

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 1999

8:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

*L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb
Karen J. Angelou
Robert W. Kelley, ex officio*

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Mayor McGregor, Bob Kelley, Terry Jordan, Jerry Isler, Raleigh Mitchell; Press; Visitor
- Marlene Eader.

NEW LEGISLATION

Members Present: L. Nicholas Hogan, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Karen J. Angelou

990040

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980509, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DENNIS MURPHY IN HIS POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor said he wants to give the Chief the same vacation as in F.O.P. contract. (Mayor showed grid.) Also discussed putting the 40 hours overtime back in; certainly puts in the hours. Mayor is to get language to Council office to put the 40 hours overtime back in.

(Clerks Note: Legislation has not been on agenda for first reading, so substitute ordinance is not needed.)

Recommended for Introduction to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

ISSUES**980526**

MOTION RESOLUTION TO REFER TO PLANNING COMMISSION A REVIEW OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1171, FENCES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Hogan said the committee will review the changes submitted by Kelley. Angelou said she thinks we need to require pools to have covers. Stinchcomb said she agrees that pools that are commercial or public in nature should be covered.

Marlene Eader, Foxboro Pool Association, said they purchased a cover for the Foxboro pool and it cost them \$4,000; big chunk of their budget. Angelou asked how long they last? Eader said they were told approximately 8 years; does keep out cats and frogs; keeps cleaner; looks like a trampoline. Kelley said that was one of his fears with covers; looks like a trampoline; attract kids; could it support 5 or 6 kids. Discussed need to keep water in the pools. Angelou said basically our code, as it exists, is the same as other local communities; do not feel ours is inadequate; just raising the standard.

Discussed posting pool safety rules and giving them to all residents; no lifeguard on duty; swim at your own risk; especially at apartment complexes; pool safety information given to all new residents.

Hogan referenced the CABO code; every pool should have a hook, a floating device; safety equipment. Discussed solar covers useful for keeping the water clean; not to keep someone out. Stinchcomb said you almost have to separate commercial and private pools from residential; commercial include apartment; private pools in residential single family; commercial pools, apartment complexes multi family complexes; the other group would be civic pools such as Hunters Ridge, Foxboro and Gahanna Swim Club; most is with the second group; that is where there is neglect. Council members agreed.

Hogan said we just want to make pools as safe as possible; not trying to make expensive. It was agreed to obtain information from other local cities about their pool regulations.

Jordan was asked to get information form the Columbus Apartment Association and the Board of Health.

Held in Committee

990050

MOTION THAT GAHANNA CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FROM LPL TRIO INC., DBA WANNABES LOUNGE, 258 GRANVILLE STREET & PATIO TO DK GAHANNA, INC., 258 GRANVILLE STREET & PATIO, FOR A D-1, D-2, AND D-3 PERMIT; AND DOES NOT REQUEST A HEARING.

Memo was received from Chief Murphy stating the Department had no objections.

Recommended for Introduction to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Laser Pointer Legislation

Legislation is to be drafted from sample legislation received and come back to Committee of the Whole in 4 weeks.

Canine Patrol

There was discussion of a Police dog; have opportunity to get a two year old who is ready to go. Hogan asked how many times in the last five years the department has needed a dog? It was felt by those present that it was only several times. Kelley said he has concern about starting the program because of an incident in Upper Arlington where the canine handler sued the City for overtime pay for all of the hours he had the dog with him, whether on duty or not. It was stated it would be a good program to have at the high school and also to police areas like Stoneridge. Angelou questioned insurance issues; possibility of bites. Mayor is to get answers to these questions and come back to Committee in 4 weeks.

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC, Deputy Clerk of Council