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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamarilarasan
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Council President Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - May 2024 Report**
Date: June 14, 2024

General Update - Events and Actions of May 2024:

- Attended Columbus Metropolitan Club forum on Sustainable business opportunities and environmental economics on May 1.
- Attended Ohio State Bar Foundation Symposium on Trauma Informed Lawyering at the Ohio Statehouse on May 2.
- Welcomed and networked with regional supply chain and logistics leaders at the [CSCMP Columbus Roundtable Annual Conference](#) at The Peak at Edison on Friday, May 3.
- Continued to meet with to learn from neighboring communities and Ohio Environmental Council policy experts on [municipal aggregation and sustainability initiatives](#).
- Prepared for and attended meeting with Senior Administrative staff on the GMP Contract #2 for 825 Tech Center Drive on May 10.
- Developed agenda, prepared for and attended meeting with Mayor, City Attorney, and senior leaders on May 13.
- **Celebrated the Municipal Complex construction groundbreaking** at 825 Tech Center Drive with City staff, community partners, and construction and design team on May 15.
- Volunteered at the **Lincoln Elementary Carnival** and for planting perennials with the Rathburn Woods Civic Association May 18-19.
- Celebrated Tracey Girard, Gahanna resident and owner of Collective Home Supply, in [recognition of Small Business Month](#) in Gahanna on May 20.
- Authorized contract for [School Resource Officers for 2024-25 SY](#) on May 20.
- Worked with Council Clerk VanMeter on **notice for Council appointments to the Public Arts Advisory Committee. (Applications accepted through June 21!)**
- Attended the **Gahanna Veterans Memorial Committee Memorial Day commemoration** on Monday, May 27.



*From top:
Wreath placed in memory of military servicemembers at the Gahanna Veterans Memorial Day commemoration. Council presenting Small Business Month Resolution to Tracy Girard of Collective Home supply.*

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- Discussed placement of **publicly accessible AED units** and researched policy and case studies.
- Continued to research and collect information on **short term rental economics and policy; expanded legalized cannabis policy and local regulation; position audit and council clerk and deputy clerk salary review.**

Constituent Hours

Constituent Hour was held Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the [Gahanna Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library](#).

Residents are encouraged to **attend the [City's Active Transportation Plan Open House](#) on Tuesday, June 25 from 5-7pm at City Hall.**

Join the  **[Gahanna Pride Community Event](#)**  **on Wednesday, June 26 from 6:30-10pm at Hannah Park!**

****NOTE that Councilwoman Bowers is utilizing a new email communication system. This new email system aligns with the City's new CivicEngage platform. **You can join various Gahanna CivicEngage newsletter lists by creating a ["Notify Me" Sign In](#) account and selecting the desired newsletter lists.***

To schedule a meeting, coffee, or call, please email merisa.bowers@gahanna.gov or call 614-342-0040.

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

1. Mother's Day Resolution
Received emails regarding Mother's Day Resolution.
2. Pedestrian access
Email from constituent regarding gap in connectivity from Pinnacle Point neighborhood; reviewed response from Council Clerk; responded to resident.
3. 100% Renewable Energy and Sustainability Efforts
Received emails from residents in support of aggregation sourced with 100% renewable energy.
4. ALS Awareness Month
Resident emailed to raise awareness of ALS and provided sample ALS Awareness Month Resolution; due to timing of email, Resolution was not pursued for May 2024 but will be slated for consideration for May 2025.
5. February 19, 2024 Council Comments
Received email from resident regarding Council Comment from Feb. 19, 2024; responded to resident.

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6. Publicly Accessible AEDs in Gahanna Parks
Received correspondence from residents regarding accessibility of AEDs in Gahanna public parks; responded and elevated discussion to administration; further research and assessments underway.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Merisa K. Bowers
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