

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 17, 2001

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, President of Council

Michael O'Brien, Vice President of Council

Karen J. Angelou, Council Member

L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member

Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member

Debra A. Payne, Council Member

Donald R. Shepherd, Council Member

Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AE, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 17, 2001 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Rebecca Stinchcomb called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Vice President Mike O'Brien introduced Mark Hendricks, Mifflin Township Firefighter, who gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief of Police Dennis Murphy. A moment of silence was observed for the victims and their families of the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters.

Hendricks stated that in three hours on Friday morning the firefighters collected over \$1,700 for the relief fund and a little over \$800 in just an hour at the Flea Market.

Members Present: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Karen J. Angelou, Michael O'Brien, Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan, Donald R. Shepherd and Thomas R. Kneeland

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

J. R. Thomas, Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, addressed Council on their current function and future plans; take questions if you have anything specific at the end of the presentation; have 7 staff members including myself; recapped current functions which include warning, planning, training and exercise, public education, and disaster recovery; currently working on an exercise for administration in Gahanna; probably will be held right after the first of the year; budget last year was \$412,000; Gahanna's portion was \$12,493 plus \$4,800 for sirens; that helps for maintenance and keeps things running smoothly; want to talk about our strategic plan; getting together elected officials, businesses, members of private industry, schools and others to look at what we are not doing that we should and how to strengthen those areas we are strong in; are coordinating plans with big companies and helping smaller companies in how to be prepared and set up coordinations between, not only internal plans, but how are their plans working in coordination with EMA; do they have location to evacuate to so people are accounted for; looking for ways businesses can communicate; looking at that as one of our major strategic issues; mitigation would be next; have not looked at how to prevent things from occurring; fire and police emphasis has gone from reacting to prevention; we need to be doing that; using our hazard incident inventory and providing it to local communities; may have information on flooding areas; can utilize if you have questions; ask us and we can provide that information to you; will be much more proactive after the first of the year; will be looking at and emphasizing multi community incidents; are not flood plain managers but can coordinate information; have an information data base that we can provide; hope to be able to bring somebody on board in 2003 to look at those issues as well as applying for mitigation grants, etc; cost benefit analysis is something we have recognized as a problem but not had the ability to move forward; with regard to public education, it is very difficult for us to know how well we are getting our message out; don't have a good database; have been authorized to commission a poll; approval and funding are in place; will let us know how well we are communicating; are we going about it in the right way; communicate better with Gahanna to provide information to residents in their homes; emergency responders say they will do the best they can but they can't be everywhere at once; all rely on ourselves until the resources are available; get word out to residents just as we did with Y2K; warning issue is an issue that runs along with the outdoor system; are 3 components; sirens, weather radios, and there is the ability for the media to get the word out; another means that we want to add for subscribers would be an alert system by satellite; we will be offering to subscribers; any severe weather will be noted; we are missing a segment

of the population that may not be around a siren or another means of communications; major project on the horizon is Cortran; working with COTA, City of Columbus Service and Safety Departments, ODOT, and EMA to bring together a joint city and county emergency activity center; transportation side of that also; city and our operations center are duplicating efforts; anything in the county will affect Columbus in some way; bring a number of these resources to bear; that's in the works for the future; also looking to a county wide mapping system for our office; work with Metamap and County Auditor so if we do have an incident we can go to our database and that's an ongoing incident; as we update that and provide to City as quickly as we can; how much damage etc; helps State and FEMA if they need to be brought in; didn't have a good means of putting sirens on map; will be able to make sure the coverage is as good as it can be; that ends presentation; thank you for your time; glad to take any questions; a hard copy of the presentation is available in the Council office.

Kneeland asked with regard to the mapping system, how does this integrate with other counties; some agencies were using something other than Metamap. Thomas stated they were looking at availability of information that is already there; Auditor's office has given us every indication they will be continuing with Metamap; will give us quarterly updates for free; information on residences and utilities and homes and businesses we can't get from elsewhere. Kneeland stated that we are using data that is already available not creating new. Thomas replied that was correct.

Windy McKenna, Gahanna Jefferson School Board, stated they met last Thursday at Middle School West; making an effort to get out into community; also had recognition reception for 2000-2001 retirees; very glad to see them again; Morris reported that over 6,800 students began our school year; elementary students are down slightly but middle school is up a little bit; Eastland numbers have increased; high school is up; with regard to human resources we have the same problem as last year; there is a shortage of school bus drivers. In response to question from Kneeland, White stated that School Board was made aware of the TIDE meeting next week.

Chris Sabato, 1299 Granfield Ct., stated the reason he is here is to request payment for moving of some fence posts; new home owner in Gahanna; we purchased our home in July; applied for a fence permit and one was granted on 7/11; on the 21st I set 32 posts in concrete footers; did myself and did not use contractor; on the 23rd received warning from Zoning Office; called the next day and was informed that City had made mistake and permit was granted in error; worked with Zoning in trying to work this out; was told we could apply for fence variance and that we would be reimbursed to move posts; do have letter that payment would be made; went for variance first and on 8/22 variance was denied; obtained 3 quotes to get the posts moved; again, working on the assumption that payment would be made; this past Tuesday was informed that it was not in their power to grant such payment; did go out and get 3 actual bids to remove the posts; of those bids two of the companies said they would not fill in holes and one said they would ; asking that since the City made an error we be reimbursed to move the posts and if necessary to get those holes filled and put grass seed down. Stinchcomb stated she spoke to Sabato before the meeting; since just receiving this tonight will refer to Development Committee next Monday night; feel free to ask any questions.

O'Brien asked if he knew he had the right to appeal to the BZA. Sabato stated he was informed of that but when told of the cost didn't want to pursue; will comply with code. Angelou stated he was willing to put the fence in according to code. Sabato stated that was correct.

Kneeland asked how could this happen. McGregor stated that our Zoning Inspectors are

not perfect; they do come close but they erred here; erred in protecting the public; we are not the contractor, we are not planners and we are not teachers; each of us, as homeowners, are responsible to know the law and comply with the law; our inspectors inspect plans, not for the individual, but for protection of the public; to make sure plans are in compliance with the laws of the City; an engineer who stamps a plan is responsible for the plan not the engineer who inspects the plan; if we catch everything that is wonderful but that may not always be the case; builders put basement in wrong place on lot but is not our responsibility to lay that lot out for them; she felt horrible about making this mistake and recommended that City pay this; we appreciate her sympathy and understanding; but the taxpayer didn't make the mistake, the homeowner did; don't mean to be impolite or unsympathetic; mistake on City's part in assuring compliance with the code; zoning didn't do the plan or decide where to put the fence; is the builder or homeowners responsibility; that's why we can't support. Kneeland reiterated his original question; during review the data was interpreted; was it a judgment that needed to be assessed on physical inspection. McGregor stated the mistake was that the reviewer looked at plan and didn't realize it was a corner lot and that it was not in compliance; neighbor called and was then realized that this is a corner lot and approved it as if it was a standard lot. Angelou noted that this application is marked that it is a corner lot. McGregor stated it was clearly her mistake and missed that. Angelou stated she would like a little more background information for committee; have some background on how it came about. Payne requested that Gard be in attendance to answer questions. White stated she would have the file with her. Hogan requested that the information be in Friday packet so he would have a chance to review as he is not in that committee. Angelou stated that was a given. O'Brien stated he didn't see a copy of the plot plan; was it submitted with original application. Sabato stated it was. White stated she would see that Council received a copy.

Tony Purpura, 148 Savern Place, stated that he is now and always has been a strong supporter of our military; business last week shows that combat is scary; when we were attacked by Japanese in 1941 the loyalty and patriotism that ran throughout Columbus was hard to believe; people hung red, white, and blue banners; for every member of that family that was in military they displayed a blue star; banners were proudly displayed; our home displayed 2 stars; thankfully both brothers returned; sadly not all the servicemen did; blue stars were turned to gold for those that did not come back; suggesting to Council that we implement this again and issue to men and women to share in the pride of each household; will catch on in surrounding communities; ask the local papers to publish names and military addresses of all Gahanna residents so we can drop them a letter or note or card or package of goodies to know how much we support them; served my 2 years in a time of peace; some of these men and women may not come back.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances, introduced, by title, by Payne.

ORD-0185-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTH HIGH STREET REBUILD, IMPROVEMENT #801; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$62,608; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Regular Agenda

ORD-0194-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR A NEW PARAGON MAIL MACHINE

Introduced**ORD-0195-2001**

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.

Introduced**ORD-0196-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE OLDE GAHANNA SANITARY SEWER STUDY, IMP. # 800; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$19,100; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0197-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GGC ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE PRICE ROAD SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT #802; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$18,995; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0198-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH HOCKADEN & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION ON TAYLOR ROAD AT EASTGATE, IMP. #778; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced**ORD-0199-2001**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Zoning Salary Seasonal

Introduced**ORD-0201-2001**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET FORTH A STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 9.0+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA; REQUESTED BY HARRISON W. SMITH, JR., AGENT FOR PETITIONERS PARK NATIONAL BANK, TRUSTEE, ET AL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Development Committee

E. CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes - To Approve:****2001-0006**

To approve minutes of the following meetings:
1) December 3, 2001 Regular Meeting

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:**ORD-0188-2001**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET FORTH A STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 2.7+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA; REQUESTED BY FRANKLIN E. ECK, JR., AGENT FOR PETITIONERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0189-2001

TO AMEND CHAPTER 150, CABLE ADVISORY BOARD, OF THE CODIFIED

ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0190-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 751.04, CONDITIONS OF SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION, OF CHAPTER 751, CABLE SYSTEM, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0192-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AT FIRST SITE, INC. TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A NEW DYNAMIC WEB APPLICATION NECESSARY FOR THE CITY; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$30,000 THEREFORE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0193-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Police Overtime/LLEBG Grant

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Postponed to Date Certain: October 1, 2001

ORD-0143-2001

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1135, DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0144-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1136.04, CONDITIONAL USES, OF CHAPTER 226, ER-1 ESTATE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0145-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1137.04, CONDITIONAL USES, OF CHAPTER 1137, ER-2 ESTATE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0146-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1139.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1139, SF-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0147-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1141.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1141, SF-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0148-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1143.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1143, SF-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0149-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1145.02, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1145, R-4 RESIDENCE DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0150-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1147.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1147, MR-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0151-2001

TO AMEND SECTIONS 1150.03, DOWNTOWN SINGLE FAMILY 1150.04, DOWNTOWN MULTI-FAMILY OR DOWNTOWN SUBURBAN OFFICE; 1150/05, GENERAL DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL; 1150.06, DOWNTOWN CREEKSIDE OF CHAPTER 1150, OLDE GAHANNA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0152-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1151.03, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1151, PLANNED DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0153-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1153.01, SO SUBURBAN OFFICE AND INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT OF CHAPTER 1153, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0154-2001

TO ENACT CHAPTER 1154, RESTRICTED INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions:**RES-0025-2001**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:**MR-0061-2001**

Motion Resolution to accept parkland in lieu of fees for Rivers Edge development on Olde Ridenour Road.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0062-2001

Motion Resolution pursuant to Section 11.06, Action by Council, of the Gahanna City Charter, to extend the time to act on a recommendation by Planning Commission from the original 90 days allowed; extension to be for an additional 60 days; said 60 days expiring November 16, 2001; action needs to be taken at the November 5, 2001 meeting or a special meeting called prior to November 16; said extension of time applying to code change legislation, ORD-0143-2001 through ORD-0154-2001.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Vice President of Council O'Brien, 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 Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland: No Report.

Development Committee - Payne: No Report.

Service Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Safety Committee - Shepherd: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - O'Brien: No Report.

Finance - Angelou: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:

2001-0051 Notice to Legislative Authority of a New D1 & D2 Liquor Permit for Block Investments, Inc. 1344-92 Cherrybottom Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. (Assign to Safety Committee).
Assigned to Safety Committee

2001-0052 Recommendation from Planning Commission to return fee for DR-0048-2001; fee and application were accepted in error as the location for Gayle Moher's Health Spa & Salon Sign is in Phase 3 of Rocky Point Plaza which has an approved graphics package in place for the center.
Assigned to Development Committee

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0200-2001 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Repeal Annexation Bill

Stinchcomb stated this issue came out of Committee with a recommendation for waiver.

MOTION by O'Brien, seconded by Kneeland, to waive second reading on ORD-0200-2001.

Payne stated Committee had requested additional information; like to have that information before voting on waiver. White stated she had only been able to ascertain that Pickerington had made the commitment to give money; other cities have it under consideration; Hilliard will not give anything to the effort; no one at this time has passed

their legislation; understanding is that Pickerington is doing \$25,000. Kneeland stated he seconded for the benefit of getting discussion going; think it is prudent to postpone and get more information. Stinchcomb stated it had been discussed in Committee last week; there is a time limitation. Kneeland stated he was hesitant because only one community has made this commitment; what value will there be if they don't get enough support. Weber stated he didn't know how many other cities were considering; believe that others will; need to have 6% of signatures from last gubernatorial election; only way to get those signatures is to have it done by professionals; may not be as ideal but only way to meet time frame; if it went back to committee one more time may be too late; there are time constraints. Angelou stated that potentially there are other City Council meetings this week; may enact their donations then; perhaps we could have a special meeting next week to do 2nd reading. Weber stated he believed that would be helpful; will talk to Joyce Bushman at Pickerington. Angelou stated that the Township Association is putting forth a large effort to stop this; penned a letter to Township Trustees to say that their efforts are being overturned; took 8 years to get the bill passed and now being challenged; effort from township side to have this stopped; think we need to consider it; could also change the legislation to a higher amount; suggest a special meeting.

Hogan stated that maybe other communities are looking for leadership; did knock down to \$10,000 from a request for \$25,000; passing it doesn't mean Mayor has to sign it; pass this tonight and gives Mayor time to sit on it at which point we should know what other communities are doing and we are sending the message; is another option. Payne stated that first reading says we are in support; may want to go more if that will be beneficial; opportunity to find out more if we wait one week; did collect signatures at the Flea Market; township residents were glad to hear what the bill provided for; it wasn't against the townships; did have people willing to sign; got quite a few signatures; do think it is worthwhile but. Shepherd stated he could consider Hogan's alternative as well. O'Brien stated he was willing to withdraw his motion. Weber stated he could see a Committee discussion followed by a special meeting for the purpose of 2nd reading of this legislation; this is a bad bill; believe we collectively support the repeal of that law.

Stinchcomb stated she strongly believed we need to defeat this law being put on the books; hesitancy is over the money not the need; we have the responsibility of safeguarding taxpayer dollars; am hearing that majority, if not all of us, want to send a strong signal that we are willing if they are; next Monday will have a special meeting and send that signal; don't want to throw money into a void if it doesn't have support of all communities. Kneeland stated he can support this but want to make sure we know what other cities are doing; also need to let Governor know that he is putting people in a position for development that support this bill from a township perspective and that it is an important thing we have to fight; need to get the Governor's ear and pound it home strongly that some actions he is taking is anti economic development.

ROLL CALL on motion to waive second reading: Voting yes: None. Voting no: O'Brien, Kneeland, Payme, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Angelou, Hogan. Motion fails.

Introduced, to Finance Committee

K. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland: No Report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No Report.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Shepherd: No Report.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien: No Report.**L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor:**

McGregor stated that the Westerville Grill has struck a deal with Bridge House owners; have heard wonderful things about them including great breakfasts; opens at 6:00 a.m. for 3 meals a day; look forward to them coming in about 2 months; will take about 5 to 6 weeks of work to rehab for their operation; probably will call it Creekside Grill or something along those lines.

City Attorney:

Weber stated he is now deeply cognizant of how fragile is life; we, as all Americans, have a fevered sense of how we all occupy the planet at same time; like to see us as human to human have a deeper sense of civility; very abrupt and nasty to each other in our day to day world; this horrible week can be a basis for a change in our attitudes human to human; that's my hope.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Kneeland stated that the events of last week were driven further home with me as I was out of the country in South Africa; occurred during the late afternoon for us; to be out of the country for something of this magnitude and realize not only how that can impact when you are abroad but it drives home the wanting to get back to home soil; feeling I have never had in my life and never want to have again; this is beyond words.

Hogan stated that life does go on; on Friday, Mayor and I met with 200 7th graders at MSE and had a debate; kids were terrific; received so many E-mails but want to pick one that I received which was a letter to the terrorist which states: "You hit the Trade Center but you missed America; you hit the Pentagon but you missed America; tried to hit Washington but you missed America"; at the Flea Market I saw that; everyone was pulling together; put together some badges and printed 800 in advance; gave away 4,700 by the end of the day; everybody wanted to be identified; people from Egypt, Muslims, no matter what your color or your background they wanted people to know they were first and foremost Americans; can come back; we are coming back and we will take care of business.

Angelou stated that we obviously had a tragic event by a fringe element of the world civilization; created devastation; am praying to God and thanking him for the great wonders and strengths of our nation; has only made us stronger; God Bless America.

Shepherd stated he would echo a lot of the same points; can end up being a good thing in that it is drawing us together; we don't understand what the rest of the world goes through and we will now have a better understanding of what is it to be attacked in your homeland; we can address these issues; has been talked about for 15 years; now maybe something will be done.

Payne stated she was glad to see Kneeland home; thought about him; knew he had left the country; can only imagine what it would be like to be that far away from your family; do have a son who is on high alert; will not be deployed; he has told me that when it is your time to go it is your time to go; Becky lost a 28 year old coworker over the weekend; when it is your time, it is your time; comfort I have is knowing who is truly in charge; at least we know who is truly in charge and that gives us confidence.

O'Brien stated that he is heartsick; the tragedy in New York, Washington and central Pennsylvania had to be personal to all of us; all had to feel like a part of us died; but the best part is still alive; have to love each other and think about our everyday actions towards our neighbors; have to stop suing each other and start loving each other; quit fighting and draw closer to that which is dear to us; so proud of our Police Department and Fire Department; appreciate Chief DeConnick having the firefighter lead us in the invocation this evening; those just weren't vain words; let Chief Murphy know we appreciate all of our fine police officers; we pray for our safety forces and our military; appreciate Mr. Purpura's request tonight; was born 1 month after WWII ended; USO had some involvement in those things Purpura mentioned; Gahanna is a community who have put it on the line; perhaps someone can find out if we can contact USO and see where we can find out where we can get these banners; now is the time to put them back up; God Bless America.

Angelou stated that General Williams and Colonel Hall have been fine leaders for us recently; can only imagine their leadership in the military; they are truly exemplary examples of our military.

Stinchcomb stated she did not know what to add; what Weber said is so true; everyone felt so helpless; was hard to know what to do; some gave blood; some have given money in amazing amounts; there is still a helplessness; we care about each other; right here at home we have a diverse community; it is a blessing; is one of the reasons I moved here; wanted my children to experience the variety of cultures that Gahanna represented; problem is what we have can evaporate but hope we can live in peace here at home; lots of little things I see this week when I commute downtown; people aren't cutting you off as quickly; there is a whole new civility; hope it is not short term.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 p.m. - Motion by O'Brien.

End of Agenda

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

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

Chair Signature