for children who cannot leave their room; purchased 2 for \$7,000; also purchased \$5,000 worth of clothes and toys for the kids; without partnerships this would not be possible; to show appreciation, we are donating \$2,100 to the Parks & Recreation Foundation for their part in making the car show a success.

Lee Tucker, from the Parks & Recreation Foundation; stated that the money goes to a scholarship fund; every year we continue to up the scholarships in order to get more kids into camps and programs who otherwise would not be able to; the car show has been donating for at least 5 years; the money goes to a good cause; thanked the club.

Stoll referenced a flier they send out, which advertises the show and touts Gahanna by listing opportunities for things to do in Gahanna when visitors come for the show.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Vice President Renner introduced the items under Section D.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

[ORD-0034-2019](#) TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES & REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED TO CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 3, 2019; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This item was introduced.

[ORD-0035-2019](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER PAVING FOR THE 2019 STREET PROGRAM, ST-1064.

This item was introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2019-0057](#)

Meeting Minutes for the Council Regular Meeting on April 1, Council Special Meeting on April 5, Council Committee Meeting on April 8, and the Council Finance Committee Meeting on January 11, 2019.

These Minutes were Approved and filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:[ORD-0032-2019](#)

TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH GAHANNA PARKWAY LLC, FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1140 GAHANNA PARKWAY; PARCEL ID NO. 025-007810; FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS, FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TAX ABATEMENT ON THE INCREASED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY; PART OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #3.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0033-2019](#)

TO AMEND CHAPTER 941- GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION, OF PART FIVE-OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:[RES-0005-2019](#)

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH, FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:[MR-0013-2019](#)

THAT COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE D5I & D6 LIQUOR PERMIT, TYPE TRFO, FOR CENTRAL OHIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP DBA GOLF DEPOT; ENTIRE GOLF COURSE & PATIO; 789 SCIENCE BLVD., GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0014-2019](#)

MOTION RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS. TRANSFER DETAIL ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Pass the Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

[ORD-0030-2019](#) TO REZONE 2.87 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE, SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4297 & 4301 JOHNSTOWN ROAD; PARCEL ID NOS. 027-000142 & 027-000098; CURRENT ZONING ER-2, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; AARON UNDERHILL, APPLICANT.

Anthony Jones, Director of Planning & Development; provided a summary of the zoning request; this parcel is just south of Beecher Rd.; comprised of two separate parcels; one of the parcels was recently annexed into the city from Jefferson Twp.; the owner of the property has requested the rezoning; the Planning Commission did review and recommend approval to Council; this will be a medical office; a footprint of the building, including parking spaces, was provided; site plan is not required, but provided; will be a 20,000 sq. ft. facility; this project was first seen at an Area Commission meeting prior to review by Planning Commission; if this is approved, then Planning Commission will see other applications from the developer, such as a Final Development Plan; it is consistent with the surrounding area.

Metzbower asked why one of the parcels begins with "027." Jones confirmed that was the Jefferson Twp. parcel.

Chair opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Aaron Underhill, 8000 Walton Pkwy; attorney for the applicant; we are excited about the project and will turn our efforts to design soon; Dr. Fleitz is currently located off Beecher Crossing; we are moving jobs here and backfilling jobs at the other location as well, which is beneficial to the city.

Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

G. COMMITTEE UPDATES: None.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS: None.

Clerk

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

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McGregor stated that in the future, she would like to see a landscape plan submitted with these re-zonings; would like to see what the plans are for landscaping prior to voting.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Larick, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None

K. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS: None

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick

Larick stated that the next meeting will be tomorrow at 7:30 a.m., here at City Hall.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou stated that the April Regular meeting was last week; this week is the MORPC State of the Region and over 1,000 people will be in attendance; said this is a special opportunity because Anthony Foxx will be in attendance; he is now running Lyft and used to work for the US Department of Transportation; he will be getting an update from Columbus, the Smart City recipient from a few years ago; stated that a group from this area will be receiving an award; the sister city of Columbus is Genoa, Italy; an antique violin from the city will be traveling to the area on May 15, as part of a performance; it is a national treasure

from Italy; we had our Nominating Committee report; Chair Rory McGuinness, Vice Chair Karen Angelou, and Secretary Erik Janas, will all remain in their seats for one more year; Knox County is now a MORPC member; Niel Jurist was introduced as the new Director of Communications; discussed the state budget; gas tax will provide money; license tax will give money to cities; can be raised to \$5; transit will be getting \$70 million; 45/55 split with 45% going to local government funds; electric vehicles will be charged \$100 per year for fees; passed a Resolution to apply for funding for affordable housing.

Government Liaison - Metzbower

No report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Schnetzer

No report.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Kneeland reported that the local non-profit group, Make Gahanna Yours, held a Cleaner-Greener litter campaign this past Saturday, with 100+ volunteers; 100 bags of garbage were cleaned up.

City Attorney

Ewald thanked Capital City Corvette Club for all the work they do for the city; they are a great support group and do wonderful work for underprivileged youth throughout the year.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou said there was an invitation to the Council members to attend the New American Forum; planning to attend on May 2; wishes everyone a very Holy Week and Passover; wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

Larick thanked the Capital City Corvette Club for their generous donation; stated that there was a massive fire at the Notre Dame in Paris today.

McGregor said there were many people walking through our property at the Historical Center, cleaning up litter on the way to the Cleaner Greener event; appreciated that; her son participated.

Renner stated that he and his wife attended the Creekside Art Walk; that was a lot of fun and they purchased some art there.

Metzbower thanked Larick for mentioning the Notre Dame fire; had hoped to see it some day in his life time. McGregor said they planned on trying to rebuild it. Metzbowwer said those tragedies remind us to treasure our past and take time to appreciate it; said he appreciates the efforts of the Corvette Club and appreciates the work they do.

- O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing; and**

to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(c) to confer with the City Attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Schnetzer, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing; and

to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(c) to confer with the City Attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Metzbower requested that Council and City Attorney Ewald attend executive session in the Council Conference Room. Council rose to report to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Council rose to report from executive session at 8:36 p.m., with no action taken.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36 p.m.