

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 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

Additional Attendees:

Anthony Jones, Sadicka White, Tom Weber, Angel Mumma, Tony Collins, Mike Musser, Brandi Braun, Mayor Stinchcomb, Isobel Sherwood, Press

ISSUES - From Director of Parks & Recreation:

Hannah Farms Park Playground

McAlister called the meeting to order. Collins said this request is to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement for playground equipment for Hannah Farms Park; the money for this comes from the interest off bonds; \$150,000 has already been appropriated in the bond fund; the company is Playworld Midstates and we have been very pleased with their products and services. Kneeland said this appears to be a straightforward design. Anderson said she had no problem with this issue.

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

Golf Course Mower

Collins said a golf course mower purchase has been in the budget for the past 3 years but I keep putting it off; it was cut from final appropriations again this year; however on a maintenance visit we determined our current mower is not going to make it; the engine alone would need \$12,000 in repairs; so we have decided to request a supplemental appropriation for \$54,835 to purchase a new course mower. McAlister asked if the golf course has just one mower; sometimes a tractor can be used to pull different attachments. Collins said no; this is a fairway mower; this has only one 11 foot deck; it is not a pull behind.

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

Contract with LTC Club Operations

Collins said this request is for an agreement with Life Time Fitness based on a contract they had with the Gahanna Swim Club; we purchased the Swim Club so we are requesting a continuation of the agreement; basically Life Time Fitness purchases pool memberships for their members; so one membership gets you into both pools and the fitness club; we will monitor the arrangement and see how the revenue vs. cost looks; initially it looks promising; said Sherwood reminded him that he needs confirmation from our insurance that we will be held harmless; we need proof of the insurance that Lifetime has. Kneeland said he needed to understand the mechanics of the deal; Lifetime members pay a fee; then corporately they are paying us \$30,000 to get into our pools; so members will show their Lifetime card and receive membership here and there is no limit on that number of members. Collins said yes. Anderson asked what is the length of the terms for the agreement. Collins said it is for 1 year; we will be tracking details and see what it costs us. Kneeland said I see this more for use to drive down margin. White said I have a Lifetime Fitness membership but I don't use the pool and I believe it is not something widely used. Musser said last year there were over 300 who signed up for the

program. Anderson asked how you track that. Collins said our software can do that. Weber said so now both pools will be included. Musser said no; they won't use Hunters Ridge; this is for the Gahanna Swim Club only.

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

Fund Transfer - RecTrac

Collins said this request is not so simple to explain; we had \$10,000 encumbered for the purchase of RecTrac equipment and \$1,262 budgeted for software from an IT account; we want to pull the money from the IT PO and have it go to pools; the second ordinance is a fund transfer for the RecTrac equipment already on a PO; put this together to use for total funds to purchase hardware for both pools. Anderson asked Collins to repeat the first scenario which he did. Kneeland said so this also includes golf course memberships. Collins said we plan to buy finger scanners instead of card readers. Musser said with a card printer we needed ink and a timer to print; with this system the member just walks up and inserts their finger and it ID's them as a member; the information is not held with a name; it just verifies the request is in the pool of members; we spent 2 weeks last year printing members' cards. McAlister asked how well accepted this type of system is. Musser said it is a new technology; Moraine uses it; numbers came back that it is 91% efficient; if it does not work, there is an override that uses a PIN code. Anderson asked what security is involved. Musser said the information is on our server and is encrypted; the fingerprint is not associated with a name; the prints are just in a pool of other fingerprints. Mayor said and they don't have to use it; they can enter using a PIN code. Anderson said she was ok with it since there was an alternative method of entry.

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

Reallocation of Funds - Golf Course & Pools

Collins said this goes with what was explained previously; we are requesting a motion resolution to change the use of funds from card readers to thumb scanners.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution; Consent Agenda.

ISSUES - From Director of Development:

CIC Contract

White said Council received a copy of the CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) contract to review. Upon question, Sherwood clarified it was sent to Council members electronically in Development report; a hard copy was not in the packet. White said the contract says the CIC would be in contract with the City to provide educational services as well as encourage development and tourism to all of Gahanna; they receive .0833 % of the lodging tax levy; this covers from Jan. 1, 2009 through Jan. 2, 2010; said Weber has reviewed the contract and found it is ok; we also had a CIC member who is an attorney review this as well. Weber said the money is 1/12 of 6 % for the lodging tax; it is sometimes easier to understand the figure when presented that way.

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

Industrial Site Improvement Fund Application

Jones said we are requesting Council to approve Development's request to apply for funds that will be used to help develop commercial and industrial land in the State of Ohio within stated goals; the program allows for grants of \$750,000; we are requesting a

grant to acquire land for commercial and technical development; the match is 25%; the application deadline is Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 3 PM; we had less than 2 weeks to prepare; the application will go to Franklin County and then to the State of Ohio Department of Development; they have 3.5 million dollars available; in conversations with individuals at the County, I have come to believe that we have an advantage since we did the Job Ready Sites Grant and this is very similar. Kneeland said he would like this moved to Committee of the Whole. White said if they say it is ok to apply, we will do the resolution for tacit approval for submission of the application. Weber said there is really no commitment if it is only to apply. Jones said the award would be in June 2009; the application is due to the County by Wednesday then to the State in less than a month.

Recommendation: Move to Committee of the Whole Agenda

Della Brandenberger, Reporting