

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

June 23, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of Warren City Council was called to order by President of Council Robert A. Marchese in Warren City Council Chambers at 7:30 PM, 141 South St. SE, Warren, Ohio.
- INVOCATION/PLEDGE** Fiore Dippolito, 1st Ward Councilman opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Auditor Griffing
Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Pinti, Lisa Mazzochi, Sal DiLiello, Paul Makosky, Mike Keys, Tom Angelo
ABSENT: Bob Davis, Renee Cicero, Chris Stephenson, Tom Gaffney
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Rucker, second Brown to accept the minutes of the last meeting but dispense with reading of the same. VIVA VOCE: All Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

REPORTS

- MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President, Members of Council: The only report I have is I wanted to bring it to Council's attention that today we open bids for, or excuse me, yesterday we opened bids for two more books of demolitions, 30 homes and the lowest bid is Holton out of Lordstown at \$79,000. for 30 homes; basically \$2,650 a home. The reason why I bring this to attention is M & M was the next bidder but remember the bid for 30 homes; one was 76,500 and one was 79, 500. A Cleveland company also bid and their bid was 227,000 dollars. Holton's bid is 2,650 dollars per home; the Cleveland company's bid is 8,000 per home and according to the company in Cleveland, why was your bid so high, that's the Cleveland price to tear down homes. I wanted to bring that to Council's attention as far as the demolition all under Neighborhood Stabilization Funds. They access the same funds that we're accessing; Neighborhood Stabilization I and the difference in price for the Youngstown-Warren area and the Cleveland area. That's the end of my report. Thank you Mr. President.
- LAW DIRECTOR** MR. HICKS: Thank you Mr. President. No report, however, since this is my only official time to speak, I want to congratulate Caitlin Sanders for her accomplishments. We're going to honor her today. What I find amazing about it is the schools that participated in this national championship Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Brown, University of California, United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, I mean you know, Stanford. I mean you know it's just amazing the list of schools that this young lady became the national champion. Thank you for honoring her and we're very proud of her in our Law Department family. Thank you Mr. President.
- MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Just referring to Law Director Hicks, on 3044R, being as this is just being introduced, to remove one of the line items on here, must we make a motion on the floor?
- LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: If it wasn't, was it, if it wasn't done by inter-litiation since it wasn't done by inter-litiation, then yes, you're going to have to sir.

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MR. NOVAK: Yes okay I just want to be correct on it.

AUDITOR

MR. GRIFFING: Thank you Mr. President. No report this evening.

TREASURER

MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you Mr. President. No report.

DIRECTOR

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

THERE IS NO NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR THIS EVENING.

**THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS ON FILE IN THE CLERK OF
COUNCIL OFFICE.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:37 PM to 7:48 PM

VERNE HOEHN, 1702 WILLOWBROOK DR. NE, WARREN, OHIO: Can you hear me alright? It's good to be in a country where you can get up in front of a government like this and talk. It's an honor. Before I make my little speech, I'd just like to say I know I spoke to Council probably a year or two ago when we was talking about cameras in the city and I know my buddy Bob was against it and I was for it, but we're still buddies. But anyway, I'd like to tell you first the last time I was here you gave us a hand, maybe you want to give us another hand. My wife and I got 67 years together today. (Applause)

Now for my little speech, I'd just like to say to the Mayor and all the people who work under him, President of Council, Council at Large, Councilman, Police Department, Fire Department, the whole works I'm proud of all you people and I think most of the people in Warren are and I just say you're doing a hell of a good job. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Hoehn, I think that of all the things that we'll do this evening, the thing that we'll probably hold in our hearts the most is that a couple in the City of Warren stayed married for 67 years. That's a marvelous achievement. Most of us sitting to the right and left of me, including me, have a hard time putting probably twenty years together. So that is quiet an accomplishment and you're to be congratulated and thank you for those wonderful words. Mr. Novak.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President and one other thing I'd like to add too is that Mr. and Mrs. Hoehn are always at every Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremony and Mr. Hoehn is in uniform. Thank you Mr. President.

BOB WEITZEL, 1133 RAYMOND NW, WARREN, OHIO: My name is Bob Weitzel and I live at 1133 Raymond Street NW, Warren, Ohio and I'm the president of the Northwest Neighborhood Association. Tonight I come before Council with a request. Council has made many requests of us and now I'm making a request of the City Council and the Administration and of you, the Department Heads especially our Fire and Police Force, our safety forces; we were asked to support the safety force levies, we were there; when we were asked to make Halloween safe, we were there; when we were asked to clean up vacant properties, we are there. When we are told to support the City of Warren, we're there. Ourselves and other groups in the City of Warren, now make a request of you; Members of City Council, Department Heads and the Administration. We are putting together a rally so at this time the Northwest Neighborhood Association along with other groups is asking you, Members of City Council, Administration and Department Heads to give us one hour of your time, one hour of your time on July 17th from 11 to noon. At this time ourselves along with other groups are going to protest the Pamela Apartments. The blight that is there can no longer be stood for. We need to put the people who bring us blight to Warren out in front. We need to put their

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names out and let everyone know who they are and what they're doing to our city. They're trying to destroy it. On this day, we need you, all ten of you President of Council, Mayor, Safety-Service Director, Chief, Fire Chief and Heads of, we need you, you're our leaders. You've come to us-now we're coming to you. We need one hour of your time. We need you to show up and be with us that day. We don't want this blight to continue on throughout the city. So this is going to be the first step in many, many protests throughout the city and we're letting everyone know that if you have a house that is creating blight in our city or a property, we're coming. We're naming you and we're putting it out on Front Street and it's time the city stand up with us, the neighborhood groups and supports this. These people can no longer destroy our city and hid in the shadows. We must go forward and I know all the City Councilman will be there because their president has, is going to be one of our main speakers and I know you want to come and hear what he has to say and you surely don't want to make him mad. So we want to thank you for that very much.

Also, by the way, just so you know, we are going to take attendance. We hope to see everybody there that day. This is the first time we've come to you for help. We hope that you can help us and that you all can show up there that day-one hour. Thank you.

ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 KENMORE SE, WARREN, OHIO: My name's Elizabeth Balint. I'm at 1081 Kenmore SE and I am a member of SESCOA which is our Southeast Community and our Kenmore Neighborhood Association. I was told at the very beginning of the season of getting those tree lawns mowed on Youngstown Road from Crest Lanes all the way down to where Nannicola's was would be extremely and a difficult task, and I am here to say, it's done. And I say Butch Butcher and his crew, I just love them dearly. I am so happy. He did the mowing. I did the cleaning. So I've got the garbage bags. He's got the lawn mower. And I'm like, we're too middle aged people, sorry Butch, and we did it. So for someone that says something cannot be done, I don't want to hear it, because you know it just makes me just crazy. So when two or three people can do something like that that's a large feat. And I look at the Northwest Association, I will definitely be there. We want this city clean. We want this city safe and that's all we want and it doesn't cost a lot of money to have it. A little bit of muscle power, whatever, but we need to get out there and we all need to stick together. Our Council people they've been supportive. You know I've been given names as to who to get in contact with, that's great, but I look at what (inaudible) were over there on Atlantic Street you know the grass was cut and everything but nobody wants to pick it up. I'll come over and help them pick it up. It needs to be taken care of once it's done.

Also with the charter, the only things I really have to say is that I hope everybody will keep an open mind in what's going on. There's a lot of stuff that I've heard and I've been on the charter committee. I just ask for people to keep an open mind and let things flow. Let things be; let this city; let the residents find out what's going on. And with that I thank you very much, but our feat was done. Butch, thank you.

I'm sorry, SESCOA, our meeting for SESCOA is Thursday, this coming Thursday at 6 PM at the White Hall by St. James Church. Thank you.

PIERSON J. BUTCHER, JR., 1194 ADELAIDE SE, WARREN, OHIO: Pierson Butch Butcher, 1194 Adelaide SE right at the edge of 4th and 5th Ward. Me and Elizabeth got together last Council meeting and we was really targeting this for the 4th of July, but somebody let the rain stop so we got a little bit more done than we thought we was going to get done. But talking to Karen here, we got a thing going, I think when was that, the 26th? We'll clean up Warren Boulevard. I sort of started it; I think the water company and them seen me down there at the in to Laird, so they brought their mowers down, whoever it may be and I want to thank them. So we're going to clean that up and make that really look good. I talked to Diane Sauer's. I talked to May's, the guy that's running that. He's helping too. He's helping by doing his and what he don't get, I'll clean it up. So we're getting a whole lot of help from a lot of people because monkey see, monkey do. They see you doing it then the next thing you know they're doing it. We're getting it down to where they can manage it and now they can take over. So we'll probably be looking for other tasks as we get at South Street McDonald's and start talking about it.

But about dredging the river, I'm glad you all brought it up, but you all are just looking at the money, you're not looking at the long time thing. The long time thing is motels, hotels, free gas, gas wells, for this whole City Hall; for all million dollar row. Don't just look at the money. Money's paper, it isn't worth nothing anyway! It isn't worth nothing. General Motors used to have 28,000 people in '70 when I started. They don't even have 2500 now at both plants. It's going to get bigger then we'll have a little bit, but (inaudible) we gotta go for recreation. If we had the recreation, had it done now, had fishing and everything people from New Orleans would be here, people from Pymatuming seeing them five thousand fish would be out here paying that hotel tax and all that and plus the construction and they have to have a place to live if they come from Cleveland or somewhere. They're not going to drive back and forth, they're going to stay at the Comfort Inn. They're going to stay at Best

Western. There's going to be money generated here. You can't stop progress, you just going to cause it to get more, money, paper money. Thank you.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. No report just asking Council's support on 3045 and also reminding everyone to take note that Stan Umpleby from the Ohio Municipal League will here Tuesday, July 6th at 5PM to discuss the charter. Everyone's invited. Thank you Mr. President.

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Finance Committee met yesterday at 5:30 PM and reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. There were not recommendations made on any of those drafts that were on the agenda for today. And I would, in the very near future be able to call a Finance or Council as a Whole/Finance Committee meeting to discuss our financial situation and basically start talking now about the 2011 budget. I think we need to address some of those issues. One of my main concerns is that there was a very big reliance on the revenue we thought we were going to be gaining with the Severstal facility. I see that's not going to happen. There's going to be problems there and not only in general fund, but in water and wastewater. And also we do not know what's going to be happening with the sale of the Forum's facilities. So again I would like to sit down and discuss that and I would also like to see us have the opportunity to be able to have a forum with the Packard Music Hall Board and also a representative of the trustees of the Packard trust or their legal representation to discuss the situation with our subsidy and that would be concerning the 2011 position on that facility. Thank you Mr. President.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEIGHBORHOOD LIASON

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. Just want to touch on something that one of our speakers spoke of. This Saturday our Neighborhood Liason Committee for the last few months have been working with many of our neighborhood groups. We've been able to bring them all together in a room and basically let them go at it and decide what they would like to do in collaboration effort within the city. And they have decided that a clean-up of Warren Boulevard on June 26th would be the thing that they would like to start with. Not only asking for all community groups to come out, no matter if you were able to attend the meetings or not, for all of the neighborhood groups to come out, but we're also asking for anyone in the community to come out and give a hand with this. I believe 9 to 12 with be the time for this cleanup and we'd like to meeting at Ray Gollan's Honda on Youngstown Road, 1325. Ray Gollan's Honda at 1325. Just kind of touch of what Elizabeth said, these groups have started some great things in the city and through our committee we just hope to be able to provide a platform for them to come together and combine their efforts for the betterment of the city and I thank all the neighborhood groups for participating in this. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to suggest to Ed that I have spoken with Mr. Makosky at length the other day about our situation of our blight and our other problems in the city. And if there would be a possibility that we could have a meeting of the Neighborhood Outreach Committee and have a forum and include Mr. Makosky, Mr. Taneyhill from Building Department, Mr. Pinti from Health Department and sit down and start coming up with a strategy about identifying certain areas and going out and starting to blitz some of our main slumlords that we have here. Some of them are in the commercial business also, and I commend Mr. Weitzel as his group is going to go out and identify and target the Pamela Apartments. As I have suffered and Mr. and right behind you there are two

representatives from Paige Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Manofsky. The same man that owns the Pamela Apartments owns five houses in my ward. No ones lived in these houses for 20 years. The home behind them which is on Bank Street is a duplex. There's nothing left of it whatsoever. It's a major blight. They also have a tree that's been dead for ten year at 1035 Paige that badly needs to be removed. But I think this is something that we need to do. We did this many years ago when Hank Angelo was Mayor. We went out and did blitzes in each and every quadrant and just went out and nailed all these people and we actually were starting to do exactly what they're talking about; placing signs and identifying these people that do not want to take care of their property.

But we also must remember too that many, many banks and mortgage companies that are sitting on these properties that will not take possession of them, but we know eventually they will because they don't want to cut the grass. I had one where the, all the windows were removed, the furnace, the hot water tank and all the kitchen cabinets were removed in one weekend on Hall Avenue. It's owned by Wells Fargo. Actually after I called them four times they actually did come out and board the first floor windows. So you have a shell of a home sitting there now. I'm mowing the yard.

But if we can get this started I think it would be the best thing that we could do as far as planning in the near future something this fall, a fall blitz on blight. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I erred in not calling on the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Dean I'm sorry.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. As you are aware, I had asked for ten minutes prior to our Council meeting for Mr. John Robertson to give a ten-minutes presentation. Unfortunately he is not feeling well this evening. So I would like too, if we could, at our very next Council meeting reserve ten minutes for him.

RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS

DRAFT 3042
CAITLIN T. SANDERS A resolution for the purpose of honoring and commending Caitlin Theresa Sanders for her national championship in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Competition.

Mr. Brown requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3042.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Brown, second Novak to pass Draft 3042.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3042 is now RES. 4469/10.
RES. 4469/10

3RD Ward Councilman, John Brown presents the resolution to Caitlin T. Sanders.

DRAFT 3043
HARDING TRACK & FIELD TEAM A resolution for the purpose of honoring and commending the Warren G. Harding High School Boys Track and Field Team and the coaching staff of the "Raiders" for their achievements in the 2010 Division I State Track and Field Meet and for winning the State Title at that meet.

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Miss Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3043.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Saffold, second Novak to pass Draft 3043 as read.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3043 is now RES. 4470/10.
RES. 4470/10

Presentation of the resolution is made by 7th Ward Councilman Cheryl Saffold to Coach Charles Penny with remarks by Mayor O'Brien.

LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE

DRAFT 3041
SELL-GODDESS OF
SPEED An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to sell one Goddess of Speed no longer needed for municipal purposes and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3041.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rules requiring three
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3041.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 3041.

REMARKS

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. Law Director Hicks, would it be, it says here in the ordinance an estimated value exceeds a thousand dollars. Would it be prudent of us to place a minimum on this?

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: The reason it says exceed is because that's the state law for minimum of the disposal of city owned property if the value exceeds one thousand dollars we have to go through the process we're going through. Anything less than that, it can be disposed of without going through this process. Secondly, yes, that's already been discussed and yes there is some minimums of fitting criteria that's already been established through the department based on what the purchase price was.

MR. FLASK: Thank you. Thank you Mr. President.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3041 is now ORD. 12278/10.
ORD. 12278/10

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**DRAFT 3044R
SUFFICIENCY OF
FUNDS**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the payment of specific orders or contracts upon receipt of certification of the fiscal officer of the sufficiency of funds for said expenditures and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3044R.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION TO AMEND

Motion Novak, second Flask to amend Draft 3044R by omitting #1 in Section 3 in its entirety.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3044R is amended.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend three readings on Draft 3044RA.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 3044RA.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12279/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3044 RA is now ORD.12279/10.

**DRAFT 3045
C.D LOAN GUARANTEE**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the City of Warren, Ohio to borrow \$520,000. pursuant to a contract for loan guarantee Assistance under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the sole purpose of refinancing a previous Section 108 loan, authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety, on behalf of the city, to execute all necessary documents and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rucker requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3045.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Rucker, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3045.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold,
Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Rucker, second Saffold to pass Draft 3045.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12280/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3045 is now ORD. 12280/10.

SECOND READING

**DRAFT 3036
INCOME TAX
INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

An ordinance for the purpose of enacting a Section 171.155 (Income Tax Incentive Program for that Portion of the City of Warren Not Located Within the Downtown Business District) to the codified ordinances of the City of Warren for the purpose of authorizing and establishing an income tax incentive program relative to that portion of the City of Warren not located within the city’s downtown business district and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3036.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3036.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 3036.

REMARKS

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I refer to Mayor O’Brien if he could give a quick explanation or synopsis on 3036 for those Council Members that were not in attendance yesterday at the Finance Meeting.

MAYOR O’BRIEN: Thank you Mr. Novak, Mr. President. Basically this mirrors the ordinance we had a few years ago regarding the incentives for specifically for downtown businesses. It’s a matrix of sliding scale incentives from opening businesses in previously abandoned buildings to adding employees. Roughly it’s a point system. I could present the point system examples to Council in a better time, but we’ve been successful in the downtown business district and I would recommend any type of business incentive that we would add to further development throughout the City of Warren would be welcome. I feel that we’ve been successful somewhat in the downtown area and why limit to the downtown I thought and I asked sponsorship from Mr. Novak.

In addition to abandoned buildings that have been developed and the question always does come up, what about those that haven’t taken, do not wish to take advantage of this and that’s very common that their businesses do open up and do not wish any assistance from the city, county, state or federal government. And also, the businesses that have been successful for years and have been operating for years again haven’t received incentives and still continue to operate in the city. We’re, I’m sure that those businesses would welcome more foot traffic from other businesses. So I think it’s important to have another tool in

the tool box for incentives for the City of Warren and for businesses to locate in the City of Warren. Thank you Mr. President.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12281/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3036 is now ORD. 12281/10.

**DRAFT 3035
CHARTER FOR THE
CITY OF WARREN**

An ordinance for the purpose of: Directing the Trumbull County Board of Elections to place before the electors of the City of Warren, at a special election (General Election) to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 in accordance with Section 3501.01 (D) of the Ohio Revised Code, the question "Shall a Commission be Chosen to Frame a Charter for the City of Warren?" directing the Trumbull County Board of Elections by and through said ballot, to provide for the election to said commission of no more than fifteen electors of the City of Warren and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3035 and place it in second reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MISCELLANEOUS

MR. DIPPOLITO

Thank you Mr. President. It certainly is a privilege that after a somewhat shaky Caucus that we had some outstanding speakers that provided an outstanding message followed by so many young people doing so many fine things in our city. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. I believe I'm going to take all of their time this evening, no. I would just like to ask the Director we had a meeting this past Friday I believe it was in regards to one of the businesses and there was some feedback with some of the community members, residents. Do you have anything to report at this time? and what happened if anything?

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Yes, I followed up on everything that we talked about in that meeting with the Police Department. Capt. Roberts was getting with Chief Bowers to inform him and we do have the equipment that we talked about. We have one of those units. We have been in contact with the owner of that establishment as well.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: The Police Department met with my office this morning.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. Hicks. Mr. President, I'd also like to thank Mr. Butcher and Miss Balint for their work on Youngstown Road. Liz has been coming here for quiet some time now and discussing Youngstown Road and it being her pet project. But I was on my home last night from a meeting and Mr. Butcher was out finishing up his work and I got to see his hard efforts, but I hadn't gotten to see the clean-up of that. (Elizabeth Balint comments without microphone) Thank you to both of you very much.

MISS SAFFOLD

Thank you Mr. President. I would like to thank the Administration for their efforts in assisting the 6th Ward with grass cutting. There's a lot more that needs to be done, but however we are making strides.

Also I would like to acknowledge the fact that a lot of houses have been torn down with the demolition and it's starting to look a lot better so we're looking forward to the rest of them being torn down. Thank you.

MRS. RUCKER

Thank you Mr. President. At our last Council meeting a motion was made to end the meeting which prevented Council Members and the Administration from responding to the speakers that came before us and I know that you all heard the concern in their voices when they came to the microphone and asked for open dialogue with them. Most of the speakers that were before you were members of the African-American community and ministerial alliance and our leadership. And those people are not to be taken lightly, they weren't to me and I don't want anyone to think that the reason that we didn't, that I didn't respond at that time was because I didn't have the opportunity. I did speak to them directly. One thing I'd like to say as a Council Person is that I'm sick and tired too. Just sick and tired when people laugh at us and I get sick and tired when we're continually embarrassed by a few professional who just don't get it. But what bothers me the most is that we seem to have a lackadaisical approach to it. I think we need to get tough. I think we need to get tough with any employee who does unlawful and disrespectful things to our citizens. And whatever support that the Chief of Police needs to have the strength to do that, whatever support that the Mayor or the Safety Director, we ought to give it to them. And I think that you saw a display of people who are willing to do that and I say to you guys too that you got to step up and just do it because you see it costs us a lot of money that we could put elsewhere. And so I'm behind you and this approach that we've taken, like the behind the tree approach like I'm not in it; I don't want to dirty my hands in it. All of us are involved in it who represent this city. When they laugh at our Police Department, they laugh at all of them even though we have about 55 of them that don't do anything wrong and come to work and do a good job every day. People laugh at every last one of them like they're not good people and they don't do a good job on those streets and so we have to weed out the bad seeds and we got to be strong enough to stand behind those that have a responsibility to do that and just do it. And so publicly I say hey, you in command, do it and we're behind you. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DEAN

Thank you Mr. President. A quick question, Mayor or Chief, I'm not sure which; who's responsible for raising and lowering the flag on this building?

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Operations Department.

MR. DEAN: Operations?

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Yes sir.

MR. DEAN: Then let me talk to you when we're done here. For those of you who were here when Filipe Romain was here, I believe Al Novak, the Council President, Council Member Flask and I were the only Council Members who sit seated when Phil Romain was here and one thing we could be assured of was every miscellaneous Phil Romain would say something about veterans. And he would say something about our military and something about supporting those veterans and something about supporting veterans. He would do it every meeting. If you went to the affairs at Memorial Day, the parade, the wreath, there you would see Phil Romain walking around and looking like a general. If you go to the parade November 11th, there you will find Phil Romain. And all of you know if you put together an event like the wreath program, like the parade, it's a lot of work, and Phil Romain never, never brags about anything he does. So I called him last week and I said Phil, you've been doing this, the guys of VFW call him the commander. I said how about if we do a resolution. He said 'absolutely not'. I said well how about if you come to Council and at least recognize you. He said 'absolutely not'. He said I'll tell you what you can do. He said you can tell them to get ahold of some of the people in the American Legion and talk about some of the scholarship funds for some of the kids; talk about some of the widows; talk about some of the orphans. Go visit a nursing home at Mt. Horab or go visit a nursing home at Sandusky. Look around in the papers when you see

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a death of a veteran and you know there's a family there that could use a nice phone call or a card in the mail; something other than just a declaration of; I support our veterans; I support out military. Absolutely Phil said, do something and if you want to use his name in that order then you're welcome to do that. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Dean. Well put.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Motion Rucker, second Novak to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM

Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

Darla K. Neugebauer, Clerk of Council, C.M.C.
