

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 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 Monday, April 20, 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. Invocation was given by Vice President Kneeland followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on April 16, 2009.

Members Absent: John McAlister

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

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Ewald, to add Executive Session after Council Comments on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Evers, Vice President of Council Kneeland, McGregor, Ewald, Anderson and Samuel
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Absent	1	McAlister
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C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

John O'Meara, Franklin County Metro Parks, thanked Council for opportunity to be here; glad to see your mission includes preserving the natural environment; here to talk about our levy which is on the ballot in 2 weeks; understand it is the only thing on ballot here in Gahanna; urge you to get out and vote; this is a 10 year replacement levy for a levy that does expire this year; current levy is .65 mil and we are asking for .75 replacement; to convert that means that the average house in Franklin County will pay about \$36 per year for the total cost of the levy; will take care of our existing 15 metro parks scattered around the county; are working on a regional trail system; eventually will hook from Blendon Woods and connect down to Three Creeks; committed to additional 50 miles of trail in next 10 years; additional millage allows us to add 3 new parks; all three have started; first is in Grove City with a new park along Scioto; through a bankruptcy purchase we obtained the old Eastside Nursery between Groveport and Canal Winchester which is site of 2nd park; the third is with Village of New Albany, Columbus and Plain Township in that northeast area; all three will move forward; also wish to expand our programming for our parks; have 300,000 visitors per year; wish to expand in two areas - one for senior citizens and secondarily for school children; schools want more programs in our parks; have designed our programs with their curriculum experts; want all students to be able to do hands-on experience; expand that program so ideally every student in Franklin County can be provided with an opportunity to learn hands on; working right now on Scioto Audubon Metro Park; late this summer the Grange Insurance Audubon Center will open; is the first inner city environmental education center; is a regional center targeting inner city neighborhoods; a partnership with City of Columbus and Audubon Society; encourage your support and encourage people to get out and vote on May 5; glad to answer any questions.

Evers asked about the awareness standpoint; could just be me missing it but this is the only thing on the ballot in Gahanna. O'Meara stated it is the only thing on the ballot in 2/3 of Franklin County; 70% of people in Franklin County visit our park system; we were asked not to go last fall so we postponed; now will have low turnout and we need to get the word out; levy campaign is buying some TV time; Jack Hanna will be doing TV commercials and robo calls for us targeting those who vote every election; those are

the ones who will show up this time; are also doing some mailings; Dispatch has endorsed and done some stories regarding the levy; magazine sent out to every house in Franklin County which has details about the levy; focus is on last week to see if we can get people out and vote.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Kneeland.

ORD-0086-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING TO MEET FEDERAL FUNDING REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HAMILTON CENTRAL BASIN/STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. 925; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0087-2009

TO AMEND SECTION 563.05, FIREARMS; WEAPONS, SECTION 563.08, INTOXICANT AND CHANCE; AND SECTION 563.99, PENALTY, OF CHAPTER 563, PARK CONDUCT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Finance Committee

ORD-0088-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC, FOR POWER LINE REPLACEMENT BETWEEN CITY HALL AND THE POLICE STATION.

Introduced

ORD-0089-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WATCON CONSULTING ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE SHULL AVENUE/CARPENTER ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT.

Introduced

ORD-0090-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO OPTICAL FIBER USE AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF GAHANNA (CIC).

Introduced

ORD-0091-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENT FOR AT&T OHIO NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ON CITY PROPERTY; OLDE RIDENOUR ROAD.

Introduced

ORD-0092-2009

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 139.02, RESERVE POLICE, OF CHAPTER 139, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

Introduced

ORD-0093-2009

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CONIE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE RICE AVENUE/FOXWOOD MINI PARK; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0094-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH URS CORPORATION OF COLUMBUS FOR CAPACITY MANAGEMENT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OHIO EPA, DIRECTOR'S FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS FOR SATELLITE COMMUNITIES THAT DISCHARGE WASTEWATER TO THE COLUMBUS SEWER SYSTEM.

Introduced**ORD-0095-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE A MODIFICATION TO THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 690 TAYLOR ROAD AND IS A PART OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #4; SAID DISTRICT LAST AMENDED BY SR-0003-2000.

Introduced, to Regular Agenda**ORD-0096-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE A MODIFICATION TO THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700 TAYLOR ROAD AND IS A PART OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #4; SAID DISTRICT LAST AMENDED BY SR-0003-2000.

Introduced, to Regular Agenda**ORD-0097-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MICROIMAGE, INC. FOR MICROFILMING SERVICES FOR THE CITY

Introduced**ORD-0098-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLUMBUS ASPHALT PAVING, INC., FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL, SECTION 6.

Introduced**ORD-0099-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE OPTION CONTRACT WITH MILL STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY AT 110 MILL STREET, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$15,000.

Introduced**ORD-0100-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TERRA SURVEYING SERVICES, FOR BOUNDARY LOT SPLIT SURVEYS IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE, REZONING SURVEYS AND MISCELLANEOUS WORK; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$23,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2009-0001**

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This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

[ORD-0076-2009](#)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Capital Improvement Fund.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0077-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH JULIAN & GRUBE, INC., TO PERFORM THE 2008 FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA

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

[ORD-0078-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE US 62 & STYGLER ROAD IMPROVEMENT; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 935; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0079-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP FOR SPACE ON ANTENNA TOWER, AT 218 AGLER ROAD, GAHANNA, OHIO.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0081-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLUMBUS ASPHALT PAVING, INC., FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD, BEECHER ROAD TO YMCA PLACE; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 840; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$54,221; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0082-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH W.E. STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 840; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0083-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HULL & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0084-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PLANNED NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT FROM STATE CONTRACT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0085-2009](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SECURITY CORPORATION FOR CITY HALL PANIC BUTTONS AND SENIOR CENTER CONTROLLED ACCESS AND PANIC BUTTONS; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance - To Amend by Substitution and Adopt:**ORD-0080-2009**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FERGUSON WATERWORKS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN DARLING FIRE HYDRANTS.

This Matter was Amended by Substitution and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:**MR-0017-2009**

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the 2009 Asphalt Overlay Project and the rebuild of Triumph Way.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0018-2009

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the 2009 Crack Seal Program.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0019-2009

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the Heil Drive Sanitary Sewer Line Repair.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0020-2009

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the Building Cleaning Contract.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0021-2009

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Finance to request permission from the Auditor of State to create a new fund titled Revolving Loan Fund

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0022-2009

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Finance to request permission from the Auditor of State to create a new fund titled Parking Garage Fund.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0023-2009

Motion Resolution to appoint Ron Barrick to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a 2 year term.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Yes 6 President of Council Evers, Vice President of Council Kneeland, McGregor, Ewald, Anderson and Samuel

Absent 1 McAlister

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:

CC-0007-2008

To recommend to Council changes to Chapter 1171, Fences; of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna.

Clerk stated Council had received an amended recommendation on changes to the fence code; public hearing was previously set for May 4, 2009.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

CC-0002-2009

To recommend to Council amendment to Chapter 1153, General Commercial Districts; of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna.

Clerk stated this recommendation was received from Planning Commission and Public Hearing will be May 18, 2009.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Council:

Samuel received e-mail from Mrs. Witt regarding sidewalk near Signatures; turned over to Mayor and Emery.

Anderson stated she wanted to remind everyone of the SWACO Emerald Awards; also annual meeting for SWACO is earlier the same day.

Anderson stated she also received information from Women's Fund of Central Ohio; quarterly impact report and they will be having keyholder 9 tributes, a fundraiser on May 27 at the Vern Riffe Center.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Evers/Kneeland:

Kneeland stated next meeting is May 5 at 5:30 here at City Hall.

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

McGregor stated annual luncheon is April 30; had meeting last Thursday; left notes at home; will put in e-mail format so issues will be on record.

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

Anderson stated meeting included introductions of new programs; also mentioned retirements coming up; were many accolades and announcements about Honor Flight; discussion about finances as well as responding to questions regarding the high school extension; finance people came in to talk about bond rating and getting funding for the extension; going slowly because of the economy; does not deter them; they are being innovative and look forward to having the extension of the high school going forward.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report.

City Attorney: No Report.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Ewald stated recycling day was held on Saturday; extremely well received; if you happened to miss it, Channel 4 will have time and dates posted for other events.

McGregor stated she serves on Natural Resources Committee of Parks & Recreation Board; on April 1 we did a walk through Woodmark Run Park which is 9 acres in Woodside Green South; Mick Miccachion took us on a tour; there is a wetland there; has been a study of wetlands near outerbelt and started out with 200 and finding 2 had amphibians producing; this little vernal pool is one of the 200 they started with; has two small mouth and Jeffersonian salamanders; saw 7 deer; nice time hiking through there; was supposed to be a school site then City was able to acquire when schools didn't need the site; went to Honor Flight return; were several members of the Police Department in attendance and probably 200 to 300 other people to welcome veterans back; veterans had a good time.

Anderson stated she would echo those comments; received in our packets a summary of the flight with pictures, descriptions and bios of those who were escorts; touching to see the veterans, some of whom did not receive that kind of welcome when they returned from war; many more to come in the next several months; also like to share and put on record about our prescription drug card; one of the exciting things about going to NLC; this is an opportunity for us to be a part of CVS Caremark to provide up to 20% discount for those uninsured or underinsured; will be moving forward with this; delighted with that; also attended the first meeting with new restructured CVB; officers were elected; full agendas and talked about preparation for year to come; Blues & Jazz Festival is fast approaching; talked about a set up charge; colleague was there as well; delightful being a part of that; move forward as we put Gahanna's name out there for the county and the region and for the nation as we talk about marketing and the wonderful things Gahanna offers.

Samuel stated he was at that same meeting; discussed and started formation of business plan; also reminder that May 7 at 7:00 pm at Creekside will be a program for the National Day of Prayer; welcome all of our visitors; thank high school students for being here; most of business of Council is done in committee meetings; we do something unusual as we do a consent agenda; this covers a multitude of items that have been discussed and are not controversial; that's why it seems to go fast; thank you for coming.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, to go into Executive Session under

the authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of public property through competitive bidding or public auction. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Evers, Vice President of Council Kneeland, McGregor, Ewald, Anderson and Samuel
Absent	1	McAlister

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. with all members in attendance returning to the dais.

P. ADJOURNMENT: 8:14 p.m. - Motion by Kneeland.

Donna L. Jernigan, MMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature