

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2001

8:30 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Committee of the Whole

*Michael O'Brien, Chairman
Karen J. Angelou
L. Nicholas Hogan
Thomas R. Kneeland
Debra A. Payne
Donald R. Shepherd
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, ex officio*

Members Absent: Michael O'Brien

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Press, Mayor, Col. Hall, Tom Komlanc, Karl Wetherholt, Sadicka White, Jerry Isler, Glen Dugger, Jessie Hamm,

PENDING LEGISLATION & ISSUES:

ORD-0021-2001

TO REZONE 5.1+/- ACRES TO L-AR, LIMITED OVERLAY MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 329 WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; ALBERT AND JESSIE HAMM, APPLICANTS

Stinchcomb stated that we did discuss this in Committee on January 22; couple issues for Weber to address. Hamm stated that landscaping will be done later; storm water; meaning of the standards; submitted an addendum to Council. Angelou asked if this reverts back to SF3, we will have streets not up to subdivision standards; would they then have to build with curbs and gutters. Mayor stated that the original agreement was to be built to subdivision standards. Hamm stated that it would be set up previously; Planning Commission looked at it; also looked at streets adjacent to it; will not be extensive changes to the streets; similar to neighboring areas; other streets do not have curbs and gutters; standards are in place; we are required to do what Council tells us to do. Hogan asked if it reverts back to SF3, it is a private drive and not a public street, or would it remain a private street. Wetherholt stated that some private streets in Founders Ridge are similar with multiple easements that make it work out; also have Civic Association involved. Hogan asked if this were subdivided could additional homes be built on either side of this street. Mayor answered that it would depend on layout. White stated that it is possible. Sherwood stated that she would need to know the specific changes the Hamm's would like to make to their information; we do not have an original. Hamm stated that they are willing to redo it and can do it; nothing came from the Court; Court did not involve itself in the details; did not think that all those signatures were pertinent. Stinchcomb stated that if we could get a word file with the final draft of what you want to see, you could email it, so we can add it to the legislation. Hamm stated that she will get the exact text needed. White stated that it would not meet regular subdivision regulations; decision would have to be made for that to occur; easement grants someone to pass over their property; doesn't mean that you can come and pave over unless they agree; traditionally does not front. Hamm stated that they sent a letter to McKigues asking if they were interested in some different way to get to the property; there was no response. Hogan asked when do we expect to have Weber's legal opinion. Weber stated that he has nothing else to add; 1152 is the only question that Weber will look into and make sure there are answers to all questions.

RECOMMENDATION: Regular Agenda

Recommended for Adoption

Rules of Procedure - City Council

Sherwood handed out copies of Kneeland's opinion. Council decided to carry this matter over.

RECOMMENDATION: Carry Over

ORD-0022-2001

TO ABANDON A PORTION OF MCCUTCHEON ROAD AS A PUBLIC ROADWAY WITH UTILITY EASEMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED; TO DECLARE AS EXCESS LAND; FOR 0.106 ACRES AND 0.553 ACRES LOCATED ON MCCUTCHEON ROAD EAST OF STYGLER ROAD AND WEST OF OLDE RIDENOUR ROAD.

Mayor stated that at this stage neighbors are all for it; nobody upset over this; developer is satisfied with this; CV Perry is satisfied with this solution; 3 major players and Planning Commission have endorsed this plan; it has been hard to find something acceptable; Glen Dugger creatively came up with this compromise. Mitchell stated that he passed the plan to Parks and Rec and they were very receptive of the layout.

Wetherholt stated he is now working on the exact language for the conversion from the right of way; Dugger is going to help him with that.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0243-2000

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

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0017-2001

TO REESTABLISH THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor stated that this would allow us to hire a right of way manager who would also serve as Deputy Director of Service; have that full time position; have not used it for 18 years; fits perfectly; ORD-0018 is the companion part of this. Stinchcomb asked if there was any process started for looking at candidates. Mayor stated that there are two outstanding candidates, Tracie Davies and Shawn Kneeland stated that he is in full support; concerned that we do not have the support people in place; fear that we need a person that has some engineering background to work with all the details. Mayor stated that we are going to have to consider that. Kneeland stated that if we are going to rely on this person in position, we are going to need meaningful, reliable data; unless we provide the tools to make the work come out as the end result; if we don't provide what's necessary up front, it won't happen. Mayor stated whether this is a half time position and traffic management is the other half we are not sure; understand it is more than just a right of way manager; we have had some spurts of catching up. Kneeland asked if it was feasible that we would be able to see some form of proposal by next committee meeting to supplement this position. Angelou stated she had concerns about charter. Hogan asked if any of the candidates were engineers. Mayor stated that neither candidate is. Hogan read an ordinance from charter for the deputy director qualifications shall be as follows; graduate in the field of engineering; duly licensed in engineering; we may have to vacate this. Angelou stated that she thought at one time the deputy director of service served as the city engineer. Kneeland stated there was no entry for deputy director of service in the charter, will need to repeal that ordinance, Section 135 to change the duties of deputy director, put 17 and 18 on consent agenda.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0018-2001

TO AMEND ORD-0287-2000; TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Stinchcomb stated that they are planning a visioning session for Sunday, March 11 from 1:00 to 5:00; Golf Course clubhouse; will try to provide lunch; Dr. Katana will be overseeing it; would like to have all department heads there.

Stinchcomb reminded everyone about Student Government Day; could not remember who volunteered to teach; anyone who may be able to help; we have 2 dates available; the dates are for March 9 and March 12; we need to confirm with schools. Decided on March 12 and will coordinate the times among themselves.

Stacey Bashore, Recording