

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 5, 1998

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

GAHANNA'S VISION is . . .

. . . to be an innovative model community that values its rich heritage, pursues high standards, and where citizens respect one another.

Members Absent: Sherie James-Arnold

Members Present: Karen J. Angelou, Robert W. Kelley, L. Nicholas Hogan, Thomas R. Kneeland, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Debra A. Payne

GAHANNA'S MISSION is . . .

. . . to ensure an exceptional quality of life by providing comprehensive services, financial stability, and well-planned development which preserves the natural environment, so that city government will continue to be responsive, accessible, and accountable to our diverse and growing community of citizens.

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, October 5, 1998, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Karen J. Angelou called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with an Invocation, delivered by Council Chaplain Robert W. Kelley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Council Member Thomas R. Kneeland.

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, **MOTION TO REMOVE ORDINANCES NO. 980404 AND 980408 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH SAID ACTIONS TO BE HANDLED LATER IN THE MEETING AS MOTION RESOLUTIONS.** The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne
Absent	1	Council Member James-Arnold

C. HEARING OF VISITORS**School Board - Windy McKenna**

Recapped the last school board meeting, where the board adopted the contingency plan for cuts if the levy does not make it; said they hope they do not have to use, but must be prepared; advised the board accepted \$87,500 from ADF and Morse Talyor Inc., which will be used for intervention and tutoring programs. Thanked Council for allowing Mike Downing to give his presentation at the last Council meeting.

Don Cutcher, 144 Garston Court

Don Cutcher, 143 Garston Court, recapped meetings leading up possible changes in Morse Road; reminded that at that time, the residents were told there would be other meetings. Cutcher asked that such a meeting be scheduled with invitations to all adjacent property owners. Karl Wetherholt said the plans are completed and available in his office. It was felt possibly Wetherholt could schedule such a meeting prior to a Council meeting.

Andrew G. Zukowski, 453 Woodmark Run Drive

Asked for another review board as soon as possible; had requested postponement of the last meeting because he had to transport his son to Chicago for his overseas flight for college; was advised the meeting had been held without his presence. Noted dates of his previous correspondence. Said his family is in a desperate situation. No one wants to listen that he has been out of work since January of 1997. Citizen has powers by constitution. Council has power to see fair treatment.

Public Meeting - Gahanna Police Grant

President announced that a Public Meeting is being called regarding a Gahanna Police Grant, and turned the meeting over to Chief of Police Dennis Murphy at 7:50 p.m.

Murphy advised that the 1998 Fiscal Appropriations Act allows the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make funds available to units of local government under the Law Enforcement Block Grants Program; said this is for purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety. To be considered eligible for the Block Grant Program, the law enforcement agency must report, based on the number of crimes in the local jurisdiction, to the Uniform Crime Reports Program at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each local jurisdiction average number of violent crimes are compared to all local jurisdictions in the State. Jurisdictions reporting crime statistics above the formula-based threshold of \$10,000 are eligible for direct awards from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The block grant program requires that units of local government receiving funds hold at least one public hearing, with the purpose of making the public aware of the program and its proposed spending plan. Murphy noted the hearing can be held during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, which is being done tonight.

Murphy then introduced the Advisory Board: Mayor McGregor, City Attorney Tom Weber, School Administrator Dale Foor, Angelo Nocera, President of Civic Sam; Mrs. Diana Mykrantz, volunteer grant writer, who Murphy described as the best; said she identified this grant; said this will be a \$12,054 Grant. Said what we have to match is \$1,394. Felt we are getting \$12,000 for free. Murphy said the purpose for this is for overtime dollars; said they have spent 37% of their overtime budget; needs to go into overtime account. Murphy said a number of ongoing projects are very pro active, and we need to maintain the momentum. President asked if this is an appropriate use. Murphy responded, "Yes."

There being no further comment, this public meeting was closed at 7:58 p.m.

SWAT Team Invitational and Awards - Chief Murphy

Murphy said nearly 5 years ago, the City organized a Gahanna Tru Team under the leadership of Lieutenants Tony Shepherd and Tom Basso; was created to meet the special police needs that fell beyond the scope of the patrol bureau. Said the unit trains for: high risk warrant service, surveillance techniques, hostage/barricade situations, and a variety of additional high risk tactical techniques. Murphy said the unit just returned from the SWAT Invitational at Jackson County; said we took 14 people; they had 14 teams competing; said it consisted of 15 hours of hand to hand training, such as close quarters battle, simulations training, high risk entry drills, and the planning considerations of any high risk police operation; said they spent time on the range in firearms competitions, including hand guns, shotguns, and rifles--a lot of crawling, running, and jumping -- and the obstacle course. Murphy said of the 14 teams, we took 1st in overall competition; took home first place in the tactical handgun competition; first place in the tactical reload competition; first place in the obstacle course--as well as

2nd and 3rd place in that category. Murphy said while trophies are nice, the real value lies within this group of dedicated, motivated, professional police officers who are committed to their chosen career and to their service to the City of Gahanna. Murphy said he could not be prouder of these officers and of their commitment, personal sacrifice, and mental toughness.

Murphy named the TRU Team members: Chief Dennis Murphy, Lieutenant Tom Basso, Sergeant Larry Rinehart, Detective Carl Schmueckle, Officers Ethan Moffitt, Joe Estepp, Ben Corbin, Ron Fithen, Dan Williams, Pat Millenbaugh, Norm Monroe, Matt Kissel, Frank Stewart, and Barry Rodgers.

Stinchcomb commended Mrs. Mykrantz; said how wonderful of her to volunteer her time. Angelou thanked Civic Sam members for doing their part.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

Introduced, by title, by Kelley

980405

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE MORRISON ROAD AND CONNECTOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

980406

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO ANNEX CERTAIN 1.56+/- ACRES FROM MIFFLIN AND JEFFERSON TOWNSHIPS, SAID LAND LOCATED OFF HAMILTON ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

980407

TO ACCEPT A QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR 10.030 ACRES LOCATED IN WOODSIDE GREEN SOUTH TO BE USED FOR PARK PURPOSES; FROM CAMPBELL RHEIN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

980409

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH KEY BLUE PRINTS FOR COMPUTER AUDOCAD UPGRADE TO RELEASE 14 SOFTWARE FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

980410

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, LLC., FOR CAD SCANNING OF ENGINEERING DRAWINGS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

980411

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MORTON SALT DIVISION FOR ROCK SALT FOR THE 1998-99 SEASON.

980412

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE.

980413

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Building State Fee Account

980415

TO AMEND CHAPTER 151, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; RECREATION COMMISSION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND TO RENAME CHAPTER 151 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

980416

TO AMEND CHAPTER 153, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Vice President Kelley, to Pass the Consent Agenda, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne
Absent	1	Council Member James-Arnold

Minutes - To Approve - September 21, 1998, Regular

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Vice President Kelley, to Approve, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Absent	1	Council Member James-Arnold
Yes	6	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

Ordinances on Second Reading - Adopt:

[980391](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - City Attorney, Annexations Counsel

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[980392](#) TO ACCEPT 0.468 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL SOUTH OF MORSE ROAD AND EAST OF JOHNSTOWN ROAD (U.S. ROUTE NO. 62) FROM SCHOEDINGER & CO.; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

[980393](#) TO AMEND CHAPTER 1133, AMENDMENTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[980394](#) TO ACCEPT A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR UTILITY PURPOSES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; FROM M H MURPHY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[980395](#) SUPPLEMENTAL - Civil Service Advertising

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[980396](#) SUPPLEMENTAL - Plumbing Fees

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[980397](#) SUPPLEMENTAL - Electrical Inspector

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[980399](#) TO ACCEPT SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 509; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN WOODSIDE GREEN SOUTH, SECTION 4;

AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Amend by Substitution; Adopt:

980398

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH TRICAR LTD., FOR A PORTION OF THE HUNTERS RIDGE INVESTIGATION, PHASE II; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading

980414

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT FACILITIES/OPERATING LEVY OF 7.91 MILLS

President read in its entirety. Presented to Mike Downing.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

980417

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE \$29,000 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 101.145.5541, STREETS, CAPITAL PROJECTS, PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE IN THE 1998 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CHERRYBOTTOM ROAD @ ACADEMY DRIVE, TO BE USED FOR THE MORRISON WATERBURY RIGHT OF WAY.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

G. STANDING COMMITTEES Reports had been distributed on 9/28 Meetings.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

Clerk - (Legal)

Clerk advised notice of action in Court of Common Pleas by Brad Stiles, 318 Carpenter Road, against the Gahanna Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

Council

980404

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR A DESKTOP COMPUTER PURCHASE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent	1	Council Member James-Arnold
Yes	6	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

980408

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent	1	Council Member James-Arnold
Yes	6	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances Reported Out of Committee

980390

TO ACCEPT 9.5+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, REQUESTED BY MARK D. HERMAN, ET AL.

A motion was made by Council Member Stinchcomb, seconded by Vice President Kelley, that this matter be Postponed to Date Certain. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne
Absent	1	Council Member James-Arnold

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

K. REPRESENTATIVES

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Will meet October 7, 7:30 a.m. at Heartland Bank.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools-10/8 - KNEELAND

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - Kelley

Meeting set by Mifflin Township for 10/7/98 will be changed.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor

Memo from Terry Jordan to George Jackson; have gotten further behind in hydrant maintenance; Jordan recently met with Fire Chief to see if they could do some more of the hydrants. Fire Department will take over except for greasing and painting. Thanked for cooperation.

City Attorney

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Kelley congratulated police department for a job well done. Angelou glad we are having so much citizen participation; noted attending AEP opening. Thanked the Development Department for bringing in first class business. Noted difficult to see

people with problems; also difficult to cut them off. Believed that Mr. Zukowski had to have that hearing; felt when another water bill comes along he will have another hearing. Does not like to hear inaccurate information about our employees.

O. ADJOURNMENT - 8:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Stinchcomb, seconded by Council Member Hogan, to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature