



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Krystal Gonchar, MPA, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular session on Monday, July 6, 2021. Vice President of Council, Nancy McGregor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on July 2, 2021.

Present 5 - Jamie Leeseberg, Michael Schnetzer, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, and Merisa Bowers

Absent 2 - Stephen A. Renner, and Brian D. Larick

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

McGregor stated that Resolutions RES-0019-2021 and RES-0024-2021 would be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes - To Approve:

- a. [2021-0123](#) Council Meeting Minutes for Approval.

These Meeting Minutes were Approved on the Consent Agenda.

2. Resolutions:

- a. [RES-0018-2021](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO ELECTION, TERM, QUALIFICATIONS OF MAYOR.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- b. [RES-0020-2021](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- c. [RES-0021-2021](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- d. [RES-0022-2021](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- e. [RES-0023-2021](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- f. [RES-0025-2021](#) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- g. [RES-0026-2021](#) A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.41(D)(1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A NEW TIMEKEEPING AND SCHEDULE SYSTEM.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- h. [RES-0027-2021](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AMONG VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.
This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

3. Ordinances for Second Reading:

- a. [ORD-0040-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART FIVE, GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 521, HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SANITATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF UNSOLICITED WRITTEN MATERIALS.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

End of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, to Pass the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 2 - Renner and Larick

E. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING:

Leeseberg introduced the items under Section E.

1. [ORD-0041-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 1153, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, SECTIONS 1153.03 - CC COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

2. [ORD-0042-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LOCAL WASTE SERVICES, FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

3. [ORD-0043-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Ordinance was Introduced.

4. [ORD-0044-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE ORD-0018-2021, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

5. [ORD-0045-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL

PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS; SPECIFYING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PARCELS.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

F. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & ADOPTION:

1. [ORD-0046-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH WOOLPERT, INC. TO IMPLEMENT CITY WORKS ASSET AND WORKORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & CITIZEN PORTAL; AND TO REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION; WAIVE SECOND READING.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Angelou, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 2 - Renner and Larick

G. RESOLUTIONS MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

1. [RES-0019-2021](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL.

Bowers thanked the members of the Charter Review Commission, and for those who applied, for serving the community; the resolutions are recommendations from the Commission, appointed members who volunteered; the interpretation of the Charter is that the recommendations be forwarded to the Board of Elections; for consideration by the electorate. City Attorney Ray Mularski confirmed. Bowers stated that by voting to send these recommended changes to the electorate, it does not constitute an endorsement by Council members; the changes in Resolution 19 change the qualifications of potential Council members; it would extend the residency requirement; the intent is to clean up the current language, but unsure that three (3) months makes much difference; regarding the later point, of adding in "compensated", is not sure that the issue has been corrected; the Attorney General's Office offers guidance on this matter; the concern is the words "*could* be in conflict"; that is *potential* for conflict; we don't have guidance on what that means.

Angelou stated that we have to put these on the ballot because these have been submitted by our Charter Review Board; if you don't like them, you don't have to vote on them; there is no precedent to say that Council can make changes; there was a discussion around this at the Committee of the Whole Meeting; stated that she was concerned about people running for council and the potential to not be able to serve or have to leave their job; stated that the Commission members worked hard on this and thanked those members for serving.

Mularski stated that the word "could" is interchangeable with "would" in this case.

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

Yes: 5 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 2 - Renner and Larick

2. [RES-0024-2021](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL.

Bowers stated that the concern with this Resolution, was the proposed change to rezonings; the removal of the additional time for Council to review recommendations from Planning Commission; this proposal would strike the 60 day extension option; again this vote is not an endorsement on the proposed change, simply moving this to the electorate.

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

Yes: 5 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 2 - Renner and Larick

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk- none.

Council- none.

I. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

No report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou stated that there are no meetings this month.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

A third stage is being added to the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival, presented by Byers Auto. Visit www.creeksidebluesandjazz.com for updates on bands that are being added to the line-up. Currently, Soul Kitch'n is scheduled on Friday night (they were previously scheduled for Saturday afternoon on the Blues Stage) and Hurricane Jerry and the Surge is scheduled on Saturday night on the new stage.

The summer edition of the Herbal Cocktail Trail was just released and it runs through September 30. Last season, 50 people participated and turned their passports in for a prize.

Visit Gahanna had a space at the Gahanna Farmer's Market last weekend and will continue to set up once a month through September. Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival and other information was distributed.

"Mid-week at the Creek(side)" happened for the first time on Wednesday, June 30. The group called Chaz and Nikki performed. The next event will be Wednesday, July 7 and the Shuman Band will perform.

A new website for Visit Gahanna is being launched next week.

The Ohio Herb Center hosted a Tea Cup Fairy Garden Workshop for adults, and a child's birthday party that included the same workshop.

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

Schnetzer stated that representatives from the City and GJPS met to discuss a school compensation agreement; continue to work through strategies; will have another update after the draft is sent from the City to the schools.

J. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

[2021-0124](#)

Mayoral Proclamation: Parks & Recreation Month.

Mayor Laurie Jadwin presented a proclamation to Director of Parks & Recreation, Stephania Ferrell; to recognize the month of July as Parks & Recreation Month.

[2021-0125](#)

Mayor's Report to Council for July 6, 2021.

Mayor Laurie Jadwin welcomed Council back to chambers; welcomed visitors back; this is our first opportunity to live stream in hi-definition; will continue working through the technology; COVID opened an opportunity to explore new ways of interacting with the community; last year we began with our Communications Manager Carrin Wester streaming through Facebook on a mobile device; thanked Kevin Shultz, IT Manager, for working so diligently on getting this project up and running.

Jadwin provided a summary of the attached Mayor's Report; the City is hiring lateral Police Officers; jobs can be found on the City website; next week the Columbus Metropolitan Library will hold a groundbreaking for the new branch; the public is welcome; July 4th weekend was the first time in 18 months our community has gathered en masse; it was a wonderful event and made possible by Mifflin Township Fire, Kemba Financial Credit Union, Gahanna Lions; Police, Public Service and Engineering, Parks & Recreation; this is the first of many events to come; there will be City shredding day this month, Capital City Corvette show on August 7, Parks & Rec programming in the interim, the Blues & Jazz Fest in September, followed by Creekside Hops & Vines.

Angelou asked about the groundbreaking this Thursday. Jadwin stated that there's an event scheduled for the Walnut Creek Surgical Suites, which is the newest addition to the Crescent at Central Park.

City Attorney

K. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou thanked the Parks & Recreation team; the site for the fireworks was perfect; it was missed by the community last year.

Bowers stated that the homicide rate in Franklin County is the highest it has ever been; we have seen this spill over into our community; wanted to highlight some work that the Police Department is doing; last year the Gahanna PD produced its first annual report under Chief Spence, which quantified data on race-based stops; all officers are receiving training on implicit-bias, and crisis intervention; we are building back personnel with younger and more diverse candidates; the department is modestly funded; recently announced the implementation of body-worn cameras; commends the administration; encouraged police officers to apply for

those lateral positions.

Schnetzer echoed the statements made previously about how nice it was to be a part of the July 4th parade and events; thanked everyone, City staff and Volunteers for their hard work pulling off a great event.

McGregor said there were a lot of people in the parade and watching; it was great to see.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION- none.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.