

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

Thomas C. Evers, President of Council

Thomas R. Kneeland, Vice President of Council

Beryl D. Anderson

Shane Ewald

John R. McAlister

Nancy McGregor

David L. Samuel

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Thomas C. Evers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation by Vice President Kneeland followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on February 13, 2009.

Members Present: Thomas C. Evers, Thomas R. Kneeland, Nancy R. McGregor, Shane W. Ewald, John McAlister, Beryl D. Anderson and David L. Samuel

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Evers read resolutions for John Dobbie and Joe Gatesman of the Cable Advisory Board and presented resolutions to them. Also to Cid Canter for 20 years of service on the Planning Commission. Evers thanked them for donating their time and talents to the city.

Tom Schneider, Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation, thanked Council for the opportunity to give a presentation this evening; about a year ago had initial kickoff; did that with gala event at Creekside Conference Center; had opportunity to see most of you there; pleasure to work with Council and citizens of Gahanna to put forth a foundation for the Parks & Recreation Department. (Clerk played DVD at this point). Schneider continued that the Foundation will help the Department make its mission; provide scholarships for programs for those who can't afford; part is to get money; part is utilization of those funds; continue to do camp programs; have received a few memorials; have a couple of new granite benches along the creek; families who have donated are enthused they were able to participate in the foundation; spread the word; lot of events this summer; 24 different Tuesday nights from Rotary Club in the form of entertainment series on Rotary Stage; please look out for that and attend and enjoy; ask for your support for gala on May 16; 2nd annual fund raiser and will be held again at the Creekside Conference Center; could use your support; thank you for the opportunity of giving you this update. Anderson asked about the scholarship program. Schneider stated \$5,000 has been budgeted this year; raised about \$15,000 last year; need to take it easy for a while. Collins stated \$5,000 has been set aside for camp scholarships; no particular number of students; scholarships granted on a sliding scale; spread them out as much as we can; last year was funded through a one-time contribution; can give you a report at the end of the year but can't tell you how many now. Anderson stated what we are doing is commendable when you read about the closing of recreation centers elsewhere; thank you for your presentation.

Marlene Eader, Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education, stated she had a couple of things to share; graduate profile was discussed; brought copies for you; this is a vision statement of what we expect a graduate of Gahanna Lincoln to do; will be on our web site and posted in every classroom; student will be a responsible community member, a collaborative team member, a comprehensive problem solver, an effective communicator, and a proficient technology user; other thing shared at State of Schools is rendition of what our new building will look like; have a copy to share with you; Gerry Bird spoke to us about design elements and consistency with Creekside; is a visible intersection and want to carry over same stucco and brick look we will be proud of; innovative programming we will be doing there; continue the vision we have for our city; another thing to share is a piece developed by our Public Relations personnel and talks about the City of Gahanna; read from brochure as follows: "A top priority in the

district is safety, which is supported by our strong collaboration with the City of Gahanna and the Gahanna Police Department. A comprehensive Crisis Management Plan created by representatives from both the school district and the community outlines protocol to respond to emergency events and is reviewed annually." Eader continued that we value our relationship with the city; also share with you the approved school calendars for the next 2 years; generally will be starting the 4th week of August; 3 days off at Thanksgiving; 2 full weeks off at Christmas; Spring Break will follow the grading period so will be the last week of March; one last thing is the Education Foundation Gala coming up in March; will honor the Cornerstone recipients; this year they are Jim Singer, Carolyn Howard and Millie Powell; also recognized our National Merit finalists and semi-finalists; had 11 this year; important as a city to also note that we have merit scholars at Columbus Academy, DeSales and Hartley as well. Samuel asked about demolition of the old Kroger site. Eader stated it will probably be the summer; with proper coordination there can be some monetary savings.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Kneeland.

ORD-0036-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SHARED USE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF NEW ALBANY FOR PARTNERSHIP TO EXTEND THEIR FIBER OPTIC SYSTEM INTO THE ONLINE COMPUTER LIBRARY CENTER, INC.

Introduced

ORD-0037-2009

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR A BIKE PATH ALONG MORRISON ROAD; FROM COLUMBUS SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0038-2009

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO REIMBURSE ITS ISSUE II FUND FOR THE US 62 AND STYGLER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (OPWC PROJECT #CC15M AND CC16M) WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0039-2009

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO REIMBURSE ITS ISSUE II FUNDS FOR THE US 62 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (OPWC PROJECT # CC01L/CC02L) WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0040-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR USE OF CITY PROPERTY AS POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2009; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0041-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF

GAHANNA TO CONSTRUCT THE TECHCENTER DRIVE BRIDGE OVER IR-270.

Introduced

ORD-0043-2009

TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0044-2009

TO ACCEPT A RECREATIONAL PATH EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON A PORTION OF 85 SOUTH HIGH STREET FROM RICHARD A. AND JULIA A. WINNESTAFFER

Introduced

ORD-0045-2009

TO ACCEPT A WARRANTY DEED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH HAMILTON ROAD FOR RETENTION BASIN AND PARK PURPOSES; FROM STONEHENGE LAND COMPANY

Introduced

ORD-0046-2009

TO ACCEPT A DEED OF FIDUCIARY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED TO THE REAR OF 496 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD FOR PARK PURPOSES FROM THE ESTATE OF MARTHA JUNE LEPERA

Introduced

ORD-0047-2009

TO ACCEPT A WARRANTY DEED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH HAMILTON ROAD FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES; FROM STONEHENGE LAND COMPANY

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

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This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:

ORD-0035-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BID ROCK SALT FOR THE 2009/2010 SEASON; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0042-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE GAHANNA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR THE 2009 CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

ORD-0026-2009

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 153.04, SETTING OF FEES, OF CHAPTER 153, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0027-2009

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Hunters Ridge Pool Maintenance Supplies

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0028-2009

TO REPEAL CHAPTER 751, CABLE SYSTEM, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0029-2009

TO REPEAL CHAPTER 150, CABLE ADVISORY BOARD, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0030-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH WATCON CONSULTING ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR THE PARKEDGE SWALE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0031-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS FIBERNET, FOR MAINTENANCE/RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO THE GAHANNA FIBER OPTIC NETWORK.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0033-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH GOLLINGS ARENA DODGE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFF THE STATE CONTRACT.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0034-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED CONTRACT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR SCOPE CHANGES TO COMPLETE THE DESIGN OF TECHCENTER DRIVE; IMP. NO. ST 762; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

MR-0009-2009

Motion Resolution that this Council has no objection to the D5 liquor permit transfer from T D Bulldog, Inc., 953 E. Johnstown Road, Gahanna, to Bar 62 LLC, 953 E. Johnstown Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by McAlister, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	President of Council Evers, Vice President of Council Kneeland, McGregor, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel
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End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Development & Parks Committee - McAlister: No Report.

Public Service & Safety Committee - McGregor: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Kneeland: No Report.

Finance - Ewald: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:

Z-0001-2009

To consider a zoning application to rezone 190.3 acres of property bounded by Taylor Road, Morrison Road, Claycraft Road and Science Blvd., known as Central Park of Gahanna; current zoning M-1 Manufacturing; requested zoning as L-M1, Limited Overlay, Manufacturing; Value Recovery Group II, LLC; Dwight McCabe, applicant.

Clerk stated Public Hearing is set for March 16, 2009.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Z-0003-2009

To consider a recommendation to Council on an initial zoning for 3.9 acres annexed to the City of Gahanna; initial zoning of ER-2, Estate Residential 2; for property located at 4705 E. Johnstown Road; Edward J. Doersam, owner.

Clerk stated Public Hearing is set for March 16, 2009.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Z-0004-2009

To consider a recommendation to Council on an initial zoning for 6.3 acres annexed to the City of Gahanna; initial zoning of ER-1, Estate Residential 1; for property located at 3891 Clotts Road; Billy G. & Vanieta Decker, owners.

Clerk stated Public Hearing is set for March 16, 2009.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Z-0005-2009

To consider a recommendation to Council on an initial zoning for 1.5 acres annexed to the City of Gahanna; initial zoning of ER-2, Estate Residential 2; for property located at 4301 Johnstown Road; Mifflin Township, owner.

Clerk stated Public Hearing is set for March 16, 2009.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Council:

Anderson noted Council received an e-mail and in spirit of openness and transparency note that Nancy Garland is having a Coffee Meet & Greet at Java's on Beecher Crossing on February 28 at 10:00 am; also one in Bexley next week.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:**Motion:****MR-0008-2009**

Motion Resolution to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 from Account No. 101.111.5408, Council Contingency, as a contribution to the Gahanna Lincoln High School Honor Flight program.

Kneeland stated he made commitment at last committee meeting to do a personal contribution; reiterate that this was a challenge to the balance of Council and School Board to make that same contribution.

Anderson stated that in the discussion, administration and others were also challenged; given economic times and even though a challenge, can give less or serve by giving time that would also be helpful.

McAlister stated he remembered Samuel saying at committee that of 20 people he spoke to, 17 of them were in favor; seems to me that if this resolution passes that what this Council is saying is that these veterans of WWII that fought to preserve our government, we don't count what they fought for; our very foundation is to protect the rights of the minority from the tyranny of the majority; whether we protect rights or not, then what did they fight for; got an e-mail from Bruce Denton-Stickel stated "don't want tax money spent on charities; when do you stop and say we can't keep giving away taxpayer money; donate to charities of my choosing; want my tax dollars used to run the city". McAlister continued that he was definitely against voting for this, not because of the amount or the purpose, but the principle involved; we're going down the same road of tyranny these WWII veterans fought for.

McGregor stated she agreed with McAlister to a degree; can agree with the idea of donating to charity because where would we stop; however, that being said, this is a student-led project; started by students who organized and raised funds; lot of school students involved; this is not purely a charity; we are honoring the veterans; this is support of a high school project and because of that I have no reason not to support; donated to this type of project before; sent my check earlier this week; anyone who can should support on their own but have no problem supporting this student project.

Kneeland stated maybe they do carry a 501(c)(3) designation, but this is an honor program not a charity in any way, shape or form; bit misguided to think of it as a charity; not a request of recipients for this honor; this group searches the veterans out; to honor them for their hardships and that they served for us.

McAlister asked if we will be able to get names of those veterans we supported on this flight; should be roughly 3 of them. Evers stated he would make that request of Mr. Gregory. McAlister stated he would be interested to see who gets the money; ask them if they think it is a proper use of taxpayers money; see if they agree with this Council doing this; it is the principle; if they didn't need the money; not in the sense of alms for the poor but if this Council votes for this there is no principle as far as I am concerned; is a tragedy.

Evers stated he asked that this be brought forward after the presentation by the high school students; however, will say that this body in the past has supported veterans with the Veteran's Memorial down near Creekside to the Fallen Heroes Memorial right next door which was brought to us by the schools; and getting back to Eader comment on collaboration between school and city, this wasn't just the high school group that did it; this went through all schools; all elementary schools had fund raisers; was a community

effort; don't consider this opening the floodgates; believe precedent of supporting has been set; brought my personal check; will be voting in favor.

Samuel stated we are honoring a unique group of people; won't happen again; our entire country sacrificed deeply at this time; stand behind honoring these unique individuals for this unique time in our history.

Anderson stated she would add that she also agreed with McAlister's point, in part; distinguish in thought and rationale is that this is a precedent already set; unique to WWII and category of veterans; even though school initiated, the lynch pin for me is people who have served us so we can be here; with that, since opportunity has arisen for them to be held up and to go to Washington and have some sort of gratification and honor for what they have done is tremendous; they are worthy of that and that is worthy of us; will be voting in favor; doesn't go outside scope of history; other veterans as well but that would go beyond scope of this project; line does have to be drawn and right now that line is drawn at WWII veterans.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Kneeland, seconded by Ewald, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Evers, Vice President of Council Kneeland, McGregor, Ewald, Anderson and Samuel
No	1	McAlister

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Evers/Kneeland:

Kneeland stated next meeting is March 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor/Anderson:

Anderson stated that today the President signed the stimulus package; MORPC is on top of how that impacts us as a region; will get updates on that; Clean Air award nominations are in process for this year; March 13 is deadline to submit an application; some things coming down the pike with regard to grants and otherwise we will keep you apprised of.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - McGregor:

McGregor thanked Eader for giving report; couple of things further; Rick Oxley, principal of Royal Manor was there; had Royal Readers with them; they are community readers who are matched with students; Weber was there with his student; spoke how they had been affected by it; was an Ohio Dominican baseball player who had to sign up as a freshman with 20 hours of community service; he has done 4 years with same student; is a great program--one-on-one; actually led by 3 teachers; presentation from Bird Houk and they were asked about security for the new building; will be a main lobby and the inside on first floor lobby will only be for school use; not sure how they will secure but it will be addressed.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor:

Stinchcomb stated there was a conference call last week with Governor's office and numerous other communications regarding the stimulus package; website

recoveryohio.gov; all cities have been requested to quickly submit shovel-ready projects; discussed in length in staff meeting this morning; getting our list ready; we have always done a good job of getting projects ready so they are essentially shovel-ready; not a new concept for us; list of projects we want to bring forward is being compiled; feel we are on top of that; also note that we have closed the books on 2008 and will be presenting in Finance Committee next week our year end financials.

City Attorney: No Report.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Samuel stated he attended the Olde Gahanna Community Partnership last week; talked about old town Gahanna parking; presentation by Dan Williams and Matt Huffman; also a reminder to support your community theater this week; Once Upon a Mattress being presented at high school this weekend.

Anderson stated let us all be vigilant in looking at economics and policies coming down with stimulus package; reading something from NLC about infrastructure, Medicaid, job training, an array of things; reflecting on those areas reminds us of how many of us have groups who love and care about us; give of our time or money to help those who are not in our situation; reach out to them; living in challenging times; but doable times in keeping optimism and hope in the forefront; Gahanna is fortunate that we are not as bad off as other parts of the country.

McAlister stated he can't wait to be stimulated; happy to know that we can borrow ourselves to riches and spend ourselves to prosperity; keep watching the price of gold.

McGregor stated she forgot to mention that she has a copy of the Strategic Plan for MORPC; will give to clerk if anyone else wants to look at it.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:18 p.m. - Motion by Anderson.

**Donna L. Jernigan, MMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2009.*

Nancy R. McGregor