

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 13, 2000

8:15 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Committee of the Whole

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Karen J. Angelou

L. Nicholas Hogan

Thomas R. Kneeland

Michael O'Brien

Donald R. Shepherd

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Thomas R. Kneeland, L. Nicholas Hogan, Donald R. Shepherd, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Jerry Isler, Buck Stinchcomb, Kathy Culp, Deborah Vogepohl, Karl Wetherholt, Tom Komlanc, Isobel Sherwood, Col. Hall, Sadicka White, Harold Davis, Al Groves; Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0266-2000

TO ADOPT THE CREEKSIDE CONCEPT PLAN, PREPARED BY URBAN SPACES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO

Al Groves was present and reviewed plan for Phase I as attached to the ordinance. He continued that we are now working with the property between the Post Office and up to and including the Clark station. He said an option for parking would be to buy the car wash and pave the entire area; also suggestion for underground parking. Groves also mentioned possibilities with EMH&T.

White handed out Draft of M.O.U. between the City and C.I.C., as designated agent of the City for community and economic development purposes. Council agreed that it is not time for discussion on this yet.

Recommended for Adoption

ORD-0261-2000

TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH URBAN SPACES; TO ALLOW CONTINUING SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BY ORD-0099-2000; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$140,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

White said design and engineering is 10% of the overall project; approximately \$200,000; have paid \$60,000 now \$140,000. By the end of the year will be approximately a \$2.2 million project so this takes us up to 70 to 75% paid.

Recommended for Adoption

ORD-0243-2000

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS WOODMERE PLACE; BROOKWOOD CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., APPLICANT

This will be postponed to the November 27th Committees, and December 4, 2000 Regular Meeting.

Recommended for Postponement to a Date Certain

ORD-0252-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Garage Mechanic

Council waited for Mayor to come for discussion, and came back to this at the end of Committee.

Hogan and O'Brien said Council should go ahead and pass this since they really need a Mechanic II. There was discussion that he Mayor objected to hiring a Mechanic II; wants to hire a Mechanic I. Committee agreed to put ordinance on Regular Agenda for 2nd Reading.

Recommended for Adoption

ORD-0253-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Payne said she received the information she wanted on what other cities were doing and thinks we should support.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES - Carried Over from Previous Meeting

Franklin County Emergency Management - J.R. Thomas, Director

J.R. Thomas was present and said that he and several other representatives of the EMA met with the Mayor concerning the Mifflin Township and Headley sirens. As a result of the meeting the Mifflin siren will be moved to the Moose Lodge on Johnstown Road, at the expense of the City, because they do not have the capability to move sirens; will be converted to be compatible to their radio tune system and battery operation in case the electric is off.

Thomas presented packet of information addressing the two sirens, the compromises reached for both, and cost for new sirens. (Information available in the Council office.) Thomas also presented map showing the coverage area of sirens in Gahanna, Jefferson and Mifflin Townships.

Stinchcomb said that her entire area is not covered, which obviously is not acceptable. Shepherd said his area is not covered either. It was noted that many areas overlap; not in Gahanna, but area of Columbus that is shown. Thomas said also in other communities there are many areas that overlap. Committee discussed price for new sirens and the need for a total of 4 additional sirens. Angelou said public health, safety and welfare; nothing more important. Council wants funding in the 2001 appropriations for at least 4 sirens (\$19,000 per siren), and Gen. Williams can work with the EMA to make sure that every area of Gahanna is completely covered.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, requesting the Mayor rescind his letter of intent that Gahanna terminate its association with the EMA.

Concerning Headley the Mayor has agreed to put in a ramp and either remove the fence or gate it, and remove branches so the big bucket truck can get in under the wires. Thomas said there was a communication gap, and thanked Council and the Mayor for this chance to continue to work with the City.

The need for changes in the contract with EMA were reiterated, to be worked on after the first of the year.

Hamilton Road Widening (Discussion based on Public Meeting held 9/26/00 & Planning Commission Recommendations)

Wetherholt said he is not in favor of the recommendations from Planning Commission; does not agree with all 6 items; agrees with three, brick pavers, sidewalks and decorative lighting. It was agreed to approve as originally submitted. The 3 items are included in the original recommendation. Sherwood said she will need a complete copy to attach to the ordinance as Exhibit.

It was stated that Council is on record that they want this area to stay as residential as possible.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; Does not need to come back to Committee.

Morse Road Right of Way

Col. Hall said we are waiting on information from Russ Sims, Street Superintendent. This item will be continued to the November 27th Committees.

Hannah Property - Residence

Recommendation: Remove from Agenda.

Chapter 505 - Animals & Fowl

There was discussion about the draft legislation submitted. Kneeland said he sees some mistakes and there is very subjective data/material in it; we do not put subjective language in our ordinances; does not think it is ready.

Recommendation: Committee of the Whole is formally requesting an opinion from City Attorney Weber as to whether the draft is ready and if the subjective language should be left in.

Kathy Culp did have a couple recommendations, and will work with Council office. O'Brien thanked Culp for her participation in the process; has done a lot of research.

ISSUES - Referred by Other Committees:

Revision of Tax Code - Bryan Hairston (Referred by Safety Committee)

Isler said H.B. 477 requires that we adopt an amended Tax Code; Draft presented. We must establish a Board of Review consisting of 3 people to be recommended by the Finance Director and approved by Council; Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Weber wants the proposed ordinance to be reviewed by a person not employed or associated with the City. Isler has an estimate of \$1,700 from a person who is a CPA and an attorney. The legislation will be forthcoming for changes in various sections of the tax code. Isler and Weber are to proceed with review by outside source.

Refuse Rate Increase

Isler said that Col. Hall negotiated for a 4.5% increase with Rumpke for 2001. Since refuse services are billed quarterly in advance on water bills, it is necessary to amend Section 941.15 of the Code to add the increase; will need waiver of second reading and emergency to be in place 1-1-01.

It was agreed to put a tickler on this so that negotiations can begin in September so this will not have to be an emergency again. Cost will still be 50 cents less than 1999.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent with waiver of second reading and emergency language.

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council