



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Brian Metzbower, President*  
*Stephen A. Renner, Vice President*  
*Karen J. Angelou*  
*Brian D. Larick*  
*Jamie Leeseberg*  
*Nancy R. McGregor*  
*Michael Schnetzer*

*April Beggerow, CMC, Clerk of Council*  
*Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.*

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Monday, September 16, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 16, 2019, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian Metzbower, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Stephen Renner, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on September 13, 2019.

**Present** 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Brian Metzbower, and Nancy R. McGregor

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

Addition to the agenda: Add additional Executive Session request pursuant to Council Rules 5.40 (c) to discuss pending and imminent court action.

#### **C. HEARING OF VISITORS.**

[2019-0131](#)

Presentation by Jan Ross, Parks & Recreation Board

Jan Ross, member of the Parks & Recreation board read the attached memorandum to City Council. She asked that the City Council consider the priorities that the citizens have articulated when the 2020 Budget and Capital Needs Assessment are reviewed.

#### **D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:**

Vice President Renner introduced the items under Section D.

**Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:**

[ORD-0094-2019](#) AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE LANDSCAPE PLAN, DATED AUGUST14, 2019, FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO.

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0096-2019](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Refuse Fund

This Ordinance was introduced.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes - To Approve:**

**2019-0132** Council Meeting Minutes for Approval

The minutes were approved and filed on the Consent Agenda.

**Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:**

[ORD-0095-2019](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON; AND WAIVING SECOND READING.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

[ORD-0088-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - TIF FUNDS

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0089-2019](#) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE FOR 60 MONTHS

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0092-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - THIRD QUARTER BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

**Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:**

[RES-0010-2019](#) RESOLUTION CONCERNING SERVICES TO PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION: 0.7 +/- ACRES IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP (4478 E. Johnstown Road; John B. & Machiko Shafer, PID#170-001140) TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, AND CITY BUFFER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN OHIO REVISED CODE 709.023.

This resolution was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0011-2019](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY WORK AT A HIGHER CLASSIFICATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

This resolution was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

**Motion Resolutions:**

[MR-0035-2019](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT ADDENDUM WITH MUNICODE TO REVIEW THE TRAFFIC (TITLE XLV) AND CRIMINAL (TITLE XXIX) PORTIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR REVISIONS, DELETIONS, OR ADDITIONS AND CODIFY SEMI-ANNUALLY

This Motion Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Schnetzer, Seconded by Renner to Pass the Consent Agenda.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

**End of the Consent Agenda**

**F. COMMITTEE UPDATES: None**

None

**G. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS: None**

**H. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**

[ORD-0081-2019](#) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF GAHANNA COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.

Mr. Ewald reminded Council that this was sent back to Planning Commission. It was accepted and approved and back before Council.

Original Motion to adopt by Mr. Schnetzer, second by Mr. Renner.  
Request to amend to most recent version titled 3rd Revision.

Mr. Leeseberg felt that the Land Use Plan revision came back rather quickly and that just feels rushed. He feels there were some genuine concerns but it feels as if the whole process was rushed. It doesn't feel as if it is complete.

Mr. Blackford stated that there are other properties in the north area that are designated mixed use other than what Stone Ridge was, so the principles of the mixed use would still apply to the district, it just wouldn't apply specifically to Stone Ridge because the request was to change that and keep it commercial. So, the principles are still referenced, but page 83 was deleted in its entirety because it was a redevelopment concept that was specific to Stone Ridge. It wasn't an attempt to quicken the process, but based upon the feedback provided which was to keep Stone Ridge Commercial.

Mr. Blackford stated that this was just for guidance and was not a set of law.

Mr. Larick asked about the different physical spaces between pages 81, 82 and what was page 83. He said it appears that the guidance is to the full space and the more detail it is, the more narrowed focus, is that a more detailed example, or expected path?

Mr. Blackford replied that generally speaking the focus area we tried to choose 1 property or area to show a redevelopment concept and that the designations would apply throughout those areas.

Mr. Schnetzer said that Mr. Blackford's comments added some value and he thinks that page 82 still applies and 83 was removed as requested and therefore he requests to move forward with the motion on the floor.

**A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by McGregor, that the Ordinance be Amended by Substitution.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

[ORD-0093-2019](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH MI HOMES FOR THE PURPOSES OF A PATHWAY INTO HANNAH PARK.

Mr. Larick said that there isn't an absolute right or wrong on this matter

but there are ongoing charges for non-residents to use our park facilities, to rent our spaces, shelters, the gazebo and athletic programs and volunteer groups have non-resident surcharges with the intent to recoup ongoing expenditures to cover wear and tear. To not have something ongoing in a similar fashion is just incongruous, it just doesn't seem to fit.

Mr. Leeseberg said that he is disappointed with the way it came out but thank you to the folks from MI, Mr. Barr and Anthony Jones (at the time).

Mrs. Angelou stated that she would like to have a sign at the entry of the park to say Welcome to the City and to take care of our park. She feels that this is the right thing to do and we want to be good neighbors but we respect that back.

**A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Ordinance be Adopted.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Angelou, Renner, Schnetzer, Metzbower and McGregor

**No:** 2 - Leeseberg and Larick

#### **I. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS:**

[RES-0012-2019](#) A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER, 2019 AS SAFE DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

**A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Larick, that the Resolution be Adopted.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

#### **J. REPRESENTATIVES:**

##### **Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick**

No Report

##### **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou**

Mrs. Angelou reported on the following MORPC activities:

MOPRC adopted a Resolution designating September, 2019, as Safe Driving Awareness Month.

Mrs. Angelou asked Dr. Kersten Carr to attend Committee next week to review the data contained within the Central Ohio Transportation Safety Plan.

ODOT District 6 presented at the MORPC meeting to discuss major advances on the state's dangerous intersections.

MORPC joined representatives from the EPA to announce that the Columbus region is the first non-attainment area in the nation to meet the national ambient air quality standard for ground level ozone.

Summit on Sustainability October 11th 8a.m.-4 p.m.

Update on population projections and census work. Population estimates will be presented in a Resolution next month.

Looking for people to get involved in the census. Call the City and they can get in touch with Mr. Shill.

2020-2050 metro transportation plan is open for comment.

Group for community planning for autism Sept 17 11:45-1.

Framing for Strategic plan has begun.

Salary and fringe benefit survey had 30 participants.

Ribbon Cutting for I 670 smart lane is going to happen.

### **Government Liaison - Metzbower**

President Metzbower thanked Claire Yoder from Jefferson Township for attending.

### **Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Schnetzer**

Mr. Schnetzer delivered the CVB report:

The Herb Center held 1st of three "Ghosts of Gahanna Walking Tour" on Fri., Sept. 13, with *sold out* audience. Upcoming dates: Fri., Oct. 4 and Fri., Oct. 25. Registrations are required. Both remaining sessions are nearly full; don't wait to register. To register (or for a list of all of the upcoming classes at the Ohio Herb Center), go to [ohioherbcenter.org](http://ohioherbcenter.org). The CVB is hosting the 2nd Annual Pies in the Park event, scheduled for 12 - 4pm, Sunday, Oct. 6 at Friendship Park. The family-friendly event features the area's BEST pizzas, "all things pies," kids' activities, live music, whiskey tastings, and \*NEW\* this year: a pie-eating contest for all ages (net proceeds will benefit GRIN). Sponsor and vendor opportunities are still available. Contact [info@visitgahanna.com](mailto:info@visitgahanna.com)

[<mailto:info@visitgahanna.com>](mailto:info@visitgahanna.com) for details. Lastly, the CVB is working on securing activities, sponsors and vendors for the 2019 Holiday Lights Celebration (Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, November 24 from 3-6:30pm in the Creekside District). Any group or business interested in participating in the event should contact Visit Gahanna for an application.

**K. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Mayor: None**

None

**City Attorney: None**

**L. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mrs. Angelou shared that Columbus CEO had a big article about Kim Maggard, Mayor of Whitehall and also an article about New Albany, which some of them live in the City of Gahanna. Also that we lost a friend of the Community. Col Lynn Vermillion passed away. She singlehandedly got us our dog park. She was the reason the dog park was there and I would love to see it named after her because if it weren't for her, it would not be there. She is actually a sister in law of Ray King and she will be missed.

Mrs. McGregor said she was not a huge fan of the dog park because of the need for soccer fields but when she talked to Lynn, she discovered it was more than just about dogs, it was about the people and getting the people out and giving residents a place to go.

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION- to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(A) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. And Sectio 5.40 (C) To confer with the City Attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.**

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by McGregor, that the be Motion..  
The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.**

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April Beggerow  
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2019.*

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Brian Metzbower