

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 17, 2001

CORRECTED AGENDA

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

*Michael O'Brien, President of Council
Donald R. Shepherd, Vice President of Council
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member
Debra A. Payne, Council Member
David B. Thom, Council Member
Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AE, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 17, 2001 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Michael O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Vice President Don Shepherd stated that our sympathies were the family of John McAlister on the death of his grandmother. The invocation was given by Jim Strong, New Life Community Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief of Police Dennis Murphy. Agenda for this meeting was published on December 14, 2001.

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

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Payne, seconded by Hogan, to adjourn into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of Council Rules of Procedure.

Discussion: Council President O'Brien stated that there was a speaker slip for Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham to discuss the issue of salary continuance for military personnel called to active duty; this issue is to be discussed in Executive Session and it may be pertinent to hear comments at this time.

Abraham stated that he was here to support consideration that Council is giving to an ordinance that would continue salary for military reserve personnel in the event of call up in time of national emergency; our Congress many years ago provided for national defense; it is the law of the land; did away with the draft and now all depends on a volunteer military service; we have thus created two classes - those who are content to be defended and those who volunteer who are the defenders; there is no defense without volunteers; this is a responsibility of citizenship; the tragic events of this year have created a national burden requiring a major call up of our national guard units; is affecting every community; availability of trained personnel is at a critical point; reserve is also dependent of volunteers who understand that they may get called to assist; also understand the possible hardship; defending without their commitment and; freedom would only be a word that exists in our dictionary; that should not be considered; urge you to give this legislation serious consideration; will serve to preserve our way of life; our beloved and blessed nation will always be the land of the free.

ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Payne, Hogan, Kneeland, O'Brien, Shepherd, Thom, Angelou. Motion carried.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. with President requesting the attendance of City Attorney Weber, Mayor Stinchcomb and Chief of Police Murphy. President rose to report from Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. with all members of Council returning to the dais.

C. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Payne, seconded by Kneeland, to add ORD-0271-2001 to the agenda under Introductions. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Payne, Kneeland, O'Brien, Shepherd, Thom, Angelou, Hogan. Motion carried.

D. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Windy McKenna, Gahanna Jefferson Schools, stated they had met last Thursday; Royal Manor and Middle School East provided entertainment; set public hearing on proposed

budget for January 8 at noon at the Board office; our 2002 organizational meeting will be just prior to the regular meeting on January 10 at 7:15 p.m.; approved school and administration closing on December 24; said farewells to Jim Noe and Speed Dillon; appreciated all their effort and knowledge over the last several years; wish to thank Kneeland and Shepherd for all their work on Council; have been the Board liaison for 2 years; expect another assignment next year; thank you for your kindness for the last 2 years; thank all of you for your work for Gahanna. O'Brien thanked McKenna for her work over the last 2 years; will miss you.

John Bickley, 245 Bertram Drive, stated he was Executive Director of the YMCA; here tonight to give you brief update on the campaign in Central Ohio; pleased to share with you that of our overall \$11.3 goal we are at \$10.8 million; are ahead of schedule in raising funds; next 30 to 60 days we should go over that; local campaign status is that Eldon Ward met their goal and is under renovation now; dollars raised outside and divided exceed their \$5.7 and are at \$6.2 million; expect close to \$7 million. Grove City has exceeded their \$1.8 million, Hilliard is at \$1.3 and Gahanna is at \$1.2; expect all to reach their goals in 2002; just completed prototype for those; urge any Council member to go up and see the facility in Liberty Township; has been open 3 weeks and have 5,000 members already; expect that kind of response here; Board has approved a time line for all projects contingent upon land leases signed in each community; hopeful you will look favorably on that; site improvements at each location are also being looked at; that approval has been made in Grove City; finishing off Hilliard campaign is up tonight; the Metropolitan Board has approved the time line and it is to break ground March 1 in Grove City and this time next year in Gahanna; largely due to interest rates and tax exempt bonding; lowest it has been in years; construction costs have also come down; want to capitalize on that; the bids for Eldon Ward came in under budget; encouraged by that; YMCA continues to be excited about coming into this community; lot of effort has gone into the campaign; \$1.3 million from this community has been pledged; hope for your continued support; glad to answer any questions.

D1. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE: None

ORD-0271-2001 introduced. by title, by Payne.

Motion by Payne, seconded by Kneeland, to waive 2nd reading of ORD-0271-2001.

Discussion: Angelou thanked General Abraham for his input; possibly see if we need to tweak this some time next year; need to move to do this so quickly because of an active employee who is running out of time by contract; need to look closer at Title 10 for example; maybe that should be included; may need to adjust this ordinance next year. O'Brien agreed that we may need to relook this legislation; this action tonight takes care of the military pay for one individual; thank General Abraham and Chief Murphy. Angelou stated she spent quite a bit of time on this researching the issue; feel this is the right thing to do.

ROLL CALL on waiver: Voting yes: Payne, Kneeland, Shepherd, Thom, Angelou, Hogan, O'Brien. Motion carried.

ORD-0271-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND MILITARY RESERVES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN A FEDERAL STATUS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR MILITARY SALARY AND THE SALARY THEY RECEIVE AS A CITY OF GAHANNA EMPLOYEE; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Payne, to amend the title of ORD-0271-2001 by deleting the word Military after "National Guard and..." and to add "in a federal status" after "active duty". ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Payne, Shepherd, Thom,

Hogan, Kneeland, O'Brien. Motion carried.

MOTION by Payne, seconded by Hogan, to delete the word "military" before "reserves" and to add "National Guard" in the first whereas clause and the fifth whereas clause, and "in a federal status" in Section 1 and Section 3 after "active duty". ROLL CALL:
Voting yes: Payne, Hogan, Thom, Angelou, Kneeland, O'Brien, Shepherd. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Vice President of Council Shepherd, that this matter be Adopted, as Amended, as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Kneeland
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E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve

2001-0006 To approve minutes of the following meetings:
1) December 3, 2001 Regular Meeting

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt

ORD-0270-2001 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Parks, Capital Projects

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency

ORD-0263-2001 TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNAGE WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR CREEKSIDE GRILL, 53 GRANVILLE STREET

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0264-2001 TO REESTABLISH SALARY FOR THE THE SHORT-TERM POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0265-2001 TO REESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSION BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2002; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 8-97; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0266-2001 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CHARTER HILL CONSTRUCTION, INC., TO REPAIR AND RESTORE COLUMNS AT CITY HALL; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0267-2001 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 2002 FISCAL YEAR; AND TO DECLARE AN

EMERGENCY

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0269-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF LAND KNOWN AS 6555 CLARK STATE ROAD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$145,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading

ORD-0247-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2002 FISCAL YEAR WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION TO REPRESENT INDIGENT PERSONS BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS UNDER GAHANNA ORDINANCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0248-2001

TO REESTABLISH WARDS IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO REDISTRIBUTE SAID FOUR WARDS IN A MANNER EQUITABLE TO THE POPULATION THEREIN; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 140-92; TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0249-2001

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR, TO ESTABLISH DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO SET COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0251-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Water Service Lines - Parks

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0252-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- George Parker

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0253-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE ROBERT WEILER COMPANY FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE CREEKSIDE PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$8,000 THEREFOR

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0255-2001

TO AMEND CHAPTER 131, MAYOR, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO INCLUDE A SECTION ON THE ADOPTED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0256-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 157.06, RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR, OF CHAPTER 157, RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0287-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR THE

EASTGATE SANITARY SEWER INSPECTION; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$9,028 THEREFOR, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0258-2001

TO AMEND ORD-0287-2000 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2002; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0259-2001

TO AMEND ORD-0046-2001 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2002; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0260-2001

TO AMEND ORD-0187-2001 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY FOR COMMAND OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2002; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading

RES-0033-2001

TO HONOR AND COMMEND GAHANNA EVENTS, INC. AND THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE FOR WORK ON THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0034-2001

TO HONOR AND COMMEND AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0035-2001

TO HONOR AND COMMEND THOMAS R. KNEELAND FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA AS WARD 1 COUNCIL MEMBER

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0036-2001

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DONALD R. SHEPHERD FOR SERVICE AS WARD 2 COUNCIL MEMBER

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0037-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND BIG BEAR FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0038-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND OHIO PACKING FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0039-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND FINDLEY KOHLER FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0040-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND NBC 4 FOR THEIR CORPORATE TV SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0041-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND CANINI & PELLECCIA FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0042-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND SMITH & HALE FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0043-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0044-2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND GAHANNA HEALTH CENTER - OHIO HEALTH FOR THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2001 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0045-2001

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MEMBERS OF THE GAHANNA VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0046-2001

TO HONOR AND COMMEND PHILLIP B. SMITH FOR SEVEN YEARS SERVICE ON THE GAHANNA PLANNING COMMISSION

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0047-2001

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JOHN HURD FOR SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution

MR-0076-2001

Motion Resolution that Council has no objection to the issuance of a new C1 Liquor Permit for Equilon Enterprises LLC, DBA Shell Oil, 4733 Morse Road.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0077-2001

Motion Resolution to set organizational meetings for Year 2002 as follows:

January 2, 2002 - 7:30 p.m. - Council, by Charter.
January 8, 2002 - 6:25 p.m. - Civil Service Commission.
January 9, 2002 - 6:55 p.m. - Planning Commission.
January 16, 2002 - 7:00 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Board.
January 17, 2002 - 7:00 p.m. - Landscape Board.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Yes 7 Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Kneeland

End of the Consent Agenda

Payne read resolution for Gahanna Events, Inc.

O'Brien read resolution for Kneeland; stated that Mike Corbett, Bob Thurman, and I got Kneeland involved in Civic Sam which got him involved in City government; didn't know Kneeland growing up in Gahanna but have grown to respect and love him like a brother; will be greatly missed by myself and all of Gahanna; thank you for all your years of service.

Angelou stated she didn't know Kneeland before he took office; T is for technology; taught me everything I know about technology; he has given a lot more leadership to this Council than just technology; has seen the vision that we found for our Olde Gahanna area; stuck with that vision; worked for that vision; reaping the rewards of that now as we see Creekside developing to a place we can be proud of; also know how hard he worked on the Veterans' Memorial; was always here; has an attendance record that is exceptional; to be able to do this job and do it well you have to be here and working hard; was always here and working hard to make it a better city; thing I can say most exemplifies Kneeland is his beautiful family; he is very proud of and considers them his number one resource; can only say wonderful things; hope he will be back here in two years sitting on this dais; sure the whole community would agree.

Payne stated she got to know Kneeland when she came on Council; our paths may not have crossed otherwise; sometimes refer to him as my evil twin brother; we share a lot of ideas; we both have technology background; now have laptops and are moving them around the administration; Kneeland is like a brother and do expect to see him back on this dais; he is not serving because he moved and now lives in ward 4; can't have two from the same ward; can run in two years and will help him run at large; expect to see him in City government again; hope to continue to use him in technology area; don't expect him to go anywhere far.

Hogan stated he will really miss Kneeland; fiber optics is thing he really took off on and set up cooperative effort; thank him for that; Veterans' Memorial was his father's idea; Kneeland took it over and ran with it.

Thom stated he has known Kneeland for many years; long before his involvement with the City; in my short time here on Council know Kneeland is the person to go to regarding technology; venture to say that without Kneeland's leadership we wouldn't be where we are today.

Shepherd stated he has only known Kneeland for a few years, first with CIC and then here on Council; always been there when I needed anything and had and questions.

Kneeland stated he was not good at this kind of stuff; better at giving; touched at having

this resolution; don't feel I did anything special; everyone up here does the same job; council members elect have the same understanding; have a job to do; love Gahanna or would not have stayed here this long; it is a beautiful town; huge opportunities are in front of us; issues that are controversial; once we are through those we will have a better community as a whole; honored tonight to accept this resolution; thank all of you individually and as a group; also those who have been on Council and moved on; this has been a large learning experience; thank you all for the resolution.

Payne read resolution for Don Shepherd; stated she appreciated his service; went to NLC together; lot of time in meetings but had dinner together; he is a wonderful guy and will continue to serve the City in any way he can.

Angelou stated she was very protective of Ward 2 served as Council person from Ward 2 for 14 years; when James-Arnold gave up the seat we found Shepherd and he has been a wonderful Council person; is prepared and willing to take on controversial issues and vote his conscience; establishing an incredibly wonderful attendance record; can't stress that enough; Shepherd knew that and always was working hard; Ward 2 was well represented by you; know it will be represented well in the future by Bob Kelley; think Shepherd will be back in the political arena in the near future; commend you on the fine job you did and wish you the best.

Kneeland stated he hasn't served with Shepherd except the last few years; on CIC he showed me that he had a huge business sense about him which is important to City government; has worked well on CIC and City; appreciate the work you have done.

Hogan stated he has only served with Shepherd about 13 months; has done a nice job; worked on Service and Safety committees together and was a valuable asset; asked pertinent questions; sorry to see you go but I'm sure you'll be back.

Thom stated he was sorry to see Shepherd go; knew him a little bit on CIC before I came to Council; will miss you.

O'Brien stated that Shepherd has served as our Board of Education representative; has done a good job; appreciate Shepherd's attendance; studied all the issues; well prepared for all Council meetings; nice to have someone with his business background in finance and real estate; has been valuable to us in our decision making process; will be greatly missed; won't be far away; know you will be involved; pleasure serving with you.

Kneeland read the resolution for the Veterans' Memorial Committee; stated he felt this committee had done quite a bit for the City; honor the Veterans of the community; great pleasure to read this resolution; presented resolutions and award of merit pins to those present.

O'Brien stated that Kneeland should not be forgotten as part of this committee; did a lot of work for it; this committee has many decorated veterans; Carl Lang and Frank Treadway served in WW!! Bob Thurman served in Korea, Tom Kneeland and myself had the privilege of serving in the military; Bob Fickel was in Vietnam and Dale Brown is also a veteran; appreciate everyone's work on this committee.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

O'Brien read rules that govern public hearing this evening.

CC-0016-2001

To recommend to Council the approval of changes to Chapter 1151, Planned Districts, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna.

President opened Public Hearing opened at 8:56 p.m. President asked for proponents. There were none. President asked for opponents. There were none. President closed Public Hearing at 8:57 p.m.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland

Kneeland stated this has been an open minded Council and administration; has been a challenge to get technology deployed but through deployment and integration of newer technologies we have efficiencies we would not have seen if we had not done this; when first came on Council we had Wang computers; we have been proactive; lot of projects are underway that will launch us into the 21st century; help us to develop our industrial area and increase tax revenue; business will try to locate here and try to get into Gahanna; lot of credit needs to go to the City Administration and Council for being supportive of technology.

Development Committee - Payne

Payne thanked everyone who worked on this committed; lot of projects going on including our marketing strategies with the TIDE program which was implemented this year; hopefully next year we will start to see businesses coming in; enjoyed chairing that committee.

Service Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Safety Committee - Shepherd: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Shepherd: No Report.

Finance - Angelou

Angelou stated we will be having a brief meeting this evening; as we left last Tuesday budget was not in balance because of the few changes made; Isler states it is balanced now and so we want to discuss those few changes; then we will realize that appropriations will be as we discussed, O'Brien thanked Angelou for her hard work and dedication.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal

Council

Kneeland read letter he had written as an open letter to Ward 1 residents addressing his time on Council..

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:

MR-0078-2001

Motion Resolution to accept the written determination by the City Attorney that circumstances exist which make it impracticable to obtain the required right of way. Said right of way shall be deeded at the time of development or rezoning.

Angelou stated she wanted to make sure that Weber's legal opinion which is attached to

the motion resolution states that upon development or rezoning of the property that it would be at no cost; typically it is deeded at no cost; is that what your legal opinion states. Weber stated that it is his understanding that it will be without cost; will not be able to be developed without cooperation; there was a proposed development that fell through; we don't know what eventual use will be of the property; at time of rezoning or development will have a record of this action; it will be a precondition for the approval; the problem is that without writing this particular statement we can't take the property into the City; see no advantage to the City to losing this acreage; since there is no development pending, see no particular need for the right of way at this time; feel City's interest can be served at time of development; having right of way is not that critical. Angelou asked what would happen if no rezoning and no development took place before a road widening would be necessary. Weber stated that it is highly unlikely but if that would happen and man would not give the right of way we would do some type of taking; did talk to Glen Dugger and owner doesn't want to give the right of way at this time; not sure what type of development will ensue at a later time; certainly is preferable to have it now but not critical to have it now.

Kneeland stated to Weber that if we go through a normal take process, funds have to be expended; basically we could be looking at a cash outlay even if we go through a take process. Weber stated it could happen; can't assure you it would not happen; alternative is not to accept the annexation; that's the best we could do at this time. Kneeland asked White's opinion. White stated that under the circumstances with annexation laws and current limbo status of whether the new law will go into effect or their will be a stay, do know that our opportunity to annex will be limited one way or another; think this will eventually square up our boundaries especially along Johnstown Road; even though right of way is not coming at this time the Council Office and the Development Office will have a tickler so we know that if this comes for development or rezoning, it will be remembered and we will get that right of way in the first part of negotiations; the normal amount we would require should not be a burden; think we should accept this annexation at this time.

Hogan asked if it was possible to put in there that it is annexed contingent upon the right of way at no cost. Weber stated it is either annexed or not; contingencies are not enforceable; can usually condition but there are no conditional annexations.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

No	1	Council Member Kneeland
Yes	6	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne and Council Member Hogan

ORD-0230-2001

TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 5.4+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, LOCATED AT 4436 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; REQUESTED BY DOUGLAS E. SAGER, ET AL

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member Angelou, that this matter be Amended by Substitution and Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

No	1	Council Member Kneeland
Yes	6	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne and Council Member Hogan

ORD-0261-2001

TO REDEFINE THE JOB RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PART-TIME PLANNER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002; TO SET COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Angelou stated she did not agree with this ordinance; did not vote to put it on agenda in the first place; this is a valuable position; was brought up that this was from year 1996; at that point was to be a three year term; obviously it has been continued for 3 extra years; attached job description has changed dramatically over those years; 6 years ago we had no Holiday Lights parade; had no Industrial Roundtable; had no Olde Gahanna Partnership; all of these beautifully running volunteer groups have created an excitement in our community that was not there before, whether in industrial area or at holiday time to see our parade; believe it was White who said let's have a parade but the person in this position took that and ran with it and has made it successful; as the outgoing Chair of the Olde Gahanna Partnership said on Wednesday, this person is needed, well respected and should be continuing in the job at the 1440 hours; will not be voting yes on this ordinance this evening.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Amended by Substitution and Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	5	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Payne and Council Member Kneeland
No	2	Council Member Angelou and Council Member Hogan

ORD-0262-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 117 MILL STREET FROM RAY AND JANIS HAAG THROUGH THE BROKER, THE ROBERT WEILER COMPANY; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$390,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Hogan stated his concern is twofold; one is that this is way too much money; is 3 times the appraised price which was \$130,000; to give you an idea, tonight we sold a piece of property; we were concerned and wanted an appraisal to make sure we got what it was worth; sold it for \$145,000; we sell at appraised value but buy at three times; the second most important thing is that the timing is wrong; we are going to build Creekside; Post Office will be there for 2 more years; White has a report that say 14,000 sf will not generate enough income for the project and that we need 20,000 sf; to take the building from 14,000 to 20,000 sf also raises the cost of the project because it is more square footage to build; would need to bond \$3.6 million; the other point is that whenever Council says yes to one expenditure we have to say no to something else; spent a lot of time recently going over expenditures; \$6 million in items asked for by Department Heads were cut; if we did not spend this money tonight we could do some other things; one item knocked out was Olde Gahanna alleys; also the crack seal program for \$130,000; lot of constituents want improvements to parks and we cut out several upgrades to Headley Park and the Academy Bikeway Walkway; by saying yes to this we are saying no to other projects; from a priority standpoint am having a problem with this; it will still be there 2 years from now when the Post Office leaves; feel that is a more appropriate time; in the meantime we can do some of these other projects; feel it is more important to do restrooms at Headley Park and can't support this legislation.

O'Brien stated this has been a vision of not only this Council but many Councils for 10 or 12 years when the first improvements were done to Mill Street; this is a continuation of a vision that facilitated the purchase of industrial land property at Claycraft and Taylor Station; same vision that saw the development of the Buckles tract on both sides of I-270; development along the east side of Morrison Road has brought thousands of

jobs to Gahanna; AEP is a resident corporation because of the people's money that was invested to plant the seed in the Industrial Zone 25 or 30 years ago; remember reading some of Payne's election information which stated the revenues to the City of Gahanna has doubled without increasing the income tax burden to our citizens; it hasn't been increased since it was established in 1978; one of the reasons we have been able to have this great windfall of revenue is because of the planning, foresight and courage of former administrations and councils to develop and plant the seeds of development; history doesn't lie; we have a successful right of development in Gahanna and it will continue in Olde Gahanna; would I purchase as an individual, probably not; but would I purchase for the vision that many Councils before us have had and what the residents want to see, yes I would pay that much; because of that will vote in favor.

Shepherd stated that in deference to what Hogan stated regarding the property being there in 2 years, it could pass to someone else who would refuse to sell; could end up in an estate that could tie it up for years; having a vision is seeing something that others can't; don't believe it is too much; is an important piece to the entire project; when considered as a whole it becomes much more valuable.

Angelou stated that seeing the vision for what we have been working and changing and modifying is sometimes difficult; looked at this amount and previous amount and thought this is a little too much and that it should be coming down; it is a valuable piece that now completes and makes for the possibility of the finality of the vision; \$2.98 million was the figure out of the Stilson report; this is significantly lower than originally thought; this piece is necessary to make complete the vision; again it is the responsibility of the City to provide that infrastructure whether it is a canal or lagoon or a park like setting; it attaches to the beautiful park called Creekside where I see more and more people; will be the drawing card that brings in more private enterprise; we are being successful; have the Creekside Grill, Panera, Findley Kohler, and Bag O' Nails; our dream was let us work here and turn to the creek rather than turning away and they will come; it is working; my hope is that with this \$390,000 we can move ahead; did hear some complaints about this; more specifically complaints regarding the tax duplicate assessment which was far different than the appraisal; it is hard; very difficult to make a decision when this is more than the appraisal; have to look down the road to the final product; that final product will be in the best interests of the citizens; with a little heartburn will probably get a yes out on this.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Amended by Substitution and Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne and Council Member Kneeland
No	1	Council Member Hogan

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0268-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes** **6** Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne and Council Member Kneeland
- No** **1** Council Member Hogan

Hogan stated his objection to this legislation is for pretty much the same reason; have priorities; won't be supporting this; thank Isler, Weber, White and Mitchell for their work on the lease; has come back with a much better lease arrangement than what was originally proposed; do have one sticking point; still calls for \$625,000 in the next 3 years; voted for \$1.5 million for buy the land and thought that was the total; when additional \$625,000 was proposed did not like it; however, it did pass; still don't like to see this \$208,000 per year; the line item is still in the appropriations; will vote for the appropriations; do have to oppose this lease agreement because of the monetary commitment; because of the budget would like to see us delay the payment 60 days from November 2002 to January 2003; that idea was turned down; have no alternative but to oppose the lease at this point.

Angelou stated she found it interesting that Liberty Township has 5,000 members in three weeks; that is a very successful project; only think ours will be as great; we haven't met our goal but would like to see us offset this if possible; don't see this reflected in any way; question is it possible; believe the YMCA will have strong ethics and that if they would raise \$625,000 extra and we had given a payment they would then reimburse us; can it be put in page 6 of the lease something about unless other funds have been made available so we always have that little tickler.

John Bickley stated they will continue to try to raise money; have no problem with that addition to the lease.

Hogan stated he felt this was an excellent idea; don't want to tie the reimbursements to \$1.8 for Gahanna; in Bickley's report he stated that in large donor campaign - which is split equally in three - have raised about \$6 million which is \$1 million over the goal; if that can be used to offset the \$625,000 will be happy to support this tonight; total goal or city's goal so that our outlay is less.

Angelou stated her hope was that we put it in the section on reimbursements; our goal is if we have to do in three installments; if the Y can raise more money would reduce our payments. Weber stated that in Section 6.2 after the words "November, 2004" add the words "provided however that said installments shall be waived if other funds have been made available."

Bickley stated that the additional dollars raised if Gahanna raises no more money will go to make that difference; if we reach our \$1.8 and Hilliard makes their goal have no reason to believe we wouldn't direct those dollars against those funds; have been raising money since 1999; think we will get to our goal eventually; \$1.8 million will get Gahanna to that point; have no problem committing to that if everyone reaches their goal.

Weber corrected wording to say "Provided however that said installments or portions thereof shall be waived if other funds are raised by the YMCA which makes these payments unnecessary."

O'Brien stated that many years ago the idea of a community recreation center was raised; would have taken taxpayer dollars and spent tens of millions to build a recreation center with other costs nearing or exceeding \$1 million a year to operate; this is money well spent for our citizens for a community recreation center; appreciate all the hard work of

the people in the campaign.

Angelou stated this is a recreational opportunity but it probably does not offset the need for a future recreational center; gets it closer to us in a more timely fashion; recreation center for the City is far down the road; this will get us started; believe it will be as successful as Liberty Township; know Mitchell feels strongly about the need for a City Recreation Center; he does an excellent job as our Parks and Recreation Director and has a vision to the distant future.

Hogan stated he would be more comfortable with that wording in the lease; Grove City has their \$1.8 million so we are dividing by 2 not by 3; we are about \$1.7 million so we should expect some form of reimbursement.

Payne stated it was her belief that Grove City paid additional funds more than the additional funds more that we targeted; was our choice to pay that for the land; just wanted to point out that other communities are taking taxpayer dollars.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Adopted, as Amended, as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Vice President of Council Shepherd, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Kneeland
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K. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Kneeland stated the scheduled meeting has been cancelled; next year will be a whole new slate.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No Report.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Shepherd: No Report.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien: No Report.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor:

Stinchcomb stated she was pleased and proud for your support of the ordinance regarding the lease with the YMCA; appreciate the vote which was surprisingly 7-0; glad to see that lease pass this evening; also want to wish Don Shepherd the best; Tom Kneeland has been here for ten years; appreciate the friendship; not much I can add to what has been said; Council has been eloquent; went to Royal Manor Kidscape program today and was presented with a quilt "Thankfulness for Peace"; each student designed a square; as you walk out quilt is on a chair in the lobby; will be hung in the next few days; thank students at Royal Manor for their present to the City; wish everyone Happy Holidays.

City Attorney: No Report.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Thom stated he appreciated everybody's hard work this year; look forward to next year; Happy Holidays.

Angelou asked if we could recess meeting after Council comment; do Finance Committee and then go into executive session rather than keeping a number of people waiting; wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season; pray for peace in this world; 2001 takes on special meaning; hope all our citizens are safe through this season.

Hogan stated this was a special year; seen families get a lot closer; seen parents get closer to children; seen people being more sincere with each other; there is some insecurity out there; look around and admire America for what we have done; people are going about their lives; thank all members of Council; Happy Holidays to all; was a great 2001 and will be very interesting looking forward to 2002

Kneeland stated it was hard to say more than what has been said; hard to capsulize 10 years of service in a two to three minute rendition; this has been a real challenge; have been a lot of changes in 10 years; have grown the community to where I never thought it would be; had a population of 200 as I was growing up and we are at 35,000 now; those that live here are community oriented; pray we continue the successes we've seen; express my deep gratitude to all I've been working with.

Shepherd stated that our prayers are with McAlister and his family; thank everyone for their help and support; the negotiating to the end of a lease is doing what is best for the citizens of Gahanna; we do listen; we do try to compromise; has been very special serving with all of you.

Payne wished everyone Happy Holidays.

O'Brien in keeping with tradition have gifts for Council this evening; like to first of all thank Becky Stinchcomb for her role as President of Council; was a great leader this year; did a good job; will be missed on Council but appreciated as Mayor of our community; will remember McAlister's grandmother in our prayers and extend our sympathies; like to publicly thank all members of our military as they protect us every day even prior to Sept. 11; they put their lives on the line for us; even during peace time there are thousands of flights a day serving to protect us, hauling cargo, and covering essentials in the air; every strategic air command base has planes in the air to respond immediately to any threat to our country; since September 11 there are more people in harms way; have ground troops out there now; a marine lost his foot yesterday from a land mine near Kabul; our thoughts and prayers should be with him and his family; appreciate our police and firefighters when they get out to direct traffic, stop a speeder, or anything they routinely do; there is that thought every morning that they might not return; they sacrifice when they go off to serve us; September 11 brings that even more dear to us; hundreds of firefighters responded on that day without thought of the buildings collapsing; lot to be thankful for in this country; has been a reemergence of patriotism and love and care for family members and neighbors; Happy Holidays; be safe and enjoy yourself.

Angelou thanked General Abraham for his input to the ordinance this evening; O'Brien thanked him earlier but just want to add my thanks; we appreciate your input and your continued input as a guest writer to the area newspapers; appreciate your comments and wisdom; experience is priceless.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Kneeland to recess this meeting. President called a recess at 9:55 p.m. with all members returning to the dais at 10:10 p.m.

