

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 14, 2001**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Service Committee**

*L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman  
Michael O'Brien  
Donald R. Shepherd  
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, ex officio  
Karl Wetherholt, ex officio  
Roland P. Hall, ex officio*

**Members Present:** Michael O'Brien, L. Nicholas Hogan and Donald R. Shepherd

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**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Karl Wetherholt; Dottie Franey; Donna Jernigan; Tom Komlanc; Col. Hall; Mike Meeks, Jerry Isler; Chief Murphy; Mayor; Press; Becky Stinchcomb

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

**ORD-0098-2001**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Capital Project Streets

Wetherholt stated that this is actually additional work on Clark and Oklahoma. Shepherd asked if this was the finish of the project. Wetherholt replied that the reason we got to the point where we are finished and owe the contractor money is that, we did a final inspection since then and got a new figure; we have the final contract; one of the things are the trees; so it puts \$4,000 on for that; comes up that we need \$39,853 for the contract and \$25,117 for the engineering design and inspection contract work; we have the decorative retaining walls; additional driveway work to help property owners; one of the property owners lost a big tree due to this, so we paved driveway with brick to compensate; some other trees; street lighting is \$26,000; additional work is less than what we are asking for; this just takes care of the present; the lighting had to be engineered; the walls and driveway work and additional inspection was \$64,971. Shepherd asked where will we get the money. Wetherholt replied that we will need a supplemental appropriation and that will totally finish the project.

**Recommended for Substitution and Adoption**

**ORD-0100-2001**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Cherrybottom Road Waterline

Hogan polled committee members and there were no objections.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

**ISSUES**

**2001-0024**

Notice to Legislative Authority of Transfer of D1, D2, and D3 Liquor Permits from R J Solove & Associates Development Inc., to George T II, LLC, dba Aladdins Eatery, 1307 Stoneridge Drive, Unit 3, Gahanna, Ohio; response requested by May 25, 2001. (Assign to Safety Committee)

Chief stated they had no objections.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion Resolution; Consent Agenda

**2001-0025**

Notice to Legislative Authority of Transfer of D5 Liquor Permit from Gatsbys Saloon, Inc. to D J Gatsbys Inc., 151 N. Hamilton Road; response requested by June 1, 2001. (Assign to Safety Committee).

Chief stated they had no objections.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion Resolution; Consent Agenda

**Items from Director of Public Service:**

**LED Traffic Light Lenses**

Col. Hall stated that this is going to be a smart move; going to be expensive, but they last 10 years; got one bid from Jess Howard at \$153,558, tabulation attached; will need a supplemental appropriation; not one of those things you can break down like fire hydrants; each intersection is different; that includes the labor and material. Shepherd asked if this will be cheaper in the long run. Col. Hall answered yes; we are constantly changing bulbs now. Mayor added that we will be saving a lot on the cost of labor; it is a dangerous job to change the bulbs; supposed to be changed every year, so this will be once every 10 years; they are much brighter; they stand out and are safer; use less energy.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Consent; No need to come back

### **Telecommunications Consultant**

Franey reported that we sent out an RFP to try to get a consultant; received 5 responses; we are discounting the lowest bid because it was not a fixed price; based on an hourly rate; the next one was Analicomm at \$24,000; TTG at \$28,000; TTG is the one that we are recommending; with consultants you have to make judgement call; Analicomm was very eager to help; helped prepare RFP; seem competent; good referrals; Sue Miller, one of the owners, used to work with City of Columbus; very familiar with our phone system; questioned the professionalism; received e-mails where the documents were not attached; starts to make you wonder; in our interview with her she told us she would get us information from Ameritech; she never sent it; this is the best we see them; when it came to time frame, Analicomm told us 90 to 120 days and then her partner said, and that depends on other projects we have going; so it seems that our project will be worked around everyone else; City of Reynoldsburg was the one project like ours; it still isn't finished; TTG has a good deal of experience with our type of project; TTG prepares an evaluation of our current system after they do their initial work; basically a snapshot of the current system; they would all do that; but once you implement their changes they leave you with a manual of the current system after changes; there would be documentation on every single telephone; very impressed; no other consultant mentioned that; after investigation TTG seems more qualified to do the work. Hogan agreed; want it done right this time. Col. Hall added that they are willing to come back and give more information if we need it. O'Brien asked do you feel that you did an equal job of comparing the two companies, TTG and Analicomm, as far as references. Franey answered that she called all the references; Analicomm only gave 2 references; TTG gave more; other thing with TTG there was no vendor bias; called all the references and asked what product they were using and what vendor; out of 9 using four different types of equipment and 6 different vendors; pretty good mix; not a bias; some vendors are very aggressive. O'Brien asked if we are confident we can defend our decision. Franey answered yes.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading, Consent Agenda, No need to come back

### **Glass Street Light Globes**

Awaiting more information from Service Director.

### **New Roof Chamber of Commerce Building**

Col. Hall stated he had done a lot of research; the agreement was made years ago; we let the Chamber have the building for a buck a year; they were supposed to maintain it, but they have no money; she got bids; asked her to go back and get more bids; went to Ed Corbet and asked for 3 or 4 names of roofers that he recommends; only one that answered; Allied came in; go with the low one; she didn't ask us to contract; Mayor thought it was a good idea; their roof is not in good shape. O'Brien stated that he would

like them to come and make a presentation and give a financial report. Col. stated that she is willing to do that; will give the background; she has enough money for day to day functions.

RECOMMENDATION: Wait for presentation at next Committee

### **Interior Painting Municipal Complex**

Col. Hall stated that we are requesting permission to bid; we have the funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion Resolution; Consent Agenda

### **2001-0012**

Monitor Items:

- 1) Morse 62 Interim Improvement
- 2) Dunbarton Road Sewer

### **Helmbright & Havens Corners**

Wetherholt reported that we did the traffic counts; we have the tapes that were done by ODOT; the County will be doing the evaluation; the time period that there is not totally free movement was from 7:50 a.m. to 8:04 a.m. Stinchcomb asked what time did they set up; had neighbors report that there was no one there. Wetherholt stated that there is tape at 7:45 a.m.; we also did it a week later; we did the machine count and tape on one Wednesday; and then we did the hand counts for the turning movements the following week; we have not made a conclusion; did not get a full report from Emily; it was about the same as last year; there was a slight increase, but it didn't push the warrants over. Stinchcomb stated that there are safety concerns about that intersection, not just traffic capacity; realize there are peak times; people are not doing the speed limit when they come in west bound from the Township. Chief Murphy agreed; the speed limit is 35 east of Farm Creek; trying to coordinate with County to get the sign back up, but people are still not obeying the limit. Stinchcomb stated that traffic is coming in very quickly over the hill; they come into Gahanna and limit drops dramatically; residents report when trying to turn left; it's not just the rush difficulty; maybe a light isn't the answer; maybe we make a turn lane; have some people block the traffic to let others out; going through school zones to get out of town; it is a problem; a lot of people do avoid that intersection and are putting stress on other intersections; in the 10 years I have been a Council member, this is the number one thing I get complaints about; appreciate the County taking a look at it; safety being the most important issue; if we have further development to the east, we are going to have more stress. Hogan asked from a liability standpoint, do we have the authority to put a light there; are we in violation of a warrant if we put one there; what if it was blinking 22 hours a day and had it for the peak hours; what kind of additional liability would we have. Mayor answered that we would be in violation of our own law and State law. Chief added that we have targeted enforcement in that area, but we only own up to Jonsol Court; we write tickets for 50-60 mph; that means they are slowing down. Wetherholt stated that they got a proposal to do an annexation survey. Mayor added that St. Matthews would be willing to work with us. Wetherholt mentioned that the only property owner we would have to work with is the Rocky Fork Hunt Club; we would need their signature. Chief stated that the best case scenario would be at least a 3 lane roadway. Wetherholt added that a left turn lane into St. Matthews would help. Chief agreed; we do spot checks to help; its dangerous; if you are west bound you are going to be blinded; east bound you will also be blinded by the sun; we have stood out there to direct traffic and the drivers have their visors down; hard for them to see; very dangerous for us. Stinchcomb stated that this still doesn't solve the problem of the residents going to work. Wetherholt answered that if you look at the tape, there is one brief time of backing up on west bound Havens Corners; this is from an

event you can't tell from the tape; later reports show people were trying to turn left into St. Matthew; so it is incorrect that the left turn lane would make it worse. Mayor stated that we need to move ahead quickly on the Carl Turner proposal. Wetherholt stated he would have it ready to start an Ordinance to supplementally appropriate the money. Stinchcomb asked if we had any idea of the cost. Wetherholt answered that it should not be a whole lot. Stinchcomb stated that the tapes don't show that the intersection has already failed; the traffic that would normally use it is using other intersections. Wetherholt replied that when you have a 14 minute period with some back up and then you only see extremely small delays, that's not a failed intersection. Stinchcomb added that she has lived there for a long time and experienced differently from what the tapes show. O'Brien agreed that the intersection has been bad for many years; is there any way that the County can take special facts into consideration; a good percentage of people are going down to Taylor Road. Stinchcomb added that they are also using Rocky Fork and putting more pressure on Morrison. O'Brien stated that there is also a speed problem on Caraway. Chief mentioned that was their number one complaint on speed. O'Brien asked can the County take special consideration beyond the traffic counts, because it is making other intersections fail. Hogan summarized the discussion; we are going to continue with Carl Turner on annexation; Wetherholt will continue to analyze the situation from a traffic standpoint; take a look at a left hand turn into St. Matthews; work with County to see if there is some other way to get some relief, even though the traffic counts don't justify it.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Consent Agenda: Bring back to Committee

**Stacey Bashore, Recording**