



City of Gahanna
Meeting Minutes
City Council - Special

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Trenton I. Weaver, President
Jamille Jones, Vice President
Merisa K. Bowers
Nancy R. McGregor
Kaylee Padova
Stephen A. Renner
Michael Schnetzer

Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

City Hall, Finance Conference Room

A. CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Gahanna City Council met in Special Session on Monday, May 11, 2026, in Council Chambers. President of Council Trenton I. Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was published on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Present 7 - Jamille Jones, Nancy R. McGregor, Merisa K. Bowers, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Kaylee Padova, and Trenton I. Weaver

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Renner, to enter Executive Session under authority of Section 5.05(G) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

1. The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715, 725, 1724 or 1728 or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code.

2. A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

During discussion on the motion for Executive Session, Councilmember Bowers sought confirmation from the administration regarding the reason for the closed session. Assistant City Attorney Matt Roth stated that he would reserve comment for Executive Session. Director of Economic Development Jeff Gottke explained that the reason for the Executive Session fell under a new section of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) regarding confidentiality of applications for economic development incentives, which became effective March 20, 2026. Mayor Jadwin confirmed that the reason fell within the need stated on the agenda. Councilmember McGregor stated that, if this situation had occurred prior to March 20, 2026, the Executive Session might not have been necessary. The administration confirmed that statement. Councilmember Bowers requested confirmation of compliance with existing Council rules. Mayor Jadwin deferred to Assistant City Attorney Roth and stated that the reason identified on the agenda under Council Rules also aligned with newly enacted ORC Section 9.66(D).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Jones, McGregor, Bowers, Renner, Schnetzer, Padova and Weaver

Council entered Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. with no further action.

C. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Council, President Weaver adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council - Special, this
18th day of *May* 2026.

Trenton I. Weaver