

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 3, 2008**

**Council May Meet in Caucus beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Nancy R. McGregor, President*

*Thomas C. Evers, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Shane Ewald*

*Thomas R. Kneeland*

*John R. McAlister*

*David L. Samuel*

*Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council*

**A. CALL TO ORDER - Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:**

*Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 3, 2008, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Nancy R. McGregor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Vice President Evers delivered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on October 31, 2008.*

**Members Absent:** John McAlister

**Members Present:** Nancy R. McGregor, Thomas C. Evers, Thomas R. Kneeland, Shane W. Ewald, Beryl D. Anderson and David L. Samuel

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

*MOTION by Evers, seconded by Samuel, to move ORD-0246-2009 from Consent Agenda, Ordinances on Second Reading, to Consent Agenda, Postpone to Date Certain of November 17, 2008. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Evers, Samuel, McGregor, Anderson, Ewald, Kneeland. Motion carried.*

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

*Jeff Carson, Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education, stated he wished to discuss two issues; first is book in front of you; is the Eastland Fairfield course catalog for this year; have the dual credit program which is an opportunity for students to earn high school academic credits as well as college credits through agreements with Hocking College, Ohio University Lancaster and Shawnee State University; students graduate from high school with a college transcript and credits that can transfer to many other colleges; lobbying hard to get us two to three additional satellite programs in the new building; hopefully to bring dual credit; already have the articulation agreements in place; am excited about that; secondly, the new building; started out with 13 firms for the architect; have it down to 3; very impressive; Friday will do site visits; hopefully have a recommendation to the board for the November board meeting; committee will be out Friday and check out at a couple of sites; was impressed by the firms.*

*Lynne Vermillion, 647 Ridenour Road, stated she wished to speak briefly on the off leash issue; statement was made if you don't do, dog people will be upset; by moving to Pizzurro promises were made on July 24, 2007, and again on August 30, 2007; we discussed with Council in August and September last year; Gahanna is lucky enough to have 700+ acres of park land; at every other park dog must be on a leash; Pizzurro has become the destination dog park; people don't drive there for the playground; if they use the playground they are there for another reason; since it is being used more it is driving off the undesirables; if you make this a leashed area how do you enforce; by saying dogs have to be on leash you must have a way to enforce; last time you were worried about liability; posted off-leash has no more liability than a posted on-leash; expressed concern about children; only children are usually brought by parents who are using the dog park; playground should be fenced off; will also keep the kids from running out in the street; speed of cars is also lower at this park; those are points wanted to bring up.*

**D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:****Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:**

*Ordinances introduced, by title, by Evers.*

**ORD-0248-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH BROAD & JAMES TOWING TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR 2009.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0249-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MID-OHIO AUTO RECOVERY SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR 2009.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0250-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ROCKWOOD CLEANERS FOR DRY CLEANING SERVICE FOR POLICE UNIFORMS FOR 2009.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0251-2008**

TO ACCEPT STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT #ST932 AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, FOR WHIT'S FROZEN CUSTARD, 121 SOUTH STYGLER ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0252-2008**

TO ACCEPT SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT #SA930 AND WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT #ST931 AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, FOR MORSE ROAD MEDICAL OFFICE, 5175 MORSE ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0253-2008**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT IN THE AREA OF 5175 MORSE ROAD, FOR A 0.369 ACRE UTILITY EASEMENT FROM PIZZUTI/STONYBROOK MEDICAL CENTER LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0254-2008**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT IN THE AREA OF 5175 MORSE ROAD, FOR A 0.188 ACRE UTILITY EASEMENT FROM PIERCE PARTNERS LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0255-2008**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT IN THE AREA OF 5175 MORSE ROAD, FOR A 0.085 ACRE UTILITY EASEMENT FROM REX MICHAEL AND JOSETTE PIERCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0256-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF SERVICES WITH W.E. STILSON CONSULTING GROUP, TO COVER INSPECTION OF THE ADDITIONAL PAVING WORK ON US 62 AND MATERIAL TESTING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0257-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BILL WALKER FOR CLEANING OF THE GAHANNA GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2010.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0258-2008**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Gahanna Swim Club Accounts

**Introduced**

**ORD-0259-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN FEDERAL STATUS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR MILITARY SALARY AND THE BASE SALARY THEY RECEIVE AS A CITY OF GAHANNA EMPLOYEE.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0260-2008** SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Human Resources, Safety Supplies

**Introduced**

**ORD-0261-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MOUNT CARMEL CORPORATE HEALTH & WELLNESS TO PROVIDE INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND COACHING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR THE GAHANNA HEALTHY MERITS PLAN.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

**ORD-0262-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND CHARLES W. HENDERSON FOR GAHANNA ANIMAL CONTROL FOR 2009, 2010 AND 2011.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

**ORD-0263-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN FOR DESIGN MODIFICATIONS OF LINCOLN CIRCLE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

**ORD-0264-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A 0.548 ACRE PARCEL OF CITY OWNED LAND ON LANDRUM COURT IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

**ORD-0265-2008** TO AMEND THE ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 148, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; TO INCLUDE REVISIONS TO THE BUILDING FEES

**Introduced**

**ORD-0266-2008** TO AMEND CODE SECTION 148.13, FEES; EXEMPTIONS, OF CHAPTER 148, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

## **E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **Minutes - To Approve:**

**2008-0001** 1) November 3, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

**This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Ordinances on Second Reading:**

**ORD-0208-2008** TO ADOPT THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL CONCEPT PLAN, DATED JULY, 2008, BY FLOYD BROWNE GROUP, FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0212-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED CONTRACT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR SCOPE CHANGES FOR TECHCENTER DRIVE WEST, IMP. NO. ST762; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0214-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0215-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GOLDEN TOUCH CAR AND VAN WASH, INC., FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS STARTING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, FOR WASHING AND CLEANING OF OFFICIAL CITY VEHICLES

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0216-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0220-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLASS ACTS COLUMBUS, INC., TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 2009 GAHANNA FREEDOM FESTIVAL.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0223-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HAMBURG FIREWORKS DISPLAY, INC., FOR FIREWORKS FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA 2009 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0224-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH URS CORPORATION FOR MCKENNA CREEK STORMWATER STUDY PHASE II; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$19,700.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0225-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FUN DAY EVENTS, LLC, FOR INFLATABLE GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FOOD AND LABOR FOR THE CITY'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL FOR 2009

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0229-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Lands & Buildings Capital Projects/Improvements

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0230-2008**

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 921.11, SEWER RENTAL RATES, OF CHAPTER 921, SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS AND RENTAL RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

- ORD-0231-2008** TO ACCEPT EASEMENT FOR 2.731 ACRES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 258 JAMES ROAD FROM GEORGE W. WEBER, JR.  
**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0232-2008** TO ACCEPT WARRANTY DEED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 148 PARKLAND DRIVE; PURCHASED FROM THE JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL  
**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0233-2008** TO AMEND CODE SECTION 927.17, CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND ERU ASSIGNMENT AND RATE, OF CHAPTER 927, STORM SEWERS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.  
**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0236-2008** TO AMEND CODE SECTION 941.15 PICKUP AND DISPOSAL FEES, OF CHAPTER 941, GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION.  
**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0237-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH B&C COMMUNICATIONS, FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE; AND TO WAIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0238-2008** TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Sewer Fund  
**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0239-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH XYBIX SYSTEMS INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3 DISPATCHER WORKSTATIONS AND ALL REQUIRED COMPONENTS; AND TO WAIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0240-2008** SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Information Technology Capital Equipment  
**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0241-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SOUND COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF A DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM AS PART OF THE UPGRADE TO AN 800MHZ RADIO PLATFORM; AND TO WAIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0242-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC CO., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL POWER IN THE POLICE DIVISION BASEMENT UTILITY ROOM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**
- ORD-0243-2008** TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA INC., FOR PURCHASE OF THREE MCC-550 OPERATOR POSITION

DISPATCH CONSOLES UNDER OHIO TERM SCHEDULE 573077-0-1; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$156,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0244-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO USE AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF OHIO'S OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (MARCS) PROGRAM OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING RADIO AIR TIME, INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE, PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE AND CONTINUOUS CUSTOMER SUPPORT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0245-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Police, Major Capital Equipment

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0247-2008**

TO ACCEPT AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000 FROM THE 2007 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT AND ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING MOTOROLA 800 MHZ INTEROPERABLE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ordinance - To Amend by Substitution and Adopt:**

**ORD-0235-2008**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 929, WATER CONNECTIONS AND RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, TO AMEND SECTION 929.08, METER SERVICE FEE; SECTION 929.12, WATER RATES; AND SECTION 929.17, SPECIAL CHARGES.

**This Matter was Amended by Substitution and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Postponed to Date Certain: December 1, 2008:**

**ORD-0172-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR LINCOLN CIRCLE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain to the Finance Committee on the Consent Agenda.**

**Postponed to Date Certain: November 17, 2008:**

**ORD-0246-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CDW-G FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATORS FOR THE MARKED POLICE FLEET; TO WAIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES THEREFOR; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain to the Committee of the Whole on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Kneeland, seconded by Anderson, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes        6     President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson and Samuel

Absent     1     McAlister

### End of the Consent Agenda

#### F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

#### G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Development & Parks Committee - Ewald: No Report.

Public Service & Safety Committee - McAlister: No Report

Committee of the Whole - Evers: No Report

Finance - Kneeland: No Report

#### H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:

CC-0006-2008

To consider the enactment of Chapter 1173 - Residential Portable Temporary Storage Units and Construction Waste Receptacles - of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna.

*Clerk noted Public Hearing would be held on December 1, 2008. In response to question from Kneeland, Clerk indicated this would receive first reading on December 1 and could be voted December 15.*

**Scheduled for Public Hearing**

**Council: None.**

#### I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

**Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:**

ORD-0218-2008

AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN EXTENSION OF WAIVER TO SECTION 563.19, PETS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO ALLOW PIZZURRO PARK TO BE USED FOR A POOCH PLAYGROUND.

*Ewald asked Euton to explain the extension of the waiver. Euton stated this was for the area outside of the currently fenced area for dogs; includes the entire park; the waiver was granted for a one-year time frame last year as the dog park was being developed down there; wanted the ability for the entire park to be off-leash; there was no planned program use at that time; did off-leash for the whole park for 1 year to see how it would work; to my knowledge it worked fine; if we wish to renew needed to bring it back to you; with new playground and park becoming busier it is appropriate to review; future use could be an issue also as we develop the trails. Ewald asked if there had been any incidents or problems. Euton replied not to his knowledge.*

*Kneeland asked how large the fenced area was for the dogs. Euton replied it is probably 1-1/2 acres currently; could extend fencing to about double so it will be about 3 acres; this particular waiver would extend for anywhere on the park facility to be unleashed.*

*Samuel asked if the waiver was for one year; is that correct? Euton replied that was correct.*

*McGregor stated she drove down and saw playground being built; if that wasn't being improved would be inclined to vote for this; we're looking for a puppy; have been reading up and am concerned with children on a playground running, screaming, and not being careful; in reading about different breeds it says to be careful with breed you get with small children; have concern with kids on playground screaming and yelling and unfamiliar dogs are off leash; if we weren't improving would probably be in favor; as we expand use of the park have a lot of concern about interaction of the different groups.*

*Ewald asked if this was from parking lot to anywhere in the park; if this extension didn't pass would have to comply with existing code; at this time we need to review or extend out another year; can it be used as is for now; wanted to revisit before the year is up. Euton stated that from staff perspective concern was with playground and families visiting; also anticipate there may be others using the park and that's where staff concern came in regarding off-leash; if that entire park is going to be off-leash, should we fence the playground? that led to question about shelter, Big Walnut trail, the all sorts of amenities in the future and that would be of concern; as a staff, to start fencing people elements off we weren't sure that was in our best interests especially if this was for a temporary basis. Ewald asked how this park will be handled if the extension were not to pass. Euton stated the park will be on-leash until you got in to dog area; difference with Pizzurro is surrounding neighborhood and no busy street close; that park lends itself to more seclusion.*

*Anderson clarified that the off-leash would be the entire area; would then share same concerns; having been to the park several times and observed, children aren't always aware of the dangers or excitement going on; think the two don't mix; mentioned in committee that we need to be proactive; have off-leash only in the enclosed area or also enclose the playground area so we don't have the conflict.*

*McGregor questioned if this were approved, if the dog would still have to be under control. Euton stated that if off-leash, they still have to be under control of the owner.*

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Evers, seconded by Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Absent      1      McAlister**

**Yes          0**

**No            6      President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson and Samuel**

**J.      FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**K.      MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.**

**L.      REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Ewald/Kneeland:**

*Kneeland stated they will meet Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. here; continue our last round of CIC meetings to finish up strategic planning.*

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor/Anderson:**

*McGregor noted meeting is later this month.*

**Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - McAlister:**

*Clerk noted she would remind McAlister of this meeting.*

**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Mayor: Not in attendance.**

**City Attorney:**

*Weber noted he attended the closing on 181 Granville; went very smoothly.*

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

*Ewald noted he would send Weber an opinion by Federal District Judge Sargus regarding residency on park benches; would like to know if we need to follow up and do anything regarding this opinion. Weber stated he would look at the opinion. Ewald noted that as of 1/1/09 quite likely that AEP will be raising our rates 15% per year for the next 3 years; will effectively double your electric bill; will affect City services also; some of the issues we will need to look at; how do we cut to be able to fund our electric; please everyone go vote.*

*Kneeland also urged everyone to get out and vote; said good luck to Jim McGregor.*

*Samuel also discussed electric costs; lot of people on fixed incomes; need to be alert when we look at our budget and keep our people in our consideration; let students know that most work in City Council is done in committees or commissions; those meeting are also open for you to attend; thank Carson and Vermillion for being here tonight.*

*Anderson stated she would like to reiterate the election theme; been my comment for last several weeks; take your responsibility seriously; if you voted early they have started opening them but won't be counted until tomorrow night; provisional ballots have to be counted in 10 days; military has option to vote from abroad and have 10 days after election to receive; if you haven't voted yet, please vote; send prayers for those working the polls; for election officials it is a very long night; know that job is very important; consider participating as poll workers in the future; believe at the high school you can get credit; it is a good hands-on opportunity; see the process at work.*

*Evers referenced the Eastland Fairfield booklet; at the last school board meeting they gave presentation; was very much impressed with programs offered; you would be amazed at the diversity; truly a great asset to our community; particularly with the dual credit program; enjoy weather while it lasts.*

*McGregor noted we have a very safe community; attended Chief's Civic Association meeting last Thursday; car was broken into at my home later that night; several in neighborhood were hit; opened doors and things were taken; cars were left unlocked; reminder to lock your cars every night; don't leave valuables where they can be seen;*

*also daytime burglars have been working the area; knock on the door and if no response and they don't hear a dog they kick the door in; think about if they came to your area, how easy would it be to get in; word of warning to all of you.*

**O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 p.m. - Motion by Evers.**

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**Donna L. Jernigan, CMC**  
**Senior Deputy Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2008.*

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**Nancy R. McGregor**  
**President of Council**