



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 1, 2018

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, October 1, 2018, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian D. Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Jamie Leeseberg, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on September 28, 2018.

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.

McGregor requested that ORD-0079-2018 be removed from the Consent Agenda and item I under Second Reading on the Regular Agenda.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

None

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE: None.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

Ordinances on Second Reading:

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

[ORD-0080-2018](#) TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0015-2018](#) STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK RESOLUTION (October 7-October 13th, 2018).

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0039-2018](#) THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO TWO LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFERS FROM VINDICARE MANAGEMENT LLC TO SCHULTE CATERING OHIO LLC, 695 TAYLOR RD, BUILDING A & B ONLY AND 665 TAYLOR RD & PATIO, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0040-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 FROM 101.131.5295 - COUNTY AUDITOR AND TREASURER FEES TO 101.991.5933 - TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Schnetzer, to approve 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: None.

G. COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None.

Council

None.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

[ORD-0079-2018](#) TO AMEND SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 139, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

McGregor said this was discussed in the last committee meeting; this code change would restrict the age to 35 to be a first time police officer; thinks this takes options away from management; one reason that was given for the change if they start at 35 they would be over 65 after full retirement; there are so many scenarios in the middle; could have retired military officer; most of them probably aren't looking for a 30 year career in law enforcement; we could be missing out on some very talented and well-trained men and women; another reason given for the change is that the pension system likes to rely on their full retirement; this change will not guarantee younger officers hired will obtain their full retirement either; this should be a concern for the individual, not management; former Chief Dennis Murphy was over 35 for 20 plus years; Larry Rinehart is another example of an older officer with military experience; he's now the Chief of Bexley; Marvin Hixon was one of our excellent school resource officers; he was 40 when he was hired in Gahanna; Chief Rinehart told her that 2 years ago he hired a retired Columbus Police Officer; she realizes that this is not the first time that he had been an officer, but he was hired at age 56 and has been a valuable officer for over 2 years; he's not looking for a 30 year career and his knowledge and experience in smaller community like Bexley has been a valuable addition to that community; Ken Bell was a Highway Patrolman when we hired him as a part time officer for Gahanna; he's completed 25 years and was later hired as Deputy Chief for the department; she thinks it's a mistake to set the age at 35 to become a police officer; takes away the option of hiring a highly trained individual; she doesn't see a compelling reason to limit the age; apparently we do not have an age limit set we go by Ohio Revised Code, which this change would mirror; we have obviously not followed that age limit in the past; she would be in favor of setting it at a higher age.

After a brief discussion, Council decided to postpone for more discussion at the next Committee of the Whole.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by McGregor, that the Ordinance was Postponed to Date Certain: October 15, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

No report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou reminded everyone the MORPC Summit on Sustainability is October 25; please let the Clerk know if you'd like to attend; the Executive Committee meets this Thursday and next Commission meeting is a week from this Thursday.

Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education - Metzbower

No report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Renner

Renner stated last week the staff at Visit Gahanna attended the Ohio Annual Conference and they were recipient of 5 awards for marketing issued by Ohio Travel Association; recognizing their work for promoting Gahanna as a vibrant visit destination in 2018; don't forget this Sunday Gahanna will host a brand new event called Pies in the Park; will be held at Friendship Park 1 to 5; new event will feature pizza pies from area restaurants; beverages, live music and family activities and whiskey sampling; please join in the fun.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Not present.

City Attorney

Not present.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou said Summit is October 25, 8 to 4:30 p.m.; she'd like to see all the former employees get together and take a picture; congratulations to the Historical Society for a successful flea market; back where it belongs on Mill Street; Nancy and Jim McGregor have been so instrumental in the success of this even; thanked them for all their work.

McGregor said had great day at the flea market; she thanked the City for all their help with the event; they did a lot of work getting this event back to Mill Street; from police, closing roads, watered the mums at 6:30 in the morning to make sure everything looks good; Historical Society will have houses open for Pies in the Park on Sunday during that time; anyone wants to see houses or updates at the Lily Stone please feel free.

Leeseberg stated the Visit Gahanna also won several awards at their 2018 Ohio Travel Conference; congratulations to their great staff; all the work that goes into putting Gahanna on the map and making it a better place is very much appreciated.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit- for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

A motion was made by Metzbower, seconded by Schnetzer, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit- for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

President Larick requested Anthony Jones and Mayor Kneeland attend the Executive Session in the Council Conference Room.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. with no action taken.

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

P. ADJOURNMENT

- 7:46 p.m. by Larick