

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2013**

**Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 6:45 p.m.**

**7:00 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Stephen A. Renner, President  
Ryan P. Jolley, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Karen J. Angelou*

*Brian D. Larick*

*David L. Samuel*

*Brandon Wright*

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

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council Stephen A. Renner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Council Member Jolley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Wright. Agenda for this meeting was published on February 15, 2013.

**Members Present:** Stephen A. Renner, Ryan P. Jolley, Brian D. Larick, Karen J. Angelou, David L. Samuel, Beryl D. Anderson and Brandon Wright

**B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.****C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Dewitt Harrell, Gahanna Jefferson School Board, thanked Renner for excellent presentation and update on the activities of Council and what is going on in the City at last meeting; each school principal comes and provides updates on each building; extremely important as a new board member for me to hear that; continue to connect with various entities and organizations; keeps the school engaged and connected sharing information; encouraging public participation; a parent spoke about his special needs student and our Special Education Administrator, Sue Wiegig, and how the work she does has changed his son's life; shows what the school district does; share that with you; thank you for your leadership.

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

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Jolley.

**ORD-0044-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR USE OF CITY PROPERTY AS POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0045-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR DESIGN MODIFICATIONS OF HAMILTON ROAD CENTRAL, IMP. NO. ST785; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0046-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCLIMENT, INC., (OHM) FOR DETAILED DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT, PHASE II, TO CONFORM TO THE FEDERAL FORMAT; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 1002; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFORE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2013-0006**

To Approve the Following Set of Minutes:

1) February 4, 2013

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

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

**ORD-0040-2013**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Police Duty Weapon Fund

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

**ORD-0041-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH POLARIS SALES INC., FOR PURCHASE OF A POLARIS RANGER 800 ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$18,200.

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

**ORD-0042-2013**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Sewer Capital Improvement, Capacity Charges

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

**ORD-0043-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT AND A CITY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO ADOPT A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GENERAL WARRANTY DEED TO TRANSFER PROPERTY KNOWN AS 977 GAHANNA PARKWAY (LOT 18 OF THE TIZ) TO ADB AIRFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC.

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

**Motion Resolution:**

**MR-0007-2013**

Motion Resolution that Council hereby authorizes payment of the Bureau of Worker's Comp invoice dated 1/29/13 for \$17,888.04; for the time period of 7/01/12 to 12/31/12.

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

**MR-0008-2013**

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the City Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Closed Circuit TV (CCTV), Phase II Project.

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

**MR-0009-2013**

Motion Resolution to authorize Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$50,000 from Account No. 101.433.5596, Golf Capital Projects/Improvements to Account No. 101.440.5596, Gahanna Swimming Pool Capital Projects/Improvements.

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

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, 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 Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley, Larick, Samuel, Angelou, Anderson and Wright**

**End of the Consent Agenda**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**2013-0005**

To consider an amendment to Section 161.03, Imposition of Tax, and 161.18, Credit for Tax Paid to Another Municipality, of Chapter 161, Income Tax, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna, related to increasing the City Income Tax Rate to the residents of the City of Gahanna.

Renner stated the rules for the public hearing which would govern this evening; stated per our own code must hold 3 public hearings regarding a change to the tax credit, this is second of three hearings.

President opened Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. President asked for proponents. There were none. President asked for opponents. There were none. President closed public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

**G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Committee of the Whole - Jolley: No Report.**

**Finance, Service & Safety - Larick:**

Larick stated a discussion was held on shared services which will continue in the next few weeks.

**Development & Parks - Wright: No Report.**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk:**

Clerk noted request from Danise Hall, Senior Services Supervisor, regarding an appointment to the Senior Center Advisory Board; working with Hall regarding this; will be bringing to committee for discussion at a future date.

**Council:**

Anderson noted Council had received a letter from Ohio Health; for 7th year named as one of the 100 best companies to work for; we have an Ohio Health office in Gahanna; that is great for them; kudos to Ohio Health.

**I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.****J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.****K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.****L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:**

Larick stated next meeting is next Tuesday at 6:00 pm in Committee rooms.

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou:**

Angelou stated MORPC met on 2/14; in committee meeting adopted a resolution on "adopting projects to use MORPC Attributable Federal Funding" and discussed monthly progress report; the attributable funding shows previously committed projects has \$3.962 million dollars for the Techcenter Drive project; how that will move will go on in February to ODOT; will get TIP schedule in March and should be adopted in May. at

Commission meeting had our first executive director report from Murdock who just returned from the National Association of Regional Councils meeting in Washington; they did meet with all of the legislators from Ohio when they were there; did pass 2 resolutions; first to "Accept Metro Parks as a non voting member of MORPC"; they are our second non voting member; also to "Authorize Agreement with Ohio Housing Finance Agency for the 2013-2014 hardest hit fund program grant up to \$221,000"; legislative update included an update on HB5; truly kind of a mess right now; hopefully it will be more clarified as we go on; another meeting was called for Friday as a Policy Roundtable; did attend; all of the administrators from suburbs were invited; almost every community was represented because of the interest in the 3 issues to be discussed; however was mostly on HB5; will continue meeting on that; Teal had a meeting today with Mid Ohio Finance Officers regarding HB5; asked Laura Koprowski to come to Committee of the Whole next week to give us a further update on this; one that I find over reaching is we have the state trying to do some thing to charter, home rule, local communities; don't know where this will end up; feel we want to be proactive; no one from the City there but me; know we want to be proactive in working with these other communities to make sure we are going in the right direction; under HB5 would have to repeal our own ordinances and if they don't the State will automatically; is an intrusion on home rule and local government; drastic measure; impacts our financial security; another meeting this Friday of the roundtable; along with HB5, discussion included turnpike bill and state budget; was asked to serve on nominating committee for officers of MORPC.

**Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Renner:**

Renner stated he did attend the Valentine's day meeting, was well attended by a lot of school personnel; noted three big things in the Special Education Report, did not know how well known Sue Wiegung is in the State of Ohio; is known as one of the best providers for special education; great that we have her; there is a capacity of 88 and they are approaching that capacity; also Beth Spieth gave a report on teacher evaluation process; very complicated and won't try to summarize; if you are interested call and get their report; know this is not final process but something similar is coming; and with building reports it is always good to hear about all the successes; Harrell summarized everything else.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley: No Report.****Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel: No Report.****M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor: No Report.****City Attorney:**

Ewald thanked Angelou for update on HB5; legislation has been introduced by Jordan to remove option for February and August special elections; finally, thank Anderson for her support; helped me vet the position for paralegal; person started last week; she has 15 years plus experience; thank Anderson for vetting candidates with me; person hired is a City resident who is active in the community.

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Angelou stated she had given copies of the public policy report for MORPC to each Council member; drive carefully on your way home.

Wright stated he was pleased to attend the opening for the new Huntington Bank; were a few Council people there; good turnout; think it's a great location; lot of good things are coming; attended OML luncheon at the State House; able to interact with other municipalities; good networking; on HB5 still stand where I did; think it is a bad idea; in looking at sponsor it is a former Mayor that has pushed forward to take away power of cities to administer their own rights; last topic is that this is Black History Month; Gahanna should stand tall with our firsts; first in our area to have black country club which is now Friendship Park; hope we can get something together for next year to celebrate that; another first is that 2 people of color are on Council and 1 on School Board; we are very diverse; celebrate that all around; don't see that in a lot of municipalities; when I went to state luncheon was eye opening; there is a long way to go; Gahanna has a lot to be proud of; first black Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown lives here; Debra Payne was on City Council for many years; we have a lot of firsts here; has made it easier for me to get on Council with others blazing the way.

Anderson stated that Brown was the first female African American Supreme Court Justice; Judge Robert Duncan was the first black Supreme Court Justice in Ohio; groups of people at the OML luncheon included the State legislators, lobbyists, Mayors and the like; their event is a wonderful opportunity to network and to hear updates on legislative issues; always a great opportunity to come together; share information from MORPC that they are updating their public involvement plan; an element of the process is this draft of the PIP which is on the MORPC website; have 45 days to comment which ends on April 5; to add to Wright's list I am a former Deputy Secretary of State; was first female African American in that position; glad to be a resident of Gahanna with its diversity and accomplishments; serving as a model for other communities.

Samuel stated he has been talking to several citizens; going out and doing research; hopefully most people are lifelong learners; ask them to look at other people's websites and recent census information; to talk to fellow residents ask why they moved to Gahanna; most people will state great schools, park system, friendly people; take this into consideration when you vote; was at Golf Depot for dinner and found out that the owner has a plan for a large scale summer concert series; stay tuned for that.

Larick stated that CIC General Member Nick Snow is the proud father of Nina Lynn Snow who is approximately 3 weeks old.

Ewald stated that SB35 is what he was referencing earlier and it is sponsored by Kris Jordan and Edna Brown.

## O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 p.m. - Motion by Jolley.

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Donna L. Jernigan, MMC  
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2013.*

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**Chair Signature**