

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 14, 2000**

**7:30 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Service Committee**

*Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman*

*Michael O'Brien*

*L. Nicholas Hogan*

*Debra A. Payne, ex officio*

*Karl Wetherholt, ex officio*

**Members Absent:** Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

**Members Present:** Michael O'Brien and L. Nicholas Hogan

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Debra Payne, Jim McGregor, Col. Hall, Karl Wetherholt, Jerry Isler, Raleigh Mitchell, George Jackson; Press; visitors.

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

**ORD-0182-2000**

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

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

**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

Wetherholt recommended that we proceed with the approval of the appurtenances even though the streets are not finished; have temporary access off Blatt Blvd.; accept everything but the streets. When the streets are finished can pass another ordinance accepting them; asked that we begin the legislation to accept the streets for first reading.

Recommendation: Substitute ordinance to accept everything but the streets; Consent.

Recommendation: 1st Reading Consent; back to Committee. (Accept Streets)

**Recommended for Substitution and Adoption**

**Recommended for Introduction, Next Agenda Consent**

**ISSUES From City Engineer:**

**Hamilton Road Traffic Study**

Wetherholt said he and Isler have been working on this; in the 2000 appropriations \$117,690 was set aside in Capital Projects Engineering for ITS; we are not doing as many ITS projects because we did not get the grant we had expected, so there is \$43,790 left in the account; not really have another project this year that is truly ITS. He and Isler would recommend that we use funding from Capital Projects Engineering to be reallocated to Capital Projects Streets to pay for the added cost of the Hamilton Road Corridor Study.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

**Techcenter Extension**

Wetherholt is requesting a supplemental appropriation to do preliminary engineering work for the TechCenter Drive Extension; \$55,000. Mayor said he would prefer not to do anything and have the developer pay for the engineering; would like to go to the developer and say we do the engineering, you build the road within 24 months.

Everyone agreed that from a traffic management standpoint this has to be done; and would like to enter into a legally binding agreement with the developer to build the road within 24 months. O'Brien said once the engineering is done we will know where the bridge is going and we will have control over that; then we are in control. Administration is to pursue agreement with developer.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee.

### **Ameritech Easements**

Recommendation: 1st Reading; Consent; Ameritech easement; no need to come back to Committee.

### **AEP Easements**

Wetherholt said the AEP easements authorized by Ord. 140-2000 and 141-2000 need to be repealed because the exhibits provided were changed enough that the best way to make a correction is to repeal the original ordinances and pass new ones.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; AEP Ordinance to repeal ordinances; no need to come back to Committee; Ordinances to authorize easements.

### **ISSUES From Director of Public Service:**

#### **City of Dublin Request**

Col. Hall asked if the City would be willing to support the efforts of Dublin; Upper Arlington is also involved; they have asked local municipalities for financial support. It was agreed to have Col. Hall find out what other municipalities are doing; a dollar figure; and come back at the next committees.

#### **Waterline Easement - Cherrybottom Road**

Jackson said a supplemental appropriation is needed to purchase a 30" easement from the Columbus Academy to install a 12" waterline along Cherry Bottom Road. The Academy has agreed to a price of \$\$20,000 plus an 8" tap for fire protection. Isler has approved the supplemental of \$20,000 from the WSCI Fund to Water Capital.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee.

#### **Property Acquisition - Cherrybottom Road**

There was discussion about the City purchasing the Anna Mae Smith property, 4390 Cherrybottom Road. The property is currently in probate and the children would like to sell it either to the Academy or the City; is adjacent to the Academy and Academy Park. Mayor said he can see the need for culvert work in the future; need right of way to run waterline immediately; also need for the bike path. Stephanie Gibson, attorney for the children, said they are asking \$100,000 plus closing costs; property was appraised for \$112,000 in April.

Hogan suggested going ahead with the purchase; put in the waterline and keep the property that is adjacent to the park; then turn around and auction off the house and remaining property. O'Brien said it also could be turned over to CIC and they could sell it and make a profit.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee. Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into purchase agreement.

**MONITOR ITEMS:****Trapp Park**

Wetherholt and Mayor said that the stormwater system which runs between the Evangel Temple pond and Trapp Park is in need of repair; pond is owned by Evangel Temple, but part of the City detention system. The channel has become choked with sediment and brush. The contractor for the West Johnstown storm sewer will do this work for an additional \$12,000. They would request a Motion Resolution to authorize funds to be used from the West Johnstown storm sewer for the Trapp Park detention basin.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent Agenda.

**Oklahoma Property Acquisition**

Discussion continued about the City purchasing the Roby property on Oklahoma; was appraised at \$57,000. It was agreed that Wetherholt should go ahead and secure negotiations with the Roby's and come back at next committees.

**DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AE, Deputy Clerk of Council**