

Mayor's Report & Comments
City of Gahanna
Regular Council Meeting – May 4, 2020
Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

In light of the virtual meeting aspect of tonight's Regular Council Meeting, I respectfully submit the following report from the Mayor's Office for Monday, May 4, 2020:

- As of today, there are:
 - 20,474 cases of COVID-19 in Ohio
 - 1,056 Deaths in Ohio
- Late last Thursday evening, Gov. DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health issued a new "Stay Safe Ohio" Order that extended portions of the previous Stay at Home Order. Among other things, the new Stay Safe Ohio Order, which is in effect through May 29, 2020, prohibits parades, public events, the operation of day camps and pools, and gatherings of 10 or more people. (The Order issued by the Ohio Department of Education earlier in the week implies that mass gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited through June 30.)
- In light of the Stay Safe Ohio Order, the City is legally prohibited from opening pools on Memorial Day weekend, as previously planned.
- We will continue to evaluate options for operating pools and camp programming after May 29 as we receive further direction from the ODH and Governor DeWine. As always, the health and safety of our community remains our priority, and more details will be communicated as soon as more information becomes available to us. In the meantime, I can share that municipalities all across the Columbus Region are struggling with this issue, and mayors and city managers are in ongoing communication to determine and align next steps.
- Based on the Stay Safe Ohio Order, recreational programming through the end of May has been cancelled.
- The Gahanna Golf course will open for business this Friday, May 8. Protocols will be implemented to protect the safety and health of our team members and golfers. For information on what to expect, see the Parks & Rec page of gahanna.gov.
- Pursuant to the Stay Safe Ohio Order, City Hall will remain closed until June 1. We are in the process of finalizing protocols and policies that will need to be in place before we can begin to return our employees to work safely within the building. This includes evaluation and implementation of any changes to work spaces and desk assignments in order to meet social distancing requirements, as well as establishing for use of PPE within the

workplace. In the meantime, we have begun to return field employees to work, utilizing rotational and flex schedules in conformance with the ODH Order.

- The Mayor's Office is working with members of COMMA (Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association) and MORPC to seek direct funding to cities from the federal government for revenue losses resulting from COVID-19. We also have been in frequent communication with the Governor's office to address concerns on behalf of local businesses, and have been working with our federal legislators (Congressman Balderson and Congresswoman Beatty) regarding opportunities for assistance and relief for businesses in our community.
- As previously reported, Craig Main's last day with the City as Director of IT was last Friday, May 1. Craig has accepted a new position with Mifflin Township to assist with the planned collaboration of dispatch operations in the "new" MECC, to be located in the (former) CML Distribution Center. A job description for the position of IT and we will be conducting interviews ASAP to fill this position.
- Despite the limitations posed by COVID-19, our internal operations have continued to function smoothly. In April alone, the Public Service Department has addressed and resolved more than 145 resident requests/concerns. (Note that this does not include addressed complaints or concerns that received via the Mayor's office or a Councilmember, nor does it include calls that were handled by the Utility Billing Division.)
- The week of May 4 – 9, 2020 is:
 - National Economic Development Week
 - National Air Quality Week
 - National Municipal Clerk Week
 - National Travel & Tourism Week