

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

October 13, 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** Cheryl Saffold, 6th Ward Councilman opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Auditor Griffing, Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Brian Massucci for Gary Cicero, Bob Pinti, Lisa Mazzochi, Paul Makosky, Mike Keys, Tom Angelo, Tom Gaffney, Mike Keys
ABSENT: Sal DiLiello, Chris Stephenson, Renee Cicero
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Rucker, second Novak 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 and those in attendance. I'd like to invite Council to a demonstration October 19th at 11 o'clock at the Water Pollution Control Department. And this demonstration will be for the hydro-electric unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was, as most Members of Council will recall, it was 800% funded by stimulus dollars and it's the first city wide project using technologies, green technologies and ironically enough we're using it at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. So it's a first now we have all been very lenient. I'm on the steering committee for the tech belt energy innovation center. This will be the first green technology project in the City of Warren and it's ironically that it be demonstrated with them at the tech belt energy innovation center announcements. But it's going to be October 19th at 11 o'clock at the plant on Main Street.
- And also the other part of my report deals with the Mahoningside. Starting this Monday you'll see an awful lot of activity at the Mahoningside from repairing the fence to eliminating all the trees and the scrub brush that has accumulated over the years and they'll start dewatering all the structures there. They'll be sealing all the pipes and all the cracks in the cells and demolishing the two buildings that are there and the foundation of the power plant. The fill in will take place in December. They'll be filling all the holes. It will probably take close to three months to fill in all the holes. Then the entire property will be graded with two foot of topsoil over the entire site from Tod Avenue to the river. And then of course it will be seeded and a permanent fence will be the last thing that will be erected. This project, this part of the project starts Monday and you'll see the fence being repaired and you'll see bulldozers eliminated the trees and the brush and then they'll start the watering structure and our Water Pollution Control Department will be involved in that process also as the recipient of the water. Thank you Mr. President.

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LAW DIRECTOR

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

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. First of all I'd like to, to the Chief, I'd like to just extend my congratulations, appreciation for the members of the Warren Police Department who took place in the police athletic league, they about two weeks ago at the old West Junior gymnasium. I know Councilman Colbert attended. They didn't fair too well. I think they got beat by 139 to 70 or something, but it was good to see them out there playing with a lot of you from the community. So I wanted to pass on my kudos and hopefully they can do some more practice.

I'd also like to thank the young lady in the back for this information regarding elephants and circuses. She's the youngest in this room, I'm sure. Thank you. Thank you Mr. President.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

C-017-10
9-24-10

Received from Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority, Don Emerson, Executive Director:

A letter requesting a portion of Duke SE be vacated as part of a partial demolition of the development known as Fairview Garden.

REF: All Council Members
Platting & Planning/Bd. of Appeals Commission

C-018-10
9-28-10

Received from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control:

Notice of a hearing regarding a new permit application to Kimberly Hughley, DBA 1 Stop Shop, 1265 E. Market St., Warren, Ohio.

This hearing will be held Oct. 20, 2010 at 1:30 PM in the Council Caucus Room, Municipal Justice Building.

REF: Marti Morn 4th Ward Councilman
Cheryl Saffold, Legislative Chairman
Law Department

C-019-10
9-28-10

Received from the Platting and Planning/Bd. of Appeals:

Notice that at a meeting held Sept. 23, 2010 the Bd. of Appeals considered the request for an installation of a meteorological tower at 2874 W. Market St., Austin Village Plaza.

All five members were present and voted in favor of the request.

REF: All Council Members

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C-020-10 Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:
10-5-10

A request for a stock transfer of a C1, C2 license:

TO: Parkman Inc.
DBA Gasland 2
860 Parkman Rd.
Warren, Ohio 44485

REF: Fiore Dippolito, 1st Ward Councilman
Legislative Chairman
Police, Fire, Health, Building, Zoning and Law Departments

C-021-10 Received a letter from the Ellet Sign Company:
10-6-10

Requesting a variance to place a sign at PizzaHut/Wingstreet
located at 3920 E. Market St..

REF: Platting & Planning/Bd. of Appeals Commission
Vincent Flask, 5th Ward Councilman

C-022-10 Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:
10-8-10

A transfer request for a D1, D2, D3, D3A license:

TO: II HYPE LLC
DBA The Dive Bar
948 Mahoning NW
Warren, Oh 44483

FROM: D & F Entertainment LLC
DBA The Dive Bar
948 Mahoning NW
Warren, Oh 44483

REF: Alford Novak, 2nd Ward Councilman
Legislative Chairman
Police, Fire, Health, Zoning, Building & Law Depts.

C-023-10 Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:
10-8-10

A transfer request for a D5 license:

TO: Glass House Bar & Grill LLC
2880 W. Market St.
Warren, Oh 44485

FROM: Glenn Alan Norman
DBA G & S Lounge
2382 W. Market St.
Warren, Oh 44485

REF: Eddie Colbert, 7th Ward Councilman
Legislative Chairman
Police, Fire, Health, Zoning, Building & Law Depts.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. I don't have a report, but I'd just like for my committee to have a heads up that I will be setting out a meeting notice for next week. The clerk will be have the time and date so please check your e-mails. Thank you.

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING**

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. The Strategic Planning Committee did meet on October the 7th. Much discussion lead to the Council as a Whole meeting on yesterday and I want to thank you very much for guiding that discussion and it was really just a yoman's job on doing that. Much came out in that meeting in terms of getting us on track in terms of where we need to go.

I will schedule a meeting on October the 21st at 6 PM requesting in attendance the Engineer, the Safety-Service Director, Community Development Director, Law Department and any other interested Council Members and /or persons. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Councilman Dean and it was a very, very good meeting and appreciate the leadership you're showing in that committee.

POLICE & FIRE

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. On behalf of myself and the Police & Fire Committee, we'd like to congratulate the Warren Fire Department. This afternoon the administration swore-in or brought back some of our firemen and we also had a promotion of Captain Bill Montrean. There were also four people that were present that were being sworn back in: Jim Gillen, Jeremy Rodgers, Mike as well as Mark Thigpen. Very happy to see everyone come back; very happy for the work that you did to be able to get these people back. And I know I speak for myself as well as the rest of the community to say we are excited to know that you will be beginning the work on looking in to opening up these outside fire stations. I know the community is grateful to be able to have that opportunity. Thank you Mr. President.

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. There will be a report from Councilman Dippolito concerning the Finance Committee meeting.

MR. DIPPOLITO: Thank you Mr. President. We met yesterday for a short time, in fact we had 10 members, 8 members in attendance. In any event the only recommendation we have at this time is Draft No. 3072 recommended to be passed.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to thank Councilman Dippolito for running the meeting yesterday in my absence and also instructed by Auditor Griffing, we would like to schedule a post audit concerning the audit of the 2009 audit for the City of Warren and also we would like to schedule and start the Finance Committee or Council as a Whole on the 2011 budget. So we'll be contacting Council Members and getting those set. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DEAN: One other thing if I may, the there was a question raised as to what activity the economic development director at the port authority has been involved in. I know that the Mayor has had some discussions with her. I'm in contact with her at least weekly. I've invited her to attend the meeting on the 21st. to kind of give us an update as to what's going on with the Western Reserve/Port Authority Economic Development piece.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: We have, I notice a special guest in our audience, our State Representative Tom Letson. Tom, always good to see you. Thanks for coming.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: We have two public speakers this evening before Council. Our first I want to welcome back Elizabeth Balint.

PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:45 PM

ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 KENMORE SE, WARREN, OHIO: My name is Elizabeth Balint and I'm at 1081 Kenmore SE and I'm with the Kenmore Neighborhood Association and the Southeast Community Association. Just bringing up Youngstown Road, we had a lot of projects going on this summer. We've accomplished a lot. We've got some curb gardens and there's the old curbs that have broken off the main road (inaudible) landscaping lots. So that is going to be part of our Make A Difference Day.

Also the Kenmore, we have some of our ladies here. We went around and we took a total of three homes and cut the grass. We had some help from Weed & Seed with some garbage bags and for pick-ups to make our road look a little bit better because we do have a lot of empty homes.

Also Councilman Colbert, thank you very much, I was so grateful to be able to go over in to the Southwest area to (inaudible) some of the other areas cause I had to work. So and one more thing I would really like to know what's going on with Willard School because those two houses across the street are terrible. And I didn't know if somebody was going to plant, maybe take out the broken windows or do something to those houses because it's just deplorable looking and the elementary kids have to go by there. It's sad and that's why we worked on Youngstown Road so a lot of times when the kids get out of school instead of going past an empty building they can see something that's presentable. It's part of our future.

And the charter, I didn't know what was going on with the charter. I haven't been here since September but I do have some signatures so I didn't know if I have to hand those over. So with that, I just want to say you know we've been working through the summer. We're ready for Make A Difference Day. I hope the Municipal Building is part of Make A Difference Day. Some fresh mulch out there. Start competing with the Fire Department cause their little area looks really good. So you know make our city continue to look good. Thank you.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Yes, just to answer the one question regards to Willard and (inaudible) vague for obvious reasons the owner of the property to acquire the property. So for the purpose of the school using it. So we just obviously keep it vague.

MS. BALINT: Okay, I just wonder there's a lot of broken windows all over and I just wonder if there was anything that our neighborhood groups can do to maybe go ahead.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Well the reason for the acquisition is to demolish the building so –

MS. BALINT: True.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: So hopefully it shouldn't be too long but we could do something in the interim if that's what you're asking.

MS. BALINT: Yes.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: We could to something in the interim.

MS. BALINT: Yes that would be great. Just to make it you know so it's safer for our kids. Thank you.

MR. COLBERT: Elizabeth possibly if you could give us the addresses of the private properties in which you cut and possibly we can get a letter sent out to these owners asking them to pay the bill for our private residents going out and taking care of their land. Think that would be a possibility?

MS. BALINT: I know one is the State of Ohio that owns the property. The other property I'm sure (inaudible) we could get a hold of. There's a couple properties there on Willard we're going to want to go over and start taking care of some of those because it's like I'm really in to funding and doing whatever, but I like to do the physical labor, get it done, get out there, do what we need to do. But yeah, I can do that.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Elizabeth I'll also direct you, I'm sure that after the meetings over Mr. Pinti and Paul our city engineer will update you on options until that demolition that the Mayor spoke of takes place. So I would encourage you to check with both of them before you leave.

MS. BALINT: Thank you.

MARCIA TIGER, (NO ADDRESS GIVEN OR CALLED FOR): I have Mr. and Mrs. Bashir who are foster parents and Cynthia Mason and they're going to pass out some literature if that's okay. Thank you very much for allowing me the time. I'll just be a couple minutes. As you may know I'm Marsha Tiger. I'm the Executive Director at Trumbull County Children's Services for the next 17 days. We are, if you do not know, the agency that is mandated by law to respond to reports of child abuse and neglect. In 2009 we served over 5,000 children in nearly 2900 families. Our staff are first responders similar to the police and firefighters. When they knock on doors, they never know quite what is behind those doors so it's a scary venture most days. We do have a 2mill, 5 year levy up for routine consideration on November 2nd. it is a levy that was originally passed in 1986 so it's twenty-four years old. It's only been renewed since that time so we're only collecting 1.097 mills at this point. So we are asking that it be replaced at current property values and that will cost the average homeowner \$2.33 additional per month. We like so many have suffered state budget cuts; over 500,000 dollars a year annually, a year and we've also had the tangible personal property tax elimination affective to the tune of 1.1 million dollars. The CAT, the commercial activity tax, did not pan out as people thought, so we've lost all of that. Out of home placement costs for children have increased by over 510,000 dollars. We have about 180 children in custody. The Bashirs have been foster parents for how many years? 20 years and Jimmy Pugh and Rukiya are foster parents for us as well. Many of you on Council and other officials are on our citizens committee. Mr. Homlitas took the letter tonight so he can see many of the names from council on that. We are very fiscally responsible although we didn't get much credit in the Tribune. We did negotiate a wage freeze for all of our staff for 2011. I'm very proud of that because the staff agreed to that. We did reduce our staff. In 2005 we had 185 staff and we're down to 166. We've kept our increase in our operating expenses to 2% over 5 years when the average was about 3.9%. We've had over 4 audits in the last two years and we've just had great reports on our audits. No citations or findings. We have a health care cost containment committee that really is amazing across the state. Other agencies have tried to imitate it. We police ourselves to try to keep the cost of our health care down for the agency as well as the employees. We've done capital improvements. We made a 4.2 million dollars capital improvement to our children's residential center and we paid for that in cash. We like no other county in the State of Ohio want to keep our children in our county to serve them so that they can be reunified with their families quicker. Our programs are innovative. We have the alternative response program. We are a pilot in the State of Ohio. We have the Family Dependency Treatment Court through the Family Court for the epidemic of drug involvement that we have with families. We've been accredited through the counsel in accreditation since 1978. We just went through our 9th re-accreditation. We have a trained and stable staff. We have less than a 7% turnover which is really unheard of in child welfare. So we're very proud of our agency and we, we know that there's a lot to consider in the election this fall, but we hope that you'll consider voting 'yes' for the replacement levy.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

**DRAFT 3069
VETERANS CENTER**

A resolution for the purpose of supporting the Trumbull County Veterans Haven Residential Center in the City of Warren.

Mr. Dean requests the clerk to read Draft 3069 in its entirety.

READ

Clerk reads same.

**MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS**

Motion Dean, second Brown to suspend the rule of three readings on Draft 3069.

ROLL CALL

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

10-13-10

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Dean, second Novak to pass Draft 3069.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3069 is now RES. 4476/10.
RES. 4476/10

DRAFT 3070
BD OF HEALTH
MEMBER A resolution for the purpose of confirming the mayoral appointment of Mildred Gilkes as a member of the Warren City Board of Health, for the balance of the unexpired term of Lillian Brooks, commencing October 27, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Flask requests the clerk to read Draft 3070 in its entirety.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Flask, second Brown to suspend the rule requiring three
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3070.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Flask, second Saffold to pass Draft 3070.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3070 is now RES. 4477/10.
RES. 4477/10

DRAFT 3071
STUDENT RESOURCE
OFFICER An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the City of Warren to accept monies, pursuant to revised code Section 715.01 from the Warren City School District, and to allow said monies to be used for the authorized municipal purpose of providing a student resource officer and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Colbert requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3071.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Colbert, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3071.

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

10-13-10

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Colbert, second Morn to pass Draft 3071.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3071 is now ORD. 12294/10.
ORD. 12294/10

DRAFT 3072 An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director
PURCHASE MATERIALS of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into con-
FOR WATER DEPT. tract(s) for the purchase of materials and supplies for the Water
Department and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3072.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Saffold, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3072.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Saffold, second Brown to pass Draft 3072.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3072 is now ORD. 12295/10.
ORD. 12295/10

SECOND READING

DRAFT 3060 An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and Director of
GRANT FOR KINSMAN Service and Safety, on behalf of the City of Warren, to accept the Save
HOUSE America's Treasures Grant awarded by the United States Department
Of Interior for the interior restoration of the Kinsman House and to
advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for the implementation of
said grant and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rucker requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3060.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Rucker, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3060.

10-13-10

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Rucker, second Brown to pass Draft 3060.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3060 is now ORD. 12296/10.
ORD. 12296/10

THIRD READING

**DRAFT 3049
DEBRIS REMOVAL
AT W.P.C.**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and to enter into contract(s) (with a one-year renewable clause) for grit, screenings and catch basin debris removal at the Water Pollution Control Center.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3049.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Sferra, second Novak to pass Draft 3049.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3059 is now ORD. 12297/10.
ORD. 12297/10

**DRAFT 3050
LIQUID POLYMER
FOR W.P.C.**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into a one year contract(s) (with a one-year renewable clause) for the purchase of Liquid emulsion polymer for use in the Water Pollution Control Center.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3050.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Sferra, second Rucker to pass Draft 3050.

REMARKS

None.

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

10-13-10

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12298/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3050 is now ORD. 12298/10.

**DRAFT 3051
QUICKLIME FOR
W.P.C.**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) (with a one-year renewable clause) for the purchase of high Calcium quicklime for use in the Water Pollution Control Center.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3051.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Sferra, second Novak to pass Draft 3051.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12299/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3051 is now ORD. 12299/10.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: This ends the legislation for this evening. We now have two motions by Councilman Novak.

MOTION-TO ALLOW
CIRCUS AT PACKARD
MUSIC HALL

Motion Novak, second Rucker: I move, pursuant to Section 717.05 of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren, that this Council approve the issuance by the Mayor of the City of Warren a license under Chapter 717 of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren to Circus America, Inc. DBA Piccadilly Circus, for the exhibition of a circus at the Packard Music Hall on October 21, 2010 (two performances).

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION-TIGER AT
MOLLENKOPF
STADIUM

Motion Novak, second Dippolito: I move, pursuant Section 717.05 of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren, that this Council approve the issuance by the Mayor of the City of Warren of a license under Chapter 717 of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren to the Massillon Tiger Football Booster Club for the exhibition of a tiger at Mollenkopf Stadium on October 15, 2010.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: Rucker, Morn

MOTION PASSED

8 YES; 2 NO. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS 8:09 PM

MISS SAFFOLD

Thank you Mr. President. I just want to announce that we will be having our monthly ward meeting on Monday, October 25th at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We will have guest speakers from the Public Utility Commission out of Columbus and NOPEC who will explain how to properly choose gas and electric suppliers. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. COLBERT

Thank you Mr. President. Last week our city lost one of its great citizens, Clyde Holmes of Williamsburg. Today was his funeral and I was able to be there, Mrs. Rucker was able to be there and I got to meet him when I was running for office and I spoke with him several times. A very concerned person with the neighborhood and a beautiful funeral and obviously contributing to the great life he lived. One of the residents of Williamsburg wrote a letter that she asked me to read tonight. Unfortunately my e-mail would not work and I only have it on my phone, so I do apologize to look down as I'm reading this, but Clyde Holmes was one of those neighborly neighbors that had a passion for improving the quality of life on Williamsburg Street NW. He's going to be sorely missed by all those lives that he touched. Clyde was a perfect example of how one person who cares can make a difference. In July, 2008 Clyde with a handful of neighbors on Williamsburg Street formed the Williamsburg Concerned Neighbors United Group. Clyde was elected chairman fondly referred to as chairman of the board. He worked tirelessly to bring neighborhood families together to create an atmosphere of harmony while developing ways to be safe and beautify the surroundings in which he lived. From September, 2008 till November, 2009 under the leadership of Clyde Holmes the following safety and beautifying projects were accomplished; Williamsburg Street NW had its first block party where everyone had an opportunity to get acquainted and reflect on the idea of a betterment of community, noise violation signs, block watch signs were also put in place to deter excess loud noises from automobiles passing on the street and to impede burglary and theft.

A 2,300 dollar neighborhood success grant was acquired to purchase a lawn mower and snow blower to keep grass at vacant properties cut and to assure snow removal that the snow would be removed from the sidewalks and made safe for the residents of Williamsburg. Clyde Holmes, the neighborly neighbor whose passing was to improve the quality of life of Williamsburg Street. Neighbors will never forget him and his footprint will live long in our hearts forever. Thank you.

MRS. RUCKER

I'd just like to thank Mr. Colbert for those remarks about Clyde Holmes. He came here from Columbus and he just dug right in to the city as soon as he got here and not only did he help the neighborhood but Clyde was very helpful in his church, but also activities with our children. He planned a lot of activities in the city and outside trips to Washington and other places. He belonged to a group that we have called Solutions of Warren. As his suggestion we upped our membership to one hundred dollars a month so that we could buy computers and give them to low income children. I think that was the most rewarding event that I was a part of and I always thanked Clyde for bringing that idea up. But he will be greatly missed. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DIPPOLITO

Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to take this opportunity to both congratulate and express thanks to the young lady Miss Mildred Gilkes for taking the job of joining the Health Department shall we say. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. I, too would like to make a comment about Mr. Holmes. When he first came here for Warren he worked with me for two years at Giant Eagle on night shift and the most interesting

thing was he had only been here about a week and when he found out he was working with a Councilman he always had questions and probably one of the main things that I will always remember about Clyde is that he would talk about problems and then he would say, what can we do? And he was very active when we first started neighborhood cleanups; he even came over and helped on some of my cleanups in my ward and he usually attended my ward meetings as I know he went to other ward meetings for other Council Members too and he was really a person that was definitely persistent and that's what it takes sometimes is somebody that's not going to take 'no' for an answer or 'maybe'. And I was quite shocked to see that we had lost him and he was much too young to go, but none of us have any say-so in that choice.

Also, too, I didn't get to jump in on the committees, but I will be instructing the clerk for the transfer of the license of the Dive Bar on Mahoning Avenue that we will be objecting to this transfer per information from the Police Chief's office concerning those two individuals who are requesting this license be transferred in to their names and this will be referred as always and we must have a meeting with state liquor control. This will be referred to the Legislative Committee. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. I'd just like to inform my colleagues that I will be turning in the request for legislation tomorrow in regards to the landlord liability fund, unpaid utility bills. There are five signatures on it right now. So I have it with me if anyone else wants to sign it. If not, it will be at the Law Department tomorrow.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM

Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

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