



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Krystal Gonchar, MPA, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.

Monday, July 19, 2021

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, July 19, 2021, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Rd. President of Council, Brian Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Nancy McGregor, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on July 16, 2021.

Present 6 - Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Nancy R. McGregor, and Karen J. Angelou

Absent 1 - Merisa Bowers

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

- Commendation from The Department of Public Safety

Chief of Police Jeff Spence presented Mark Brown with a Certificate of Appreciation; Mr. Brown assisted the police with an incident involving a victim of domestic violence and kidnapping by providing the police with an extremely detailed account of the incident.

Chief Spence and Safety Director Keith Winn introduced Doug Reisinger and Brenda Johnson, who completed the 135th Police Academy. Chief Spence and Winn thanked Council for their continued support. Mayor Laurie Jadwin welcomed them to the Gahanna Community.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes - To Approve:

[2021-0130](#) Council Meeting Minutes for Approval.

These Minutes were Approved on the Consent Agenda.

2. Ordinances for Second Reading:

[ORD-0042-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LOCAL WASTE SERVICES, FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0043-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0044-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE ORD-0018-2021, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0045-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS; SPECIFYING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PARCELS.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

End of Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor and Angelou

Absent: 1 - Bowers

E. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING / ADOPTION:

[ORD-0041-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 1153, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, SECTIONS 1153.03 - CC COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor and Angelou

Absent: 1 - Bowers

F. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk- none.

Council

Leeseberg stated that he received some letters from residents, and the Service Department is aware of it, that there have been some deficiencies in the Strawser Paving work. Mayor Jadwin stated that the street program is underway, and to please submit any concerns to Jason Collins, the project coordinator and copy John Moorehead, City Engineer.

G. REPRESENTATIVES:**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg**

Leeseberg stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow morning.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou stated that MORPC is still in summer session; will be attending the Rapid5 presentation on Wednesday on design for connecting central Ohio waterways.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Leeseberg stated that a third stage has been added to the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival; to view the band lineup, visit www.creeksidebluesandjazz.com; the summer edition of the Herbal Cocktail Trail has been released and runs through September 30; Visit

Gahanna will continue their presence at the farmers market through fall; Mid-Week at the Creek kicked off down at Creekside; the new website for Visit Gahanna is up and running.

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

No report.

H. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

[2021-0137](#)

Mayor Report for July 19, 2021.

Mayor Jadwin read from the attached report; stated that the Columbus Metropolitan Library groundbreaking for the new Gahanna branch was Wednesday; is a significant investment and commitment to our community; Planning Commission approved the plans last week; thanked the donors for contributions. Jadwin welcomed the new staff members.

City Attorney

City Attorney Ray Mularski stated that Speedway Transportation had a case in federal court that was dismissed by the judge as failing to state a claim; however, on the 30th day the appeal was filed.

I. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou stated that Steve Nye had passed away and sent her condolences to his family; he was a swim coordinator with the pools; best wishes for quick healing for former County Commissioner Brown.

Leeseberg wanted to give a shout out to the 20 young Ohio ladies who went out to North Dakota to wrestle in a national tournament; 4 of the girls are now All Americans; this is great for our state. Leeseberg also stated that there is a self-defense class coming up, and one is ideal for teens.

Renner stated that he spent ten days in Alaska; wanted to remind people who travel with pets, that due to the temperatures, be mindful of how quickly the cars heat up; and don't leave infants in the car.

McGregor stated that she looks after the Lily Stone Bed and Breakfast for the Gahanna Historical Society; Lily Stone's husband was a part-time Mayor; the historical society purchased the home in the 1980s, and it was built around 1910; received a phone call from their great-granddaughter, who lives in McArthur, Ohio; she will be visiting the

home this week; will try to record some of her memories of Lily Stone's life and time in Gahanna.

Larick stated that he is happy to have business back in city hall; spent some time away at a Scout ranch in New Mexico; the boys hiked nearly 100 miles in the back country; afterwards spent some time in Kensington, Ohio at another Scout camp. Larick stated that Steve Nye worked on saving the pools back in 2013; he worked to secure funding to keep those pools open; he was so incredibly active in the community and will be missed.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 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.

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Council rose to report to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. and Council rose to report from Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. with no action taken.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor and Angelou

Absent: 1 - Bowers

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.