



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

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

Kristin E. Rosan, Chair, Jennifer Tisone Price, Vice Chair, David K. Andrews, Bobbie Burba, Joe Keehner, Donald R. Shepherd, Thomas J. Wester

Kayla Holbrook, Deputy Clerk of Council

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

7:00 PM

City Hall

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Gahanna Planning Commission met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. The agenda for this meeting was published on October 30, 2015. Chair Kristin Rosan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Shepherd.

Present 6 - Joe Keehner, Donald R. Shepherd, Bobbie Burba, Jennifer Tisone Price, Kristin E. Rosan, and Thomas J. Wester

Absent 1 - David K. Andrews

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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A motion was made by Shepherd, seconded by Wester, that these Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Keehner, Shepherd, Burba, Price, Rosan and Wester

Absent: 1 - Andrews

D. HEARING OF VISITORS - ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

E. APPLICATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

G. NEW BUSINESS: None.**H. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****City Attorney**

Not present.

City Engineer

Not present.

Department of Development**1. Overview: Economic Development Strategy**

Blackford gave an overview of the recently adopted Economic Development Strategy; said it was last updated in 2007; some portions of that plan were now outdated and the document was no longer a resource that was effective; in July 2014 a process for the request for proposal was initiated; there are 7 sections of the Strategy; first, looked at the make-up of the area compared to similar communities in Ohio; compared education and welfare and manufacturing with other comparable communities; in education and healthcare, Gahanna had above the national average and we are growing faster than the national average; manufacturing jobs show to be a growing industry; we have an effective market area, which includes Easton; there is about a significant amount of square footage in vacant space to be used for offices; also reviewed different community stakeholders and had a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis; also have economic development strategies; said Gahanna is in a pretty good spot; have been named in the top five best hometowns to live in; Gahanna ranks in the top 50 in Ohio in number of businesses per 100 people; said there were different categories in the strategies to include entrepreneurship, marketing, global investment, and others; the Strategy pointed out priority development areas; said priority number one is West Gahanna; there are development incentives for that area; target site 1a is the area of Agler and Imperial Drive; if the City chooses to do roadway improvements the roadway would be relocated through Royal Plaza; would like to see the redevelopment occur and divide up the big box building that was developed years ago; there are no dollars currently for this project; part of the passage of this document was approved; a committee to engage citizens was created by City Council; last, we

have implementation; a table states when the project should occur and by whom; some of them are not City-initiated; the document is on the City's website under the Planning and Development webpage; also available on the CIC's website; there is a lot to the document; happy to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Council Liaison

No report.

CIC Liaison

No report.

Chair

No report.

I. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

None.

J. POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 p.m.