

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 7, 2000**

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Debra A. Payne, President of Council  
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Vice President of Council  
Michael O'Brien, Council Member  
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member  
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member  
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member  
Sherie James-Arnold, Council Member*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 7, 2000, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Debra A. Payne called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Stinchcomb delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Payne.

**Members Present:** Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, L. Nicholas Hogan, Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

---

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

MOTION by James-Arnold, seconded by Kneeland, to remove MR-0038-2000 from the Consent Agenda and place it on the regular agenda under Correspondence and Actions, Council. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: James-Arnold, Kneeland, Hogan, O'Brien, Payne, Stinchcomb, Angelou.

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS**

Marlene Eader, Board of Education, stated next meeting is Thursday; hope to finalize the resolution on the fiber optic project; wanted to let you know that is in the works; teacher negotiations are on-going; sad to see Becky Miller leave and we are accepting applications for that position until the 14th; have 6 who have expressed interest and currently are filling in paperwork; hope to coordinate interviews that week; construction is under way all over; some have been delayed because of rain; hope to have everything in place for November 1; extending our cafeteria as we will keep freshmen and sophomores in this year; hope to have done by November 1; trying new approach this year for administration of duties; first football game is August 25. Payne stated the office was working with Morris to schedule a tour to see renovations.

Douglas Zastrow, 394 Canford Place, stated he wished to talk about McCutcheon park development; am representing a larger group; have met twice in last week or so with 30 or 35 people in attendance; thank James-Arnold and Mitchell for their input; main focus is that we want to be included in any future planning sessions on development of this area; concern about additional traffic; concern with Armor Hill being opened; no one wants that opening; concern on old McCutcheon with that traffic; we would like to be included in future discussions.

**D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE****Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee**

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Angelou.

**ORD-0163-2000**

TO ACCEPT A GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FROM HOMEWOOD CORPORATION, FOR A TOTAL OF 9.17+/- ACRES IN 3 SEPARATE PARCELS LOCATED IN THE HUNTERS RIDGE SUBDIVISION

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0178-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - PT Officers

**Introduced, to Safety Committee**

**ORD-0179-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Special Council Contingency

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0180-2000**

TO ACCEPT SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT NO. 710; AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, KNOWN AS WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD AT SANDRA COURT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0181-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE EASEMENT FOR AMERITECH EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ON CITY PROPERTY

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0182-2000**

TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION PLAT ENTITLED DEDICATION OF EASTGATE PARKWAY, DEFFENBAUGH COURT AND EASEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0188-2000**

TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 200050, PASSED FEBRUARY 22, 2000, TO ACCEPT 2.27+/- ACRES TO THE CITY AS JOHNSTOWN ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0190-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE FOR RIVER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT TO PERFORM DUE DILIGENCE CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 133 AND 121 MILL STREET.

**Introduced, to Development Committee**

**ORD-0191-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CITY'S CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTRAL OHIO HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2001 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2003; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0192-2000**

TO ALLOW THE HIRING OF A PARKS SUPERINTENDENT AT A RATE HIGHER THAN ALLOWED BY ORDINANCE NO. 980441, WHICH PROVIDED RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000, TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO PAY SAID SALARY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0193-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Street Maintenance and Repair Fund; Capital Projects/Equipment

**Introduced, to Consent Agenda**

**ORD-0194-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MECHANICAL SERVICES INC FOR THE HVAC PORTION OF THE REMODELING OF CITY HALL; TO WAIVE THE BIDDING PROCEDURE; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$18,268 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

**ORD-0195-2000**

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, THE ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL TO ADJUST THE SALARY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2000; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$4,104 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

**ORD-0196-2000**

TO ZONE 3.546+/- ACRES LOCATED AT 94 PRICE ROAD AS ER-2, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; CITY OF GAHANNA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, APPLICANT

Introduced, to Development Committee

**Statutory Resolutions Requiring Two Readings**

**SR-0006-2000**

A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 3735.65 TO 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE IN EFFECT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1994, ESTABLISHING MODIFYING, AMENDING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A "COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #1," AMENDING FOR THE GREENBERG TRACT; DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL; AMENDING SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. 24-96; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Development Committee

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes - To Approve**

**2000-0004**

To Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 6, 2000

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

**Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt as Emergency**

**ORD-0183-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO JOINT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR TWO YEARS WITH OPTION TO RENEW BY EITHER PARTY FOR THREE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORD-0184-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO JOINT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES FOR TWO YEARS WITH OPTION TO RENEW BY EITHER PARTY FOR THREE ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORD-0186-2000**

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF NETWORK OPERATIONS; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0187-2000**

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, THE ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL, TO ADD THE NEWLY-CREATED POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF NETWORK OPERATIONS; TO ALLOW THE HIRING OF A DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL AT MORE THAN THE BOTTOM OF THE RANGE; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$19,926

THEREFOR; 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: Amend by Substitution, Adopt as an Emergency**

#### **ORD-0171-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL SAFETY, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF ONE CRISIS/HOSTAGE NEGOTIATING TELEPHONE/VIDEO SYSTEM AT A TOTAL COST OF \$6,500; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$2,500; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

#### **ORD-0172-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL SAFETY, INC., FOR UPGRADE OF THE CRISIS/HOSTAGE NEGOTIATING TELEPHONE/VIDEO SYSTEM; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$4,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

### **Ordinances on Second Reading:**

#### **ORD-0173-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Creekside Park Pump Modification

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

#### **ORD-0174-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER AGREEMENT WITH PIZZUTI FOR AN EASTGATE SANITARY CONNECTOR SEWER; IMPROVEMENT NO. 737; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$110,146; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

#### **ORD-0177-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Development Planning

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

### **Postponed to Date Certain: August 21, 2000**

#### **ORD-0176-2000**

TO ACCEPT STORM AND WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT, A PORTION OF IMPROVEMENT NO. 743 AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT NO. 742; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, KNOWN AS CROSSROADS COMMERCE CENTER; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Motion Resolution**

#### **MR-0039-2000**

To Authorize the Director of Finance to refund \$905 to a taxpayer for funds withheld by his employer while he did not live in Gahanna; said refund dating back more than 3 years.

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

#### **MR-0040-2000**

To refer to the Cable Advisory Board the request from Time Warner for a 5 year contract extension.

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

## Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Council Member Hogan, 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 Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
-----	---	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## End of the Consent Agenda

### F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

President stated the rules of public hearings that would govern all public hearings this evening.

#### Z-0009-2000

To consider a zoning change application to rezone 3.546 acres from ER-1 to ER-2 for property located at 94 Price Road; City of Gahanna Development Department, applicant.

President opened Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

President asked for proponents. There were none. President asked for opponents. There were none.

President closed Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

### G. STANDING COMMITTEES

**Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland: No report.**

**Development Committee - James-Arnold: No report.**

**Service Committee - Stinchcomb: No report.**

**Safety Committee - Hogan: No report.**

**Committee of the Whole - Stinchcomb: No report.**

**Finance - Angelou:**

Angelou noted that a memo had been received from Mayor on Investment Committee; need to potentially discuss at Finance Committee for a Council appointment. Payne appointed Angelou to serve on the Investment Committee.

### H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

**Clerk - Legal**

#### 2000-0019

Notification from Dept. of Liquor Control of new D4 Liquor License, 335 Johnstown Road, Gahanna Lodge No. 2463, Loyal Order of Moose. Refer to Safety Committee.

**Referred to Safety Committee**

#### 2000-0020

Notification from Dept. of Liquor Control of new D1, D2, and D3 Liquor License, RJS

Ventures Inc., Vista Plaza Unit 1, NE Corner of Hamilton Road & Vista Drive. Refer to Safety Committee.

**Referred to Safety Committee**

**2000-0021**

Notification from Dept. of Liquor Control of new D5 Liquor License, RJS Ventures Inc., Vista Plaza Unit 2, NE Corner Hamilton Road & Vista Drive. Refer to Safety Committee.

**Referred to Safety Committee**

**2000-0022**

Notification from Dept. of Liquor Control of Transfer of D1, D2, D3, and D6, Liquor License to Mercado Enterprises, Inc., dba Mimexico, 375 Stoneridge Lane. Refer to Safety Committee.

**Referred to Safety Committee**

**2000-0032**

Notification from Dept. of Liquor Control of Transfer of D5 and D6 Liquor License to Cleveland Express Restaurant Inc, DBA China Gourmet, 393 Stoneridge Lane. Refer to Safety Committee.

**Referred to Safety Committee**

**2000-0033**

Notification from Dept. of Liquor Control of New C1 and C2 Liquor License for Discount Drug Mart, Inc., DBA Discount Drug Mart, 4550 N. Hamilton Road. Refer to Safety Committee.

**Referred to Safety Committee**

## **Council**

### **MR-0038-2000**

To recommend to Planning Commission the acceptance of park land, specifically Lot 13 of the proposed plat, instead of fees for the development known as Woodmere Place.

James-Arnold stated that several weeks ago Mayor sent letter to Imperial Rise regarding a small group of homes to be built on Old McCutcheon; concern was what the builder had brought up versus what Planning Commission had mentioned; spoke with many Planning Commission members and went to one of the meetings; also met with neighbors; wanted to let them know that Planning Commission was working on 13 lots; what came into play was the total picture which included the park we purchased for football; 210 parking spaces are to be provided in the park; are health safety and welfare issues involved; this park is not just football but some soccer, parking for 4th of July, and many community events; one ingress and egress was not workable; for those turning left on Stygler to go back down to 62, would be cumbersome; don't want to turn neighborhood into a race track; they have no problem with Maddy's development; Planning Commission did approve the preliminary plat to stub the street and leave lot 13 as is; Park Board asked for fees in lieu of; this only covers 3.9 acres; in talking with neighbors. Mitchell, etc. the concern is multiple things; goes away from what we are looking at this evening; neighbors wanted to come for big picture which is getting cars in and out of one street; if we open Armor Hill it would put cars right out to Chapelfield with 2 school zones; no one really wants old McCutcheon open; in this day and age there will never be another bridge over the creek whether we open McCutcheon or not; problem was putting traffic in and out on old McCutcheon; met with neighbors and one scenario discussed was splitting the parking lot and allowing some cars to use old McCutcheon and some Old Ridenour; Ridenour Road is designated as bicycle path; have lived there for 17 years and have watched increase of traffic; watch the bikes, joggers, and people walking their dogs; don't want to put more traffic on Ridenour; for specific times have to be able to get people out to light at Ridenour and 62; when we look at all these coming together the whole idea of park dedication becomes a moot point; that whole development is 13 lots and less than 4 acres; there was no Rathburn Woods, McKenna Creek, Rose Run, or even Woodside Green, when I moved to Imperial Rise;

these 13 lots are not going to make an impact on Gahanna; needs additional planning of what we once thought; ingress and egress needs to serve the residents on Armor Hill and Chapelfield and all of that; ask that Council go with Planning Commission and Parks Board and take the money in lieu of the park land; while Mayor and I are in agreement about not opening the roads we are not in agreement on the park land issue; whole project is only 13 lots; need to consider what neighbors would like to see happen to their neighborhood; street needs to be stubbed until we see the total picture.

Angelou stated that 2 weeks ago at the Development Committee came to us for recommendation; turns out that on the 3.9 acres development the required dedication is .39 acres which is probably more than 1 lot; typically park land is the process we want; want to take the park land; fees in lieu of is just that; if land couldn't be developed correctly or not enough land to make reasonable we look at fees; understood developer requested that; Mayor and Parks and Recreation Director want lot 13; looked at maps we had; Kneeland and I were there and basically said if that's what the administration wants; this is just a recommendation; subsequent to that have been told that developer can't make it work with 12 lots; were all these other issues that came up; simple recommendation for land from Mayor and Parks & Recreation Director and that's what committee recommended.

McGregor stated he felt it was important to look in broad view; Imperial Rise, Brentwood, and Royal Manor have no park land assigned to the neighborhood; are building that and addressing that with McCorkle park; very question of ingress and egress with children and bicycles is that we want as broad an entrance as possible and more than a minimum sight triangle; lot 13 will give us that; feel it is important from a safety standpoint; O'Brien has expressed concern on mini parks that take an inordinate amount of maintenance; this blends right into a large park and will not cause additional maintenance; met with Carlyle Perry last week; fortunately we have starting talking to him at a good time and we can settle all the issues right there; he is virtually living at Middle School West because he has children in the baseball program; knows how important that park is; he is interested only in completing Armor Hill as a stub street; wants to finish the 3 or 4 homes at the end; willing to give the rest of the lots to the city; will act as a nice buffer to the park which will be noisy at times for the adjacent neighborhood; seems like this lot will have no maintenance issue; excellent safety issue; hope you accept land and not fees.

In response to question from Hogan, Mitchell stated that if the Parks Board was assured of a cul de sac, they would have gone with park land; if street is to be stubbed then they prefer to have fees in lieu of; their recommendation as it stands now is fees in lieu of.

O'Brien questioned the plan for Armor Hill; will people be able to access the park from there; stated Perry only wants 3 homes. McGregor stated it was his intention, as an administration, not to open Armor Hill; does not matter to Perry; would like to finish out those lots on Armor Hill; residents have lived there 25 years with a safe, quiet, residential street; routinely every year when we compare with other suburbs we have the least traffic accidents; lot to do with keeping areas like Armor Hill safe; met with Ballard Cherry residents recently; they should know every car that goes up and down their streets; if they don't should call the police; it is a great advantage from crime safety standpoint for Imperial Rise for Armor Hill not to connect; the residents know who belongs and who doesn't; see a contractor over there don't be afraid to call; check it out; no inconvenience to anybody; if a truck is over there loading up furniture we have a chance to catch; know our intention is not to open Armor Hill.

Angelou stated that it was initially said that Perry also wanted to build the 2 lots closer



to Ridenour. McGregor stated administration had proposed the building of those two lots as we felt we were asking for a donation of as much of a buffer as possible; Perry stated those two lots weren't be worth doing; will donate those also; is a buffer; works out to a more generous solution than we expected.

O'Brien reiterated that Armor Hill will remain closed to any through traffic. McGregor agreed; Armor Hill will not be used for cars to get into park; looking at a donation of about 8 lots by Perry for addition to park; lot 13 is where park entrance comes into old McCutcheon; roadway will come in and lot 13 will give us a big broad entrance into the park; to some extent will make it as safe as possible; will basically be grassland and open and will provide more buffer for lot 12; good visual open space and more than a minimum sight triangle; Perry is on vacation for next 2 weeks but will be coming up with a formal agreement; is easier to deal with when we know all the parts; everything will fall into place in next several weeks.

In response to question, Clerk stated this issue needed to be addressed tonight; could not postpone as there are time issues involved with this recommendation as well as Planning Commission action on the preliminary plat.

James-Arnold stated she has walked the area and met with neighbors; in looking at map of park provided by Mitchell, don't see that lot 13 will give that much advantage; on preliminary plat it is still a house and stubbed; at some point as we get into building McCorkle without opening to Armor Hill feel you will still have a broad entry; have walked the area and will still be able to get into the park in a good manner and get emergency equipment in and out off old McCutcheon without having lot 13 being donated back or made into a cul de sac; since we can't ask for a postponement, have been there and have walked it and feel it will be very easy to still get it in and out without opening up Armor Hill.

Hogan stated he felt we should follow Parks Board recommendation; will bring a lot of citizens in; know they have looked into it heavily; with a stubbed street instead of a cul de sac they wanted fees; in looking at maps don't see need for this additional land; my ideal home would be sandwiched between a funeral home and a cemetery; next best is next to park; this won't be a bad thing; a future Council or Administration could pave that lot in the future if additional parking was needed.

**A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Council Member Hogan, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes	5	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
No	2	Council Member Hogan and Council Member James-Arnold

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

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

[ORD-0189-2000](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LOADOMETER CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF WHEEL LOAD WEIGHING DEVICES; AND TO WAIVE THE BIDDING PROCESS

Introduced, by title, by Stinchcomb.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

**K. REPRESENTATIVES**

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

Kneeland noted next meeting was August 14th at 8:00 a.m. at Heartland Bank.

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No report.****Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools**

Angelou stated she would be attending this week's meeting.

**Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - James-Arnold: No report.****L. OFFICIAL REPORTS****Mayor: No report.****City Attorney**

Weber stated he had received another report from Ohio Coalition on Annexation; have been a number of meetings of committee; some of the differences are being narrowed and discussions are ongoing; will keep you apprised; feel there will be more hearings after this group has made published recommendations.

**M. COUNCIL COMMENT**

O'Brien stated it has been a long time since we have heard from Community Affairs people at Time Warner. Payne noted that Time Warner is schedule to attend Committee of the Whole on the 28th. O'Brien stated Council needed to take a good hard look at abandonment of old McCutcheon; once and for all everyone will know what is going to happen with McCorkle Park; as it evolves hope we have community meetings in order to have a lot of input from people; will assure that whatever is done won't hurt the value of the properties in that area. Payne asked that community members be notified on any discussions involving that area.

Kneeland stated he wanted to comment on Warner franchise; questioned it because we haven't heard from them; fought long and hard to get them to the point of providing quality service; haven't heard anything from them on any upgrades; wanted to hear from them so we don't go back to a situation like we had 8 years ago; that was the question; was not in Committee of the Whole as previous committee ran over; agree with O'Brien that we need to look at old McCutcheon closely; is used in a fashion that was never adopted and has never been formally abandoned; probably need to take some formal action; formally close and do something with it.

Angelou requested a change to Committee of the Whole minutes regarding attendance of Kneeland and Angelou at the meeting; although in the building was not at that meeting; appreciate Mayor getting back to Weisenberger on need for additional soccer fields; township should be able to provide some land for their people just as we do; did enjoy your letter back; received letter from Larry Koebel concerning Academy Park and loud noises during Haunted House held there; also letter sent to Mayor; always seems to have a problem when we have an already established community and we develop an active park; in this case now has lights on it that they didn't want; can see where constant repetitive loud noises could be quite annoying; don't feel it is something out of line to ask for the reduction in noise; also talked about blasting of horns during the play of games. Mitchell stated that right after Halloween season did talk to Junior League Baseball; they will move any noise making portion of the Haunted House activity down

towards the south end of the park. Angelou continued that we are always looking for that compatibility; adding more land to McCorkle Park is only going to be better; thank McGregor for getting that additional land; we need our active park lands; have walked Armor Hill in 9 different elections; have been up and down that area; had problems when we expanded football at Middle School West; basically have to be good neighbors to each other; hope Maddy can do his development with 12 lots instead of 13 lots; park land should be our first priority and fees should be for the extraordinary situations; this isn't extraordinary; hope we can work this out.

James-Arnold stated she agreed with Angelou that any time we can get park land we should take it; Council has purchased multiple parcels in the last couple of years; have a lot of park land that we have not made user friendly and is growing weeds; feel it is more important to put some money back in the coffers so we can move forward with the park land we have.

James-Arnold continued that she is resigning my Council seat as of August 31 for a multitude of reasons; hardest thing I have ever done; times change and so do people; wish this Council well and have given them plenty of time to interview and find someone else in Ward 2 that is committed to the ward; while joking and saying there are not a lot of zoning issues, Olde Gahanna is in ward 2 and are a lot of things going on with Creekside; everyone has an equal vote; hope this Council will find someone who has been involved; every zoning issue is not about your own ward but what is good for the entire city; whoever comes forward from Ward 2 is not just representing Ward 2 but is a resident of the City of Gahanna; find someone that can fill the position and serve the community.

Hogan stated he was taken by surprise; wish James-Arnold well; questioned the Uniform Traffic Code; all of a sudden at Tim Tam and Venetian Way we have a 4 way stop; does that conform to the UTC; along with that comments were that it went up and nobody knew it was there; a new stop sign in middle of well established neighborhood; any kind of warning sign; is also a sign that says stop sign ahead; is that the warning. McGregor stated he was not sure that we have done the right job on that; asked the City Engineer and Deputy Chief to get together; did see the order for it to go up but in the rush of events forgot about it; flaw in the system if the Chief is making decision without benefit of City Engineer's input; Safety Director does order signs up; law was adopted by Council in 1956 regarding the use of the Uniform Traffic Code; will get response for Safety Committee; are also looking at Harrison Pond Drive and speeding; need to talk about all those stop signs and they may meet the UTC. O'Brien stated he would like to have Deputy Chief understand that ORC does not allow us to use stop signs as speed control. McGregor agreed that UTC does not allow; are specific places you can use them; have used them in school zones where they don't meet numbers; don't know if numbers of traffic met requirements for this intersection; school can justify the sign; traffic light at Jefferson doesn't meet state warrants; is a state law and Council has adopted that same law.

Stinchcomb stated she was stunned with news as well; have had a rough number of years; wish James-Arnold well; other thing is with regard to AEP; have been working with them regarding service outages; have an email from Harold Davis that there will power outages tomorrow as they do some work; will be dependent on weather; apologized for inconvenience; appreciate the notice; appreciate Clerk's help in getting this done; seems to be getting the in service corrections we need.

Payne stated Council needs to discussion aggregation for electric utilities; Tracie Davies has been looking at this; getting to a time critical moment; need to give our residents as

many options as possible; need to make sure we come up for some sort of recommendation on whether we want to do this; is becoming time critical; would need to be legislation that would have to go on ballot; need to look at seriously; place in Committee of the Whole for discussion next week. White stated MORPC has a web site that discusses the aggregation issue; have a meeting tomorrow on this; know there is a time crunch.

## **N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President stated an Executive Session will be held pursuant to Section 5.40(c) of the Council Rules of Procedure to go into Executive Session to confer with the City Attorney concerning disputes involving the City, and/or appointed or elected officials or employees, which are subject to pending or imminent court action.

MOTION by O'Brien, seconded by Stinchcomb, to adjourn to Executive Session.

ROLL CALL: Voting yes: O'Brien, Stinchcomb, Payne, Angelou, Hogan, James-Arnold, Kneeland. Motion carried.

Council rose to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. with Council Members Angelou, Hogan, Kneeland, O'Brien and Stinchcomb returning to the dais.

## **O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:46 p.m. - Motion by Kneeland.**

**End of Agenda**

---

**Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this*  
*day of 2012.*

---

**Chair Signature**