

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2011

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

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

David L. Samuel, President of Council

Brian D. Larick, Vice President of Council

Beryl D. Anderson

Shane Ewald

John R. McAlister

Nancy McGregor

Andre Porter

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 7, 2011, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council David L. Samuel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Vice President Brian Larick followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 317. Agenda for this meeting was published on March 4, 2011.

Members Present: David L. Samuel, Brian Larick, Shane W. Ewald, Nancy R. McGregor, John McAlister, Beryl D. Anderson and Andre Porter

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**C. HEARING OF VISITORS.**

Scott Mounts, School Board Representative said it has been a rather melancholy day for the schools as Superintendent Mark White announced reduction in forces for school employees; we are going through a budget reduction process that seems to change every day; trying to reduce the budget by about \$7 million; \$4.5 million from teaching staff; will reduce our administrative payroll by about \$1.2 million; our administrators took a cut in pay in the form of furlough days as well as salary and step freezes; are looking at about a \$342,000 reduction in our classified staff; some miscellaneous items; if the levy on the May ballot does not pass we would eliminate high school busing as we do not have to offer it to high school students; would continue for elementary and middle school as we are required to; if levy would pass would reinstate high school busing; also if the levy does not pass will initiate pay to participate fees for athletics and some other extra curricular activities; that is what is going on. Thank you.

Nick Hogan, 1040 Venetian Way, said I would like to share a presentation with Council and then have a list of questions that need to be answered; here to discuss protection of public property; have verified with the Finance Department that the City paid 100% of construction costs of the paved brick area and is to receive \$2.00 per foot on all space that was 100% paid for by the developer; am passing out drawing with 4 areas marked on it; when on Council asked if all of this area with paver block is public property; were told it was; what happened to me, I was teaching a class in the convention center and I came outside at break and saw a little girl with her mom and dad eating an ice cream cone in the area marked no. 3; ice cream was dripping so I suggested they move over in the shade at a table and the dad said they were over there and sat down but the owner of the business came out and said this property is exclusively mine to use and you cannot sit here with your ice cream cone unless you purchase something from my business; they were taxpayers of Gahanna who paid for this piece of property but were told they cannot sit there; area no. 2, on numerous occasions has been fenced off; the only way to get into the public area was to go through Buck Mulligan's; then last summer there was a bar there; supposed to be public space; also Mezzo has walled off and fenced in area around the restaurant exclusively for their use; taxpayers of Gahanna paid for this property and it should be open to the public; have picture from your website that lists everything that is supposed to be public; did verify through Finance Department that Gahanna paid 100% of the cost for the paved area. Hogan submitted a list of questions he would like answered, and Mayor Stinchcomb said she would respond to them.

Patrick Moran, 511 Howland Drive, said I am a Star Scout from Troop 317 and currently the patrol leader; we are here to observe your meeting and are working on a merit badge; are from St. Matthews.

C1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by McAlister, seconded by Anderson, to go into Executive Session under the authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of public property through competitive bidding or public auction. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President of Council Samuel, Vice President of Council
Larick, Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, McAlister and Porter

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Samuel asked if additional people were needed in Executive Session and Mayor Stinchcomb said Collins and Mumma.

Council rose from Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. with all members returning to the dais.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Ewald, to add ORD-0059-2011 to Item D., Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President of Council Samuel, Vice President of Council
Larick, Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, McAlister and Porter

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by McAlister.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

ORD-0050-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR THE 2011 CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0051-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WATCON CONSULTING ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS, FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEY WORK FOR THE SOUDER DITCH WATERSHED.

Introduced

ORD-0052-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE SYCAMORE RUN RETENTION BASIN; PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE HAMILTON CENTRAL BASIN.

Introduced

ORD-0053-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT WITH JACK AND SUE WILLIAMS, FOR PROPERTY AT 5061 SHAGBARK ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR THE TRIANGLE WEST SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 740; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$27,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0054-2011

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - PERS

Introduced

ORD-0055-2011

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES SECRETARY; TO ESTABLISH DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0056-2011

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF FINANCE COORDINATOR; TO ESTABLISH DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0057-2011

TO AMEND ORD-0002-2011, WHICH PROVIDED RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2011, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011, TO PROVIDE FOR THE HIRING OF A HUMAN RESOURCES SECRETARY, THE PLACEMENT OF AN INTERNAL EMPLOYEE IN THE NEWLY CREATED POSITION OF FINANCIAL COORDINATOR, AND TO REDUCE THE CLASS ALLOCATION OF THE CLERK OF COURT POSITION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0058-2011

TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE OFFICE & INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANTING APPROVAL FOR MOMENTIVE SPECIALITY CHEMICALS, INC.; TO REPEAL ORD-0102-2007.

Introduced

ORD-0059-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE 110 MILL STREET FROM MILL STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$345,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

E. CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes - To Approve:****2011-0012**

To approve the following set of Minutes:

1) February 22, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved and Filed

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:**ORD-0049-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE SELF-INSURED WORKERS COMPENSATION PROGRAM FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency

Ordinances on Second Reading:**ORD-0041-2011**

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 2011; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Adopted as an Emergency

ORD-0042-2011

TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Adopted as an Emergency**ORD-0043-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO VACATE A PORTION OF RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY ON LOT 29 OF THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

Adopted**ORD-0044-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO PRIVATE SIDETRACK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS & OHIO RIVER RAIL ROAD COMPANY AND THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF GAHANNA OWNED RAILROAD TRACKS

Adopted**ORD-0045-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WOOLPERT, INC., FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN SITE PLANNING FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA PUBLIC SERVICE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT SERVICE CENTER FACILITY.

Adopted**ORD-0046-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WOOLPERT, INC., FOR DESIGN OF A TRUCK WASH FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT THE FUTURE CITY SERVICE COMPLEX SITE.

Adopted**ORD-0047-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF HAMILTON ROAD BETWEEN CLARK STATE ROAD AND JOHNSTOWN ROAD/U.S. ROUTE 62; KNOWN AS HAMILTON ROAD CENTRAL.

Adopted**ORD-0048-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL SECTION 8 FROM THE GALLOWAY RESERVE UNDER THE I-270 BRIDGE AT BIG WALNUT CREEK AND ALONG HAMILTON ROAD TO TECHCENTER DRIVE.

Adopted**Motion Resolution:****MR-0008-2011**

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the D5 stock transfer for Gahanna Classics, Inc., dba Classics, 77-79 Stygler Road & Patio, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

Approved**MR-0009-2011**

Motion Resolution to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Scott W. Davis as trustee of the Community Improvement Corporation to fill a vacant term that will expire December 31, 2012.

Approved**Passed The Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by McAlister, seconded by Ewald, 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 Samuel, Vice President of Council
Larick, Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, McAlister and Porter

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee of the Whole - Larick: No Report.

Finance - Anderson: No Report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Expenditure Study Committee - Porter: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal: No Report.

Council

Larick said he did receive a letter from a ward 3 constituent asking about regulations for fencing; am looking at bringing something to committee next week.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Samuel

Larick said we have a meeting tomorrow night.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Anderson

Anderson said they meet this week.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Porter

Porter said they have a special meeting tomorrow and their regular board meeting on Thursday.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - McGregor

McGregor said they have not had a meeting.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor said that RITA will be here at City Hall on March 14th and 15th to assist any Gahanna resident with their city income tax from 8 to 4 p.m.

City Attorney: No Report.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

McAlister said I was sorry that I could not be there Saturday for the retreat; was out of town at a convention; will get with Samuel or Larick and get overview; would like to congratulate Porter on his appointment to the PUCO; hoping Porter will be able to continue on Council; if not would like to see Council appoint someone to just fill the seat until the term is up, but not someone who wants to run for the seat; do not want to see someone have the advantage of incumbency.

Porter said I wanted to encourage everyone to follow the progress of Senate Bill 5; also continue to encourage testimony like that provided by our Human Resources Director and Finance Director at the General Assembly; received positive feedback regarding the resolutions we passed; we were commended; did not fall on deaf ears.

Ewald said he wanted to thank the Service Department, especially Dottie Franey; had a call from a resident last week about a utility company that had left a project unfinished without putting a barrier around it; spoke with Franey and she called me back in about an hour and the matter was resolved; resident greatly appreciated it. Thanks.

Larick said he was very busy on Saturday; in the morning was at a meeting with Rathburn Woods Community Association with the Mayor and Mumma regarding City finances; good to sit down and have discussion; want to do it again on a larger scale; knowledge and information should be the foundation of any decision; then Saturday afternoon we had our Council retreat.

Anderson said I would like to congratulate Porter on his appointment; look forward to finding out if he can continue to be with us in this challenging year; also thank Boy Scouts for sharing with us; the State of the State Address is tomorrow; also we had a good meeting on Saturday; very insightful; sense of where each of our thoughts are going; what is priority for the city; also Saturday morning the YMCA had a fundraiser; Guy Reece was the speaker.

Samuel said he would like to thank folks who came to the meeting tonight; please come to committee meeting next Monday; had legislation on tonight for a new business approved for incentives to add employees and bring additional funds to the City; was old Borden company; up and coming company; more things coming.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:48; Motion by Anderson.

Donna L. Jernigan, MMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2011.*

David L. Samuel
President of Council