

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 9, 2001

7:45 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

*L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman
Michael O'Brien
Donald R. Shepherd
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, ex officio
Karl Wetherholt, ex officio
Roland P. Hall, ex officio*

Members Present: Michael O'Brien, L. Nicholas Hogan and Donald R. Shepherd

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Press, Chief Murphy, Col. Hall, Jerry Isler, Donna Jernigan, Karl Wetherholt, Mayor, Tracie Davies

PENDING LEGISLATION

ORD-0076-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2001 STREET REPAIR PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 764; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0079-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE LANSDOWNE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, IMPROVEMENT NO. 760; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0085-2001

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF SECRETARY TO CITY ENGINEER; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$7,500 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0086-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2001 STREET REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT NO. 764; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0087-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NICK SAVKO FOR THE LANSDOWNE AVENUE REBUILD, IMPROVEMENT NO 760; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:

Purchase of Police Cruisers

Col. Hall stated that they did not receive any bids by opening the competition; need Council's approval to purchase the four cruisers off the State bid list from Planet Ford; cost of four cruisers is \$84,065; no supplemental required; need to place the order with Ford by May 14, 2001 to take advantage of current bid list. Stinchcomb asked if we advertised the bid only in the Gahanna paper; we don't have any car dealers in Gahanna. Davies stated that they will call certain people if we know they are interested. Stinchcomb stated that we don't have to advertise all the time in the Columbus Dispatch; disappointed that we are paying full retail for these cars. Davies mentioned that there were fleet managers coming to pick up bid packages, but none were

returned. Stinchcomb stated she felt that we need to broaden our base for big ticket items; let people know; may get more competitive bids.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading, Consent, Emergency, Does not need to come back to Committee

Supplemental Appropriations (2) - Sewer Backup Account; Sewer Line Repair

Col. Hall stated that the sewer line repair account is practically exhausted; sewer lines are getting older and lines are sagging and breaking; as problems are discovered it becomes necessary to contract with camera firms to find the source of the problems; asking for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000; Hogan asked Wetherholt if this is going to be a long term project; if we have old lines breaking, is this crucial; do we have any idea or projection of the infrastructure and how it is holding up; are we looking at huge amounts of money down the road. Wetherholt answered that just a few areas need repair; for the most part sanitary sewer has a long life; some grease build ups coupled with roots in sewers that are causing problems; you would have to run the camera through the whole system. Hogan stated that he was just thinking about a plan for the future; does not want something to come up later saying we need to rebuild the sewers; need advance warning. Wetherholt stated that they are working on inventory. O'Brien stated that some time ago George Jackson had brought up the sewers in Olde Gahanna. Col. stated that \$200,000 was budgeted for Creekside sewers; that would probably only cover the survey; if we have to replace it would take millions. O'Brien stated that we have a responsibility; if sewers are in bad shape we need to know and we need to have a plan; if they are that bad, we need a long range plan to replace those. Col stated that we have to police them; get crews to start checking them; are currently starting a system to check a third of Gahanna every year. Hogan asked if you go in and start to repair are they going to crumble. Wetherholt stated that plan for Creekside would require extensive sewer relocations; the engineering and actual construction is very expensive due to an existing neighborhood being there; very tedious work around objects in Olde Gahanna. O'Brien stated that we need to develop a policy; we need to know in advance what kind of repair we may have to do.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading; Consent; Does not need to come back to Committee

ISSUES - From Chief of Police:

S.T.O.P. - Stop Teenage Opportunity to Purchase

Chief stated that some of his officers have been working overtime for this project; he has applied for a grant to reimburse the overtime account.

RECOMMENDATION: When grant comes through bring back to committee.

ISSUES - From City Engineer:

ODOT Legislation - West Gahanna Entry

Wetherholt stated that the local match will be \$408,340 and needs to be deposited by April 18th; ODOT wants the check and all legislation on the 18th; gives us the 17th to get signatures on Ordinance and gives the morning of the 18th for Isler to cut the check and get it down to ODOT; ODOT does estimate pretty high; there is no appeal to them; you basically pay what they say; running consistently 20% over on estimates the past 2 quarters; really won't be as high; need to get the check ready to go; recommending that

we go ahead; have to have a supplemental to do that; we have appropriated \$250,000; need to supplementally appropriate \$158,340 more to get the portion of that ODOT project going. Stinchcomb mentioned that she would already be here on the 17th to sign the ordinance. Will be two pieces of legislation; an Ordinance to appropriate the balance of the funds and one approving the contract with ODOT.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Regular Agenda

Wheelchair Ramps

Wetherholt stated that he has been doing some research with ADA requirements; 1st step is a self evaluation; many other municipalities are doing this; they are hiring consultants to do that; Upper Arlington has a contract for a five year period that is about \$700,000; my feeling is that we can do the self evaluation using college student interns instead of expensive consultants; we have the standards that Columbus has developed; the reason why ADA requires the self evaluation is in case a group would try to challenge something; we will probably need 2 summer help interns; will come back with a number; going to be in the process of looking for people.

RECOMMENDATION: Use college interns; Come back to Committee with figures.

ISSUES

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Monitor Items:

- 1) Morse 62 Interim Improvement
- 2) Dunbarton Road Sewer

Hogan shared an incident where a doctor was talking to his buddy on a cell phone and asked where he was on the road; his buddy was on Havens Corners and stopped to let the traffic out of Helmbright where this doctor was sitting. Shepherd agreed that for the people who live over there, it is a problem. Wetherholt stated that the warrants are extremely objective; have already taken traffic counts; we are trying to get the ODOT camera truck rescheduled; if it still does not meet the warrants and you want to pass legislation for a signal, you would just have to select a contractor; you don't need me. Stinchcomb stated that she still wants it to be designed. Hogan stated that we want Engineering to talk to the County and tell them that something needs to be done; whether it's flashing red for one hour a day or part-time signal. Wetherholt stated that it may be something that doesn't meet the standards. Stinchcomb asked when are the traffic counts done; what parameters and what times; need specifics of count; get the truck out there; discuss with County and Wetherholt what solutions would be possible; maybe a part time signal or for big events; flashes the rest of time; this is a safety concern when you try to make a left hand turn out of development; need the opportunity to get out of there safely, not just to throw up a light; don't believe that it's not needed. Wetherholt stated that the County warrant analysis has not met the warrants. Shepherd stated that this has been a problem; people are finding alternatives areas to drive, so they are overloading other areas; they would go out that way if they knew they were being counted; need to tell the people in the area to go to that intersection when counts are being done. Wetherholt stated that would be creating the warrants based on a feeling; you don't have any data to support that; you can pass the legislation without the warrants. Shepherd asked that if the warrants are not there and we go ahead and put up a light, would we be liable if something happens. Wetherholt stated that we would. Stinchcomb asked when will we have traffic counts. Wetherholt stated he would have them for the next meeting. Stinchcomb asked how the counts were done. Wetherholt answered that they are done by electrical plates that sense the cars; ODOT's camera truck will be there only for the morning rush; manned by actual people. Stinchcomb stated that they will need to start early. Wetherholt stated that the warrants are nationwide; it's a book that all states and

counties use; you put in the different numbers to come up with the warrant; it would be the same as the County would use.

RECOMMENDATION: Regular item for discussion in committee in 2 weeks.

Stacey Bashore, Recording