



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Public Service & Safety

Office of the Clerk of Council
200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Karen J. Angelou, Chair, Thomas R. Kneeland, Jamie Leeseberg

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

Monday, August 11, 2014

Council Committee Rooms

Immediately Following Finance Committee

Present 3 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, and Thomas R. Kneeland

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Stinchcomb, City Attorney Ewald, Deputy Chief Bell, Dottie Franey, Matt Holdren, Sue Wadley, Rory Gaydos, Tony Collins, Karl Wetherholt, Niel Jurist, General Williams, Joann Bury, Anthony Jones, Clerk McWilliams, Representatives from United Baptist Church Franklin Damero and James May. Press.

2014-0105 Service Supporting Docs

ITEMS - From the City Engineer

1. The Shops at Rocky Fork - Waterline Replacement

Angelou called the Public Service & Safety meeting to order for Monday, August 11.

Wetherholt said first item is The Shops at Rocky Fork; putting in a development along Hamilton Road north of Rocky Fork South; field crews went to remove services attached to the water line and they noted the water line is asbestos cement; the proposal for this project is to put extensive landscaping in a lawn strip on top of this; in the pre construction conference we asked the contractor for the developer if they would give us a price to replace the water line; they did that; it is \$115,470; believe it is necessary to replace the old water line and put in a new one that is easier to maintain; the old one is fragile and prone to breakage right where you don't want it to break; requesting an ordinance to contract with Nickolas Savko & Sons, the developer's contractor; we have used them on a lot of public improvement projects throughout the years; also need a supplemental appropriation to pay for this from the Water Capital Fund.

Angelou said how long is the line. Wetherholt said 1140 feet. Angelou asked do we have a lot of asbestos cement water lines in the city. Wetherholt said yes; whenever we have a project like a road widening we try to replace it as part of the project; if we know where they are and can plan ahead we will take them out.

Kneeland said noticed three 3/4 inch service lines on this. Wetherholt said those are for the properties across the street. Kneeland clarified the fund paying for the project.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd reading, Consent; Emergency Language.

2. Bid Crosswalk Upgrades Mill/Granville

Wetherholt said number 2 is the crosswalk upgrades; one is the Mill and Granville intersection; this has brick sidewalks; base underneath is squirrely; needs improved and upgraded to meet current ADA standards; put in soon after Granville Street was done about 2001; the other one is at Mill and Town; here we have pedestrians standing on the sidewalk with parked cars to the north on Mill Street; they don't know where they are suppose to stand; if they go out into the street to see around the cars they have stepped off the curb; the bump out would come out beyond the parked cars; pedestrians would still be on the curb yet they could see up Mill Street to the south bound traffic coming at them; also puts a street light there to help with the lighting. Leeseberg said could you explain this again. Wetherholt said I can draw a picture. Leeseberg said I just had a resident complain about this. Wetherholt said I saw this in Zanesville over the weekend; drew a picture on the board to illustrate. Leeseberg said the light is activated just for the pedestrians. Wetherholt said not a traffic signal; just a street light for illumination.

Angelou said you are not taking any parking away. Wetherholt said no; same amount of parking spaces. Wetherholt said we are requesting permission to bid.

Kneeland said on the Mill and Granville, will any material change. Holdren said we are looking into several different options; one option is 2 foot concrete bands to keep it in place. Kneeland said but the bricks are going to stay. Holdren said we would like to salvage it. Kneeland said are we putting a mortar bed underneath it. Holdren said yes; we are looking at all different options. Leeseberg cited an example. Franey said the appearance might have concrete bands.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent Agenda.

ITEMS - From Director of Public Service

1. Fleet Program Auction Proceeds - Supplemental Appropriation

Franey said first item is about our objective to have each department receive the proceeds from equipment they sell at auction; encourages departments to not hold onto equipment and to truly right size their fleet; this gives them the proceeds from what they do sell to put into their new equipment; each quarter we bring you those proceeds which are in revenue accounts and ask for a supplemental appropriation to pull those out of the revenue accounts and put them in the expense accounts; they stay with the program for each department; these right now are second quarter 2014 proceeds; that is the supplemental we are currently asking for.

Angelou said this is a great program.

Leeseberg said looks like the fleet and the Parks general funds have the same number for expense and revenue account. Franey said yes because it all comes out of one program from the general fund; the fleet superintendent does keep the dollars separate; he keeps those items Parks sends to auction aside for only Parks to use those funds.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd reading, Consent.

2. Insurance Claims Proceeds - Supplemental Appropriations

Franey said next is a similar item, proceeds from insurance claims; if a piece of equipment is in an accident, proceeds from that insurance claim should go back into that expense account; same idea; one change would be we would like to shift the money from street lights; if a street light is hit and damaged we may get insurance or personal pay money; we would like to get all of that money back into the expense line item that actually pays for those repairs; next item is the supplemental appropriation from those revenue accounts into those expense accounts; we have not done this since 2013; catching up a little bit; going forward do this on a quarterly basis as well.

Kneeland said what happens if the insurance money has not been received. Franey said it is paid out of those expense accounts line items; we have the money for street light repair if one is hit; this is reimbursement into the fund. Kneeland said I am referring to the timing of the reimbursement; if done quarterly and the insurance has not paid yet, do you wait until the next quarter to transfer it. Franey said yes.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd reading,

Consent.

3. Snow and Ice Removal Contract - City of Columbus

Franey said for years Gahanna has been plowing certain areas of the City of Columbus; been doing that on a letter head agreement; have been doing about 7 miles for about \$3,595 a season; this year we met in order to add a couple more miles of road and to update the costs; another change is they now require an agreement to be signed by the Mayor; this will take us up to \$7,380 per season; this legislation would authorize the Mayor to enter into that agreement.

Larick said are these roads outside the belt in proximity to Gahanna. Franey said they are adjacent to Gahanna; like Hines Road, there were pieces we did not do; now we do the whole road along with Wendler.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd reading, Consent.

ITEM-Update United Baptist Church

Angelou said we have received an update on the Baptist Church; would like to thank Wetherholt for looking into this, defining the problem and coming up with a potential solution. Wetherholt said I investigated the pond last week; observed the level of the pond at 2 feet above the level of the outlet pipe; water was not flowing into the outlet pipe at any speed; went across the pond and observed the water level on Church property; they have 5 or 6 acres that are close to the same elevation; a 2 foot increase in the pond level backed up onto this portion of their property of about 5 acres; the next day our field crews found a clog in the outlet pipe system; they removed the clog and reported that the water had dropped immediately about 2 feet to the level of the outlet; that is the status report; this should put the level of pond slightly below the 5 acres of land on the Church property. Angelou asked if Service would be monitoring this; asked the Church if they had noticed any difference. Damero said they had not.

Wetherholt said in order to determine the water level difference, you have to put on hip waders and march through the swamp; I did that before the clog was removed, not after; the deepest portion was about 1 foot of water; the level went down 2 feet so it is slightly below pond level; should note that there are 236 acres of drainage coming in to that area from the north, south and east that flows through that; anytime there is rain it has to get through this marshland.

Kneeland said this is like a 12 inch sponge full of water and the amount of time it takes for that to leech out of it. Wetherholt said

exactly. Angelou said do you think there is an issue with the tile on the property. Wetherholt said I did not have a way to examine the tile; it has reverted to an open channel if you want to call the vast area of water that it filters through an open channel; it is overland flow. Angelou said since the clog was removed that should mitigate some of it. Damero said should help some; don't know how much it will help. Kneeland said we should give it few weeks; may have built up with the clog in there. Wetherholt said I have no way to know when the pond level went up; did observe the level of the pond today and see that it had remained low even though it rained.

Kneeland said is there an outlet into the pond or is it natural drainage over banks. Wetherholt said what comes into the pond is the drainage system from Foxwood; it has a 24 inch pipe into the pond from the west side; the east side of the pond is where the church property and all the drainage from the north and east comes through the nature preserve; to get to the pond low point it has to go through their property. Angelou said we need to watch it for awhile; glad the clog was removed.

Damero said the ground has been saturated for so long it is soft and like a marsh; can't mow or drive our tractor back there. Kneeland asked if we are going to continue to monitor. Wetherholt said yes; field crews will put this on a schedule to make sure it is not coming up again. Church clarified that the water from the park was draining across their land. Wetherholt said it is more than that; even things on the east side of Taylor Station Road drain there. Church said isn't that illegal. Wetherholt said no; in fact drainage law says the lower riparian has to accept the water from the upper riparian.

Angelou said you may want to talk to the Jefferson Township trustees about development to the east and if anything could be done. Damero said our biggest problem is with water standing there and no fence, we have little kids at the church so our big concern is a drowning accident. Angelou said was it proposed at one time to swap land. Wetherholt said yes. Angelou described a possible swap that may have been previously offered. Wetherholt said don't know if it was an actual offer but it was discussed. Damero said that property is out toward the road; not a good match for us. Mayor said you would have to fence it. Damero said it is fenced now but not near our Church; it is out by the road.

Wetherholt showed a map; said the Black property was being described. Damero said the Black property would be feasible. Wetherholt said that is what we were talking about; to the east of you. Damero said the property offered to us was out by the road. Wetherholt said I don't know about that; was asked to investigate the

Black property.

Mayor said the church had also talked about the possibility of relocating east to Licking County. Damero said we don't want any big changes; just would like to somehow get to the back of our property; now we have to go to a neighbor and ask to use their property. Wetherholt said the only way technically is to create a roadway; bring in fill with a pipe underneath to transport water; require about 3 feet of fill to make that happen. Damero said we discussed that at one time; Gahanna felt it was too expensive to put a road across our property; currently looking to get something done so we can use our property.

Angelou said pleased we found and released the clog; keep an eye on that and let us know if you see any differences over the next few months; keep in touch with us.

Della Brandenberger, Reporting