

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 26, 2009**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Development & Parks**

*John McAlister, Chair  
Beryl D. Anderson  
Thomas R. Kneeland*

**Members Present:** John McAlister, Thomas R. Kneeland and Beryl D. Anderson

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**Additional Attendees:**

*Anthony Jones, Tom Weber, Angel Mumma, Tony Collins, Jack Allen*

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

**ORD-0025-2009** TO ZONE 0.79+/- ACRES AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 211 WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; SUNRISE LODGE NO. 783 F&AM, BY JACK L. ALLEN, APPLICANT.

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*McAlister called the meeting to order. Jones said this rezoning passed Planning Commission on Jan. 23; Allen is here with his realtor for comments and questions; this is a request for a change in zoning on 0.79 acres to accommodate the use by the Sunrise Lodge; a fraternal order is in this zoning class; feel it is in our favor so we are recommending passing this. Kneeland asked which building this is. Allen said it is the old Mt. Carmel center in front of the bowling alley. McAlister said he has no questions or comments. Kneeland said he is glad to see the building get reused. Anderson asked to see the photo of the building. McAlister recommended it be put on the consent agenda. Sherwood said the agenda is posted on Friday; vote would be at next Monday's Council meeting. Kneeland said sounds like you are anxious to get started; once this passes in Council it has a 30 day wait unless we ask for emergency; we could add emergency language. Allen said our contract is 90 days and that mark is in a week or so. Weber said the usual route is once this passes Council, it goes into effect in 30 days; we could amend by substitution to add emergency, then consent agenda, and you won't have to wait. Sherwood said then it goes into effect when the Mayor signs it. Kneeland said we don't want to delay progress and are glad to help. Allen and his realtor thanked Council.*

**Recommended for Substitution and Adoption**

**ISSUES - From Director of Parks and Recreation:**

**Amend Code Section 153.04**

*Collins said this request is to amend a section of Parks Code; in the current Code, golf course fees are set by Council; this is outdated and inconsistent with how other Parks' fees are determined; we need to allow for greater market flexibility; for example when fuel costs went up, we couldn't adjust rates to allow for that; this allows the Parks Board to recommend fees based on pricing policies. Anderson said that would be consistent with how other fees are set. Collins said we look at the pricing policy for each session and based on that policy, the rate will be determined. Kneeland said in years past, the reason Council was involved was because of a disagreement on fees; the golf course was trying to set senior fees higher than we believed affordable; do we have any seniors represented on the Parks Board? Collins said not per se; no one has that specific designation, but senior rights should always be considered; the only history we could find on why Council was involved was a contractor issue; we do need to keep the facility like other golf courses; we expect the Parks Board to run this as a good*

*business; if we go down the wrong path we will mess up our customer base and they will go to their representatives; the way to avoid that is the pricing policy should have specifics for seniors; we have senior rates but I don't have the rates in front of me. Anderson said we should also have special rates for youths. Collins said we have some very good youth golf programs but I don't have their rates in front of me either. Anderson said there should be a special youth rate. Collins said it is market driven; if we overprice we get no customers; we are talking about a lot of the market as this demographic contains 2 of our major client groups. Weber asked is there a non-resident rate. Collins said no we do not; it has been discussed and looked at it; but frankly it would affect our bottom line and not in a positive way. McAlister said the golf course has always broken even or made money; I say leave it alone. Kneeland said if the rate is adjusted by the market, I would ask you consider the seniors and have it be affordable for them. Anderson said particularly in this economy. Collins said that is the beauty of a citizen driven government; they are there and will come and tell us when it is wrong.*

*Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.*

### **Supplemental Appropriation - Hunters Ridge Pumps**

*Collins said we had removed our request to replace the pumps at the Hunters Ridge Pool from the budget; we had said we would maintain them and come back and ask for replacement if necessary later; when we went to do maintenance we found 2 pumps in such bad shape we had to replace them now; this depleted the maintenance account; we would like to reimburse the maintenance account now so if maintenance is needed we have the funds. McAlister asked how much money. Sherwood said it was \$6,000.*

*Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.*

### **Application to ODNR - Natureworks Grant**

*Collins said we are requesting a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to apply for an ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) Natureworks Grant; the deadline is March 1. Kneeland said the project is going to cost us \$200,000; we would have to give up the grant if we can't come up with the money when expected. Collins said yes, we would walk away; we do the best we can; we may also have an extension to get our share of funds as that is being done now. Anderson asked how that works. Collins said we spend down the fund by a certain time and do the same for the match. McAlister asked if the government can pull the plug on this program. Collins said yes it could.*

*Recommendation: Resolution, Consent Agenda*

*Meeting adjourned.*

### **Della Brandenberger, Reporting**