



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 19, 2016

7:00 PM

City Hall

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 19, 2016, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Stephen Renner, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Brian Larick, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on December 16, 2016.

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.

None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS -

[RES-0032-2016](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SHARON MONTGOMERY FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

President Renner acknowledged Sharon Montgomery for her years of service.

[2017-0008](#) Edouard Petit Letter

Edouard Petit, 132 Shull Ave, said he recently found out he will need to get rid of his chickens; he believes he should have the right to keep his chickens; they are his pets; his girls; why are chickens such a threat to the City; why now after 3 years of keeping his chickens is the code being enforced; he's an airline pilot and gone a lot; he can't keep

another animal; his chickens are happy to see him; not keeping them for what a farm is used for; only a few chickens on his property; Creekside has a lot of ducks; can feed the ducks; he believes them being by restaurants are a greater threat; his neighbors don't have an issue with his chickens; he doesn't think it's distracting; any animal can cause the property value to go down; he has more interaction with his neighbors since he's owned chickens; he has his comments for the record; President Renner asked if he gave his comments to the Planning Commission; he said he was not able to make it; he did complete the survey; he was disappointed that the survey wasn't followed since 60% who took it were in favor; President Renner said this was in Planning Commission's hands and one member is in real estate and was against it; Mr. Petit would like to at least get an extension to move his girls; McGregor said her son might be able to house his chickens; he said that could be an option; he has 8 chickens; pointed out again that this wasn't an issue for 3 years and now is being enforced; he said Franklin County gave him the authority to keep his chickens.

Sissy Howell, 105 Oklahoma Ave, expressed her point of view on the survey; they are her pets; it's painful to think she has to get rid of her pets; she said they are her family; they respond to their names; she always cares for animals; she made sure Franklin County was ok with it; like any other animal you have to take care of them; her chickens eat very well; all organic; if she could sell eggs they would be worth over \$3; it is expensive to raise them; she has never received any complaints; her neighbors have offered to take care of them; she didn't know this was a concern; she requests Council re-consider; she pleaded to keep her chickens; she doesn't trust anyone else to keep them; she took her chicken to vet recently and it cost \$400; they are part of her family; would do anything to keep them; would not treat them as farm animals; they are in a secure area; people like to greet them; nothing but positive comments; she has their shots and all their health records; President Renner thanked her for her courage to speak.

Jason Howell, 115 Oklahoma Ave., reconsider to make a motion to bring this forward; did research; and was not able to review the code adequately; he wasn't able to read code online; looking for amendment or adjustment; President Renner said there is no formal action to take forward since Planning Commission denied; Angelou asked Ewald to explain that the decision has been made; he stated that PC has the authority under this section of code to allow chickens; the City does allow chickens if the parcel is under a certain size; because of classification of properties in zoning areas it's only allowed in certain areas; Council could make it legal, but there would be no restrictions.

Jeannie Hoffman, 708 Waybaugh Dr., thanked McGregor for sending Rockwood Cleaners back to committee; she just wanted to know how they arrived at that number; she said that Planning Commission member that voted against already made up their mind; one member sent a derogatory email; one member made derogatory comments under their breath; she said the process was poorly handled; they were told at the beginning of the last Public Hearing to not repeat comments already made; survey was consistent; number of residents took time to respond to the survey; open hall was 60/40 split for chickens; 750 visits to the page; 247 registered residents responded; next highest topic was how can City be more engaged there were only 350; the City has gone to great lengths to engage the public; when public isn't listened to; it gives government a bad rap; letters to receive back to Council for further review; she is 100% positive that can be written that is satisfactory to all; there will always be some people you can't please; she was on the news; most people were in favor; only one who said no; she is circulating a petition; this will be on the ballot; write legislation to allow chickens; she believes this will be successful and weigh in at the ballot box; she wants the voters to voice their opinion; maybe they can apply for a variance to keep chickens for now.

Karen Bailey, 476 Coronation Ave. is in favor of what everyone said; she'd like to get a variance; she got a notice right before the holiday season; 25th is Sunday; would like to get a variance on the time; she is lucky that her son has a farm; his coup is frozen to the ground; it weighs 960 pounds; she is looking forward to bringing this back; she believes Planning Commission is wrong; she said if they can vote on an eye sore one Planning Commission member needs to be turned in; she sees his ugly house every time she walks by with her dog; Planning Commission job isn't personal and should be what's best for the community; think about who is on Planning Commission; it's wrong to think about themselves and not the City; President Renner said plead with administration to move coup.

Donna Perry, 1321 Haybrook Dr., she is in favor of bringing forward a petition; based on survey people need to have a voice; she feels they do not.

2. School Board Update

None.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE: None.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2016-0374](#) Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 5, 2016.

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:

[ORD-0133-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STEEL, PAPER & FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL, AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL, LOCAL 9110; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0123-2016](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - PROJECTED SEVERANCE PAYMENTS FOR 2016.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0124-2016](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - PROJECTED LODGING TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (CVB).

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0125-2016](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - PROJECTED LODGING TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC).

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0126-2016](#) TO ESTABLISH THE BENEFITS FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0127-2016](#) TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0128-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND ADOPT THE PAY PLAN ADMINISTRATION POLICY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0129-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TAG PROPERTY LANDSCAPING FOR MUNICIPAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0130-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CONTRACT SWEEPERS AND EQUIPMENT FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0131-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SEAN H. MAXFIELD TO SERVE AS MAGISTRATE FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA MAYOR'S COURT.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0132-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT POLICY AND PROCEDURE CONTENT SUPPLIED BY LEXIPOL.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

[RES-0027-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND GRANT FOR THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL SECTION 4 PROJECT; AND IF AWARDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE GRANT.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0030-2016](#) A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0032-2016](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SHARON MONTGOMERY FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0031-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR

GRANT FUNDS FOR THE USDA FOREST SERVICE'S COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM (CFP) GRANT; AND IF AWARDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE GRANT.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0058-2016](#) TO APPOINT BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FILLING TERMS THAT EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2016.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, to approve 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

[ORD-0118-2016](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017.

President Renner stated the rules for public hearings and opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m. Renner called for proponents, there were none. Renner called for opponents, there were none. Renner closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

[2016-0379](#) Committee Minutes - December 12, 2016

Committee of the Whole - Larick

None.

Finance - Schnetzer

None.

Service & Safety - Leeseberg

None.

Development & Parks - McGregor

None.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

Banning said there will be an organizational meeting on Monday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m., even though the rest of City Hall will be closed.

Council

To Be Amended by Substitution:

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

[ORD-0113-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT WITH RINGS BROTHERS, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 181 GRANVILLE STREET TO BE USED BY ROCKWOOD CLEANERS

Schnetzer said wanted to highlight that upon bringing this back to committee, it has been further clarified that the land sale has been proposed as economic development which is key for the city; Sale agreement has been amended so that ability to receive incentives has been reduced; is now in favor.

Angelou said in the red-lined version, that's what was negotiated; Blackford indicated yes.

Larick said challenging environment and he's happy to see this.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Ordinance be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

To Be Amended by Substitution:

[ORD-0118-2016](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017.

Larick said wants to thank staff and everyone for contributing in getting us through this.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Leeseberg, that the Ordinance be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Renner/Larick**

Larick said last meeting is tomorrow at 7:30 a.m., here at City Hall.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou said met December 8th for last meeting of the year; Going to read a letter from Mr. Murdock, the executive director, about the year; together achieved robust list of accomplishments which positioned us well for 2017, is proof that our collaborative and innovative spirit is why central Ohio is Ohio's fastest growing region and so prosperous; Burt Logan from Ohio History Connection was present to share about opportunity for Ohio, which is to get more heritage sites in Ohio; Approval of 2017 agency budget; update for RFP for long term office space; Governor passed Senate Bill 331 regarding cell phone tower, may try to stop this abuse of public structures; passed 4 year sustainability program; improvements in ozone levels; will have a member retire in 2017; Thea Walsh, was summoned to the White House for a presentation on Smart Cities; will be going to Washington in February with MORPC, will meet with local representatives, looking forward to it.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Larick/Renner

School board replaced Joe Gottron with Jennifer Chrysler.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Next board meeting will be in January; tonight was a retirement party for Pam Brown, an employee of CVB, she will be missed.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

As was mentioned, Senate Bill 331 passed; this bill degrades home rule authority; wants to protect our right away; will work with other cities and City Attorney; now obtained additional 132 jobs; passed 1,600 mark; first office building broke ground since 2009; a number of

business visits scheduled for January; will be evaluating internally within the next few weeks; pleased to present Renner with President of Council embroidered flag; very special; wanted to also thank Council and staff for all the support this year.

City Attorney

Said will go through each clause of SB 331; omnibus bill which is unconstitutional; will work with legislature to try and fix this; please don't forget those in need and donate to GRIN.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou said there's a two page points of concern on wireless tower, can provide to anyone that wants it; proud of Jennifer Chrysler, she's wonderful to work with; Merry Christmas and Happy new Year; thanked Chair and Vice Chair of Council for all their hard work; thanked Mayor for all his hard work.

Metzbower said thank you for accommodating him this first year on council; has learned a lot; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

McGregor said she's proud to hear about Jennifer Chrysler being appointed to school board; she started out in Gahanna as a young intern and worked hard; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Leeseberg said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, see you all on the 2nd.

Larick said Columbus CEO magazine did a write up on Post House Creative, started in 2008, video production enterprise; growing in the city; Merry Christmas and Happy New, Go Bucks.

Renner thanked people that came out to spoke about chickens; knows it is emotional; did plead with Planning Commission because feels as if the families that pushed for this have had their rights trampled on; wishes them the best of luck getting this on the ballot; wants to thank colleagues for opportunity to serve as President this year; job is to ensure open and transparent dialogue and feels we have met that this year; really feels a sincere sense of awe serving with all of you; Angelou has had perfect attendance and wants to call that out; wants to say that Mayor has done an excellent job and brought us a long way; never heard other mayors talk about job creation and business visits; can't wait to see what he will do next; Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual unless such public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Metzbower, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual unless such public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

President Renner requested that all Council members join.

Council rose to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. with no action taken.

P. ADJOURNMENT

8:34 p.m.