



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Brian D. Larick, President*  
*Nancy R. McGregor, Vice President*  
*Karen J. Angelou*  
*Merisa Bowers*  
*Jamie Leeseberg*  
*Stephen A. Renner*  
*Michael Schnetzer*

*April Beggerow, MPA, CMC, Clerk of Council*  
*Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.*

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Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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#### **Meeting Call-in Details:**

**513-306-4583,**

**Conference ID: 147 497 637#**

**Hearing of visitors - email your request not less than 1 hour before the meeting starts to:  
[april.beggerow@gahanna.gov](mailto:april.beggerow@gahanna.gov)**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Gahanna City Council met in virtual session on Tuesday, January 19 2021, via Microsoft TEAMS. President of Council Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Joel King, Jr. delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on January 15, 2021.

**Present** 7 - Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, and Merisa Bowers

#### **B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

#### **C. HEARING OF VISITORS.**

Brenda Hoffman, 279 Highmeadow Drive: Mrs. Hoffman said that she shared a letter of position that she feels is full of false statements. She wants her side of the story available to all residents. She said that the document included the refusal of a Code Enforcement officer to take a report. This department has been purposefully understaffed. How is the city to move forward when the tool to combat urban blight hasn't been cared for? We've never operated a true code enforcement which has led to problems. There has been a lack of consistent information at every level of permitting and code enforcement. There is a lot of missing information in the letter to the Federal Highway Administration. She has

requested information and had not received it and questions that were asked were not answered. She pointed out sidewalks that are roller coasters off of Hamilton Road and asked Mr. Moorehead to weigh in on who will take responsibilities for sidewalks that are poured wrong. She said that even the newest code is not ADA compliant. She has been shut down by previous staff members on numerous occasions. She sees no mention of the names of the people that have complained in the letter to the FHWA and she feels its shameful.

She asked if there will be any follow up from Council members

Mr. Larick said that was up to the discretion of the Council members themselves.

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

[ORD-120-2020](#)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO: Amending Chapter 1133 - Zoning or Rezoning.

Mr. Blackford said that there were some clarification to the legislation that is attached. He explained that the fee schedule was updated to include the charges being passed to the applicants for the city's placement of the signage.

Mr. Larick opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Hoffman who is in favor of the legislation with a question asked if there was a provision for if an area has more than 40 or 50 adjacent home owners that a letter would be written that the sign would go up and what do you do when a property owner is from out of state.

Mr. Blackford replied that the advertising is handled by the Council office. The 50 resident rule is for all Planning Commission applications.

Mrs. Angelou asked if there was anything in the changes that would lead to a potential law suit.

Mr. Mularski said that anything could have a potential law suit but what it is being changed to is what is common in other jurisdictions and he isn't aware of any issue.

Mr. Leeseberg said that typically, the adjacent property owners are notified which is a responsibility of the applicant to turn in mailing labels. But 2 and 3 lots over that may be out of state would not be notified.

Mr. Blackford said that when properties with over 40 or 50 contiguous

property owners would not be notified, but there are printed and online notices.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. Minutes - To Approve:**

[2021-0011](#) Meeting Minutes for Approval

Minutes approved on the consent agenda.

**End of/Pass the consent agenda**

**A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Leeseberg, to Pass the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

**F. RESOLUTIONS**

[RES-0001-2021](#) RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY AND RECOGNITION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE JANUARY 18, 2021.

Mr. Larick presented the Resolution drafted by Ms. Bowers and read it into the record.

**A motion was made by Bowers, seconded by Renner, that the Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

**G. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING / ADOPTION:**

[ORD-120-2020](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO: Amending Chapter 1133 - Zoning or Rezoning.

Motion to amend by substitution to reflect the revised language by Bowers, Second by Schnetzer.

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Renner, that the Ordinance be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

**H.. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk**

None

## **Council**

Mr. Larick said that there were several email correspondences from Carroll and Brenda Hoffman.

### **I. REPRESENTATIVES:**

#### **Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg**

Mr. Leeseberg CIC met this morning and will meet again 3rd Tuesday in February.

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

Mrs. Angelou stated that MORPC will be meeting in February.

#### **Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg**

Mr. Leeseberg shared that there is no CVB report for this week.

#### **School Board (SB) - Schnetzer**

Mr. Schnetzer said there was no business.

### **J. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

#### **Mayor**

##### [2021-0013](#)

Mayor's Report/MLK Proclamation, January 19, 2021

Mayor Jadwin shared her Mayor's report which is attached to the minutes. She also presented her Proclamation for MLK Day. She added that she had hoped that this year there would be a Day of Service but the COVID emergency is still in place so hopefully next year. She shared that she was proud of the community for supporting each other and spoke of the Cafe Creekside story that was on the various news outlets. She encouraged residents to do carry out or delivery and continue to support the businesses in the community.

#### **City Attorney**

No report.

**K. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mrs. Angelou said that the prayer from Rev. King was wonderful and that she hopes people can get the vaccine so everyone can get out and do things they way they want to.

Ms. Bowers thanked Rev. King and Mrs. McGregor for inviting him. She wanted to recognize that there have been over 400,000 lost to COVID 19 and she wanted to take a moment to mourn their losses. She said that her constituent report is attached for December. There were some comments from residents and she thanks them for their input. She thanked Mr. Blackford for responding quickly to resident questions.

Mr. Leeseberg said he is looking forward to getting back to normal.

Mr. Renner said thank you to Rev. King for his prayer and thanks to Ms. Bowers for her resolution. He was going to ask for a moment of silence for the victims of the capitol on Jan 6. He said he cautions everyone as to what normalcy might be. Mask wearing may be a thing even after vaccination.

Mr. Schnetzer thanked Ms. Bowers for the drum major instinct in her Resolution. It was a great sermon with many great lessons. He recommended anyone to read the message.

Mrs. McGregor thanked Rev. King for the invocation. She thanked the PD for the procession for Noah Long. He died tragically in his home and his parents put together a procession through Gahanna. It was moving and there were people lining up all over and showing respect.

Mr. Larick said he was ecstatic that the library redevelopment is coming to fruition and he was happy that the house next door was being incorporated. He said he was in discussions with the Clerk to arrange a return to chambers. He spend two and a half hours in the community looking at concerns and he thanked people for their time in discussing issues of concern.

[2021-0015](#)

Bowers Constituent Report 1/19/2021

**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer to enter into executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Council returned from Executive session for the purpose of adjournment at 8:27 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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**April Beggerow, MPA, CMC  
Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2021.*

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**Brian D. Larick**