



## **Coffee with Council – Public Outreach Meetings**

**March 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: D o n a t o s – Johnstown Road**

### **Topics of Discussion**

#### **Local Funding**

- Business owner just stopped by to say hello. Learned why Gahanna lost their money; Governor hasn't given back money; for years out almost \$1 million that they held; will eventually get back; had that money today asked council what they would do with it.
  - Council said they would buy more capital improvement.

#### **Hamilton Road Widening**

- Resident asked about the time line.
  - Council responded it should hit end of this year and next year.

#### **Creekside**

- Business Owner asked why the person who bought Creekside bought and is now building apartments; he owned that property and it was re-zoned; asked if he owed the City money.
  - Council responded Creekside went into foreclosure; the city is protected and will get their money back; the city will get paid first.

#### **Granville/Mill Traffic Light**

- Resident expressed concern about the traffic light at Granville Street heading south on Mill Street; everyone turns left and they are the only one that gets through after waiting; would like that to be changed for better traffic flow.

#### **US 62/Hamilton Traffic Light**

- Resident stated a light issue at 62 and Hamilton Road; angles are so bad; no turn on red; dangerous to turn; should be no turn on red going south on Hamilton Road.

#### **Fresh Thyme Market**

- Resident asked about Vista Plaza and Fresh Thyme Market; worried about traffic flow; traffic will always get worse.
  - That issues was postponed until next Wednesday, April 8;

### **Foxwood**

- Resident asked about the Foxwood project; wondered why they cleared out the trees.
  - The ash trees will be taken down.

### **Open Town Hall**

- Looking to find better ways to communicate; partially interactive; this was a small step for effective communication; come to meetings to find answers.
- Resident said people want to complain, but don't want to volunteer.

### **Development**

- Resident expressed concern about Tech Center Drive; other than the Urology Group, there is nothing to the end of the street.
  - Economic Development communicates and markets properties; it's timing and position and getting the right business in that area.
- Resident remembered when City didn't want development; there is a lot now.
  - Type of development is important; looking for positions working 8 to 5; higher paying jobs; with retail, you get more traffic; one key piece we want to emphasize is Suburban Office; low impact on traffic; a lot of development going east.

### **Morrison**

- Resident said nice improvement on Morrison; Tech Center bridge was a huge improvement.

### **Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

- Resident asked if they will redesign bridge going to golf course down to Creekside because wooden rails always get water damage; City spends so much money, they should raise the bridge; they are down low.
  - Golf course side is due to be redone; Academy Woods to Woodside Green; beauty of Creekside but there is a trade-off when you build in flood plain.

### **Storm Drain**

- Resident asked if they should throw things back in sewer drain.
  - Not a good idea; could create a dam.
  - Street sweeper cleans gutter; people insist on parking on street; can't clean up properly and end up clogging sewer; end up flushing the storm drain.

### **Potholes**

- Resident noted the street crews doing good job getting things patched; pot holes are getting patched really fast.