

# Warren, Ohio

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 2011

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of Warren City Council was called to order by President of Council Robert Marchese in Warren City Council Chambers at 7:30 PM, 141 South St. SE, Warren, Ohio.
- INVOCATION/PLEDGE** Councilman At Large Daniel Sferra opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL**
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Sferra, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Flask, Saffold, Marchese
- ABSENT: Morn, Brown
- MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. I did receive a call from Mr. Brown saying that he would be here. He might be a little late.
- If I may, with respect to Mrs. Morn normally if I'm going to be on vacation or am unable to make a meeting I try to get a memo to the President or at least to the Clerk. I have not seen a memo concerning Mrs. Morn. I was told sometime this week that she was ill. And if she was ill then I would like to publicly apologize for not voting in the affirmative for her absence. But I have no idea as to why she was absent.
- PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Dean. And we'll come back and probably research that before the end of the meeting with the Clerk. What I want to do though is I want to move forward if you don't mind. And Miss Rucker in the absence of Councilman Brown.
- MOTION – EXCUSE** Motion Rucker, second Dean to excuse Councilmember Brown for good and sufficient reasons.
- VIVA VOCE: 9 Yes, 0 no. Motion passed. Mr. Brown is excused
- \*\*Please note that Councilman Brown was present at 7:39 PM.**
- MOTION – EXCUSE** Motion Rucker, second Saffold to excuse Councilmember Morn for good and sufficient reasons.
- VIVA VOCE: 9 Yes, 0 no. Motion passed. Mrs. Morn is excused.
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Rucker, second Saffold to accept the minutes of the previous meeting but dispense with the reading of the same.
- VIVA VOICE: 9YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Director Franklin, Auditor Griffing, Treasurer Homlitas
- DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Bob Davis, James Black, Bob Pinti, Tom Angelo, Paul Makowsky, Rene Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys
- ABSENT: Brian Massucci, Chris Stephenson

In attendance was Boy Scout Troop #101 members Christian Padula and Nathaniel James.

## **REPORTS**

### **MAYOR**

MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President and members of Council. No report. Thank you.

### **LAW DIRECTOR**

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

### **AUDITOR**

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

### **TREASURER**

MR. HOMLTAS: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to let Council know as of this morning we are 1.3 million dollars ahead of last years collection. And seventy-five percent of the year will be over at end tomorrow. And we are 1.2 million dollars ahead of – the revenue is ahead of the anticipated – collections are ahead of the anticipated revenue. Thank you.

### **DIRECTOR**

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. First of all; and I know Mr. Colbert wanted to say something.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Yeah I'll come back. It's your report right now.

MR. FRANKLIN: Ok. Thank you Mr. President. First I'd like to thank the One Stop Committee for attending the presentation. And more so for joining us; particularly Councilwoman Rucker and Councilman Brown who is the Chairman of the One Stop Committee for joining us on our tour.

We were very appreciative of the hospitality and the openness that was extended to our city by the City of Green.

Mr. Keys also attended along with the Auditor, Mayor O'Brien, we had a gentleman from – Ed Russ from our IT Department. And I believe you can go on our website; and Tony Iannucci as well. I believe you can go on the website and see some of the pictures from the tour. They were very open and they've extended an open invitation to field any questions. They did send a press release from their own city. They were so glad to have us as their guest and showing off their building.

They put out a press release for their own news paper and forwarded it to ours as well.

So once again, I'd like to thank those members. And I know Mr. Novak had an sudden – unforeseen death in the family. And I know Ms. Saffold had to cancel because of a job interview.

So we really missed you. But it was well worth the trip and it was a good fact finding experience for our city. And we'll go back to the drawing table and talk more about it as we move forward.

Also, I would like to – and I don't usually give long reports. But I'd also like to congratulate and thank Matt Steffy with the Tribune. I know he's not going to be with us to much longer since he struck oil in his new endeavors. But you've been a professional in terms of your writing on our business at City Council and for the City of Warren. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. For Mr. Homlitas. The 1.2 that we're over. In June you gave us a report that we were 1.25 over last years projections; if I'm saying that right. Is this an additional 1.2 or is this an accumulation for the year of a 1.3 I think -

MR. HOMLITAS: What I said was at the end of tomorrow, end of tomorrow seventy-five percent of the year will be over. Today we are 1.2 million dollars – collections are ahead of the projections by 1.2 million dollars.

MR. COLBERT: Ok. Taking us back to June, what were we in June?

MR. HOMLITAS: I don't have that in front of me.

MR. COLBERT: I don't mean technically we were over in June?

MR. HOMLITAS: It was about the same. But for the last three weeks it's been running 1.2, 1.3 million.

MR. COLBERT: So for the year we're 1.2, 1.3. Not 2 point whatever.

MR. HOMLITAS: As of today.

MR. COLBERT: We're 1.2

MR. HOMLITAS: It will be that same number at the end of the year.

MR. COLBERT: I just wanted to clarify that we weren't 2 point. We are just 1 point whatever over projection. Thank you Mr. President.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**No reports.**

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**SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE**

C-030-11  
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Traffic Commission

Notice of a meeting to be held October 5, 2011 at Packard Music Hall Conference Room, 10:30 AM regarding Draft 3163 – An ordinance amending the Traffic Control Map and file Established by Sections 307.01 and 307.02 of the Traffic Code establishing and designating “No Parking” on the East and West Sides of Kenmore Ave. SE during the hours of 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

REF: Marti Morn – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilwoman, Vincent Flask – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman, Daniel Sferra – Councilman At Large, Robert Dean – Councilman At Large

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **POLICE & FIRE**

Mr. Colbert: Thank you Mr. President. On September 19<sup>th</sup> Police and Fire met. The Fire Department was able to bring forward their study for EMT Paramedic service in the city. That document is in Council's Caucus Room open for any Council Member to view. And as we stated there is only one copy for Council. So please return it to Brenda so we can get it back into the Caucus Room.

Tentatively, we are looking to schedule the next meeting in the – concerning the same subject for the first week of – excuse me, the second week of October hoping that we can get it on October 10<sup>th</sup>. I would ask Councilman Dean if he could please contact me to let me know if that date is good for him. If not we will try to pick another date. But we would like to tentatively schedule something for the second week of October so we can start to move forward and make a decision on where we are going with this. Thank you very much Mr. President.

What was the date of that meeting Mr. Colbert? Thank you Mr. President.

MR. COLBERT: We are looking at October 10<sup>th</sup>; Monday.

MR. DEAN: And the record should reflect that the previous meeting had to be an informal meeting in that there was not a quorum of the committee. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Which committee was that?

MR. COLBERT: Police and Fire.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you. Our C.D. committee has completed another round of block grants. And I'd just like to take a few moments to let you see some of the people who worked for two days; eight hour days for free to make our block grant successful.

Sharon Radovich, Elizabeth Clark, Kay Fisher, Reynolds Blackburn, Barbara Stroud, Hortense Woods, Walter Allen, Sonny Morgan, Mark Walko and David McCloud. If you're here please stand.

And I'd just like to say that the one who really worked the hardest in making this a success besides Mr. Keys was Mr. John May. John will you please stand.

Thank you so much. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Miss Rucker. And don't sell yourself short. You do a tremendous amount of work for the C.D. Committee and as the C.D. Chairman.

MRS. RUCKER: And not only that – that, I really did work hard. But along with me Mr. Novak and Miss Cheryl Saffold did all year on the committee but also those two days that we tolled over ninety thousand dollars. Thank you Mr. President.

### **FINANCE**

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I don't have a report but I'd just like to refer to Auditor Griffing through Finance Committee. David where are we at in formulation of our 2012 budget?

AUDITOR GRIFFING: The information packets have been sent out to the departments so we can start working on them. We started to receive those this week. So hopefully by the end of next week we'll have all of the departments in and start interviewing the departments and formulating the budget and have that to Council as soon as possible.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Auditor Griffing. Thank you Mr. President.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ONE STOP**

MR. BROWN: Thank you Mr. President. Yesterday we accompanied members of the Administration, Councilwoman Helen Rucker and myself to the One Stop over in Green; which is north of Canton where the Akron/Canton Airport is located in side their eight million dollar One Stop Building. It was quite an impressive building. It is roughly fifty thousand square feet.

It took them over a year and a half to build it. They are in with the School Board on that. Ten thousand feet of it goes to the School Board and forty thousand feet to the City. They built it so that there can be future growth without adding on. Technology everywhere within the building, security cameras, video so that the Council could be shown over cable television. State of the art. And that was a very interesting tour over there and hopefully some of the other council members can do the same. They had open arms for us and a very eye opening experience. Maybe Miss Rucker would like to chime in also.

MRS. RUCKER: No I just concur. The Safety Director did speak on it Mr. Brown. I really enjoyed the tour. The interesting thing was; and I urge council members that the next time we have an opportunity like that to visit another city that we all ought to really go. Because not only did we see a state of the art building but in talking to the staff and the Mayor and part of the Administration and stuff we learned of the different systems that they use. And you better believe I'm going to be talking about some of the things that they did along the way in building their building and making their city more efficient.

Understand they're building a brand new city there so, and we have an order city with a lot of history. So there was quite a bit of difference. But there were some cost savings things that we had discussed and I'd like to have an opportunity to talk to Council about that when we have our next Council As A Whole meeting. Thank you Mr. President.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Yes, thank you Mr. President. Along with Director Franklin and Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Rucker, you know in the discussions in – I'd like to say I'm very proud of the representation that was present. Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Rucker and the Administration and Auditor Griffing the dialog and all of the questions and answers back and forth were all very appropriate. Because the questions that we asked were questions they asked themselves originally.

There were so many similarities to this particular One Stop in Green, Ohio. And first and foremost the first discussion was we had all of our city services scattered throughout the city and we felt that we needed to put it all under one roof ; sounds real similar. We also felt that we would be able to serve the public better by one point of service; not just with the different offices but points of service with the Elected Officials; very similar.

Also they – as they were going through this process and we asked them about the architectural drawings, we asked them different things that we’re going through now and there were some little differences as they’re doing theirs and we’re doing ours because of the difference in – keep in mind the medium income and the – the medium income in Green, Ohio is sixty-one thousand dollars. The medium income in Warren, Ohio is thirty thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars.

But that being said the government was tempting there in Green, Ohio to deliver services a more convenient way for the constituents. The government in Warren, Ohio is attempting to deliver services in a more convenient way to the constituents. And when you walk in the building the respect, the attitude and the deliverance of the structure in and of itself was such a positive attitude that it’s a city on the move, it’s a city that’s going places and it’s projected as soon as you walk in that building by that structure. And that’s what the intention is in this particular One Stop in Warren, Ohio. Thank you Mr. President.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

**CHRISTOPHER ALLSBROOK, 470 SUMMIT STREET, WARREN, OHIO 44485** The issue I have this evening is I have tried compromising, negotiating; whatever you want to choose with this bar called the II Hype Bar with their music; their volume level. We’ve had issues for roughly a year. We negotiated and talked. Myself and some of the other neighbors we discussed this issue along with the bar owners and we came to an agreement; which lasted pretty much through the winter time. And when summer hit apparently they changed with the season.

I was trying to see about seeking help in some way to be able to come to a resolve with this issue with the volume that starts out at about 10:30 or 11:00 at night and averages out till about 2:00 in the morning. Myself and a couple of my neighbors here with me to support the issue. And I was wanting to see what we could do about this dilemma.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Certainly we can deal with this. If you could wait. It will be a brief meeting tonight. I’ll throw some people together and we can certainly talk about that. That is not for whatever reason I don’t know unique in this community in this town. I don’t know why we have such problems with that. But we do. And I can feel what you’re going through. But I don’t know what you’re going through. But I can imagine what it’s like. So if you would want to stay at the end of the meeting will throw the appropriate people together and meet on that briefly.

MR. ALLSBROOK: Yes sir. I’d be very happy to. Thank you.

**ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 KENMORE SE, WARREN, OHIO 44484:** I’m from the Kenmore Neighborhood Group. First of all I see that we have our Boy Scouts. And Troop 101 came out this summer and helped us with our cleanup. So I didn’t know that they were going to be here and so I’d like to thank them. They were awesome. And we appreciate them very much.

Second of all, I don’t know how the graffiti got removed on Warren Boulevard. But someone was out there working. So we appreciate that.

Also, I talked to Mr. Davis concerning our fire hydrants. So we’ve been doing some of the fire hydrants. And we’re planning on making Youngstown Road look a little better. I (inaudible) we’re working on that.

Also, with some zoning things. We’d like thank Mr. Sferra and also Mr. Makosky and Mr. Tanneyhill. I know they have been going into some of our businesses and keeping things in check. Because they’re having a problem also with noise at one of our bars, with the Flee Market parking on sidewalks. I’ve had two business owners tell me in the last week (inaudible) why should we care because the City of Warren does not. I know that the City of Warren does care. And I love this city. I was born and raised here. And I know a lot of you people also were. And I’m not going to have my thoroughfare fall apart from some out of town business owner telling me that nobody cares. And they are not going to abide by our ordinances. So I’ve had like two people (inaudible) businesses on Youngstown Road that have told me that the city doesn’t care and that they can do whatever they please. And that I know is not true. And so I’d like to maybe give those direction on how to get

there. Other than that, I again would like to thank Troop 101 and the painting and the things that are going on on Youngstown Road. We need to continue that and I try to speak for – I can't speak for the other parts of the city. I've been through all of the city numerous times and hoping the blight; again, we want to make sure that the blight is just as well taken care of. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Elizabeth. If you would want to join that meeting with Christopher this evening I'm sure we can address that issue.

I have a thorn in my side and a stone in my shoe as in God Father II about the fact that I notice an philipration of wild dogs in car lots. I didn't know that that was going to start happening here in Warren, Ohio. But you know dogs, junk yard type dogs. I have a problem with that. Maybe you can throw that into the discussion.

**MICHAEL LARDIS, 414 PARKMAN ROAD, WARREN, OHIO 44485:** I wish to thank the Mayor, Michael O'Brien, the dignitaries this evening and the Warren City Council for this opportunity to speak. Mr. Mayor, the government has receive multiple notices during the last three years requesting water turn-on service for Quinmby Park Shelter building. Surprisingly Perkins Park was currently planted with roses. But Quinmby Park is refused water service. The reasons for the governments refusal to give water service to the citizens of this city is unimaginable. (inaudible).

MR. DAVIS: Mr. Lardis, are you referring to the fountain at Quinmby? Is that what you're referring to?

MR. LARDIS: I beg your pardon?

MR. DAVIS: Mr. Lardis, are you referring to the fountain?

MR. LARDIS: I'm referring to Quinmby Park itself. The building. The building with no water. The building has facilities. But the facilities can't be used because there's no water in the –

MR. DAVIS: Ok. My understanding is that inside the building itself there is plumbing issues, there's other issues within the building is why it doesn't have water.

MR. LARDIS: There's issues? I don't quite understand.

MR. DAVIS: There are plumbing issues. If you were to turn water on you would have leakage inside –

MR. LARDIS: Then that cannot be determined until the water is on – the water problem.

MR. DAVIS: I have not gotten any correspondence or anything that said that we needed to come and turn the water on. Because obviously if that has happened we would have turned the water on to see where the leaks were.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: What I'd prefer to do Mr. Lardis I think in the interest of solving the initial problem Mr. Davis is always gracious at this time and I'm sure we can grab Mr. Maklosky too; as it's his department and if you could meet with them after you can talk specifically about the issue rather than chewing it up right now. A valid, valid questions.

MR. LARDIS: I've made my point. Thank you very much.

MR. DAVIS: Thank you Mr. President.

### **LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING**

#### **DRAFT 3182 SALE AND REMOVAL OF TIMBER**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of public service and safety to advertise for bids, and to thereafter enter into contract(s), for the sale by the city of Warren, and the removal thereof by the successful bidder, of marketable timber from the appropriate portions of the wooded areas of the real property owned by the City of Warren upon which the City of Warren's Water Pollution Control Center is situated, and declaring an emergency.

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READ Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3182 and place into first reading.

Clerk reads same.

REF: W/WPC

**LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE**

**DRAFT 3181  
2012 BLOCK GRANT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the filing of the thirty-eighth year application for a community development block grant and the twenty-second year application for the Home Program under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, setting forth the projects and priorities thereunder for the year 2012, authorizing plans and specifications and contracts to accomplish said purposes upon approval of the funding therefore, establishing the budget for the FY 2012 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rucker requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3181.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION SUSPEND Motion Rucker, second Saffold to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Draft 3181.

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

NO: None

9 YES, 0 NO motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Rucker, second Saffold to pass Draft 3181 as read.

**REMARKS**

None.

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

NO: None

PASSED ORD. 12360/11 9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3181 is now ORD. 12360/11.

**DRAFT 3183  
REMOVAL AND  
DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for the removal and disposal of sludge from the centrifuge unit of the City of Warren's Filtration Plant, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3183.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION SUSPEND Motion Sferra, second Novak to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Draft 3183.

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

NO: None

9 YES, 0 NO. Motion passed.

**MOTION FOR PASSAGE**

Motion Sferra, second Novak to pass Draft 3183 as read.

**REMARKS**

None.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NO: None

**PASSED  
ORD. 12361/11**

9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3183 is now ORD. 12361/11.

**DRAFT 3184  
PURCHASE OF  
MATERIALS AND  
SUPPLIES**

An ordinance for the purpose authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for the purchase of materials and supplies for the Water Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3184.

**READ**

Clerk reads same.

**MOTION SUSPEND**

Motion Sferra, second Colbert to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Draft 3184.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NO: None

**MOTION FOR PASSAGE**

Motion Sferra, second Flask to pass Draft 3184 as read.

**REMARKS**

None.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NO: None

**PASSED  
ORD. 12362/11**

9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3184 is now ORD. 12362/11.

**SECOND READING**

**DRAFT 3167  
PURCHASE OF HIGH  
CALCIUM QUICKLIME**

An ordinance for the purpose authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and to enter into a one year 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 3167 and place into second reading.

**READ**

Clerk reads same.

REF: W/WPC

**DRAFT 3168  
PURCHASE OF LIQUID  
EMULSION POLYMER**

An ordinance for the purpose authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and to 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 3168 and place into second reading.

**READ**

Clerk reads same.

REF: W/WPC

**DRAFT 3169  
GRIT, SCREENINGS  
AND CATCH BASIN  
DEBRIS REMOVAL**

An ordinance for the purpose authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and to enter into a one year 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 3169 and place into second reading.

**READ**

Clerk reads same.

REF: W/WPC

**MISCELLANEOUS**

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Before miscellaneous. Mr. Dean, per your request I spoke with Brenda in the interim her. She will give you a copy of that memo that was sent out. It was during the month of our recess early on. And I can understand why that was – so

MR. DEAN: Appreciate it Mr. President. I didn't get a copy. But I appreciate that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Before Miscellaneous, I wanted to – to the Police, to all of you who have in your wards various mental health, alcohol and drug and MRDD Agencies it is the toughest time of year here at this time. And everyone of us in my business are suffering greatly from losses in funding. And it is not Governor Kasich's fault. I'm getting kind of tired of hearing that kind of thing. It is because the population of Ohio has dropping drastically. In fact this Governor has done a lot more for mental health than some of the others.

You know, I urge you if you're active – all of you are active in your wards to try and keep an eye on and help those centers that are especially small and don't have the funding of the larger agencies. It is a difficult, difficult time. Budgets are drying up as we're in the second quarter of the calendar year. And many of them will have very definite difficult problems. And there is no pain as the pain of someone that has to go through life with one of those three disorders. So I urge you all as the good Council people you are to become involved in the mental health, the alcohol and drug, the MRDD community here in Trumbull County; which is in the State of Ohio and probably one of the bottom five most difficult times.

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MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. I would like to thank the Kenmore Group for taking care of the graffiti on Youngstown Road around the different buildings. And I'm glad to hear; although I haven't seen it that somebody in the city took care of Warren Boulevard. Somebody's pointing. Paul - Mr. Makowsky thank you. Somebody, thank you. Who ever, what ever. Thank you.

I do have a question though in regards to our Meter Maid and the contract. I got a phone call from somebody that said that there was somebody writing down license plates, walking around cars downtown. They went outside to address the individual, asked what they were doing around the car. They said that they were a Meter Maid. Turned out that they were a Meter Maid but they had no identification, no anything on that. And I don't know if that's part of the contract or not. So if whoever is responsible for that could take care of that I'd appreciate it. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Flask. We'll pass that on to the Director. And I do believe as I tell my staff; often they make this mistake. Certainly a slip on your part. The new term is Meter Reader rather than Meter Maid. Very sexist.

MR. FLASK: They're all Maid to the City. Thank you.

MISS SAFFOLD: Thank you Mr. President. I sent Mayor O'Brien and the Director a letter regarding the four burnt houses that are in my ward; as well as other structures that need to be demolished and that are clearly health and safety hazards.

But I'd like to say that I did see Director Franklin riding around the neighborhood. I believe he was checking out those structures. I saw it yes. And thank you.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. Just to clarify. The Police and Fire Committee meeting is tentatively to be set for the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>. I'll once again ask Mr. Dean to contact me with available dates that he would have for that week. Thank you very much Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Colbert for keeping in mind the great Americans of our past Christopher Columbus (inaudible).

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. To the Mayor, I appreciate you allowing me to be your alternate on the Land Bank Board. And that is one activity I think that is just quietly going about their business.

And at the last meeting that I attended they announced that there have been already one hundred requests for side launch. I think that's interesting and that's what they're going to be about the business of.

If you go on their website there are also at this early point twenty-eight properties that are for sale.

Secondly, I often hear criticism about Wal Mart. But I want to mention at least their manager and their employees. Unbeknownst to a lot of people we do a coat drive every year. Wal Mart gave us three thousand bags, three thousand hangers. When we did - Council Member Brown and I worked with the Gifts for Veterans they provided all of the containers in working with us.

They also provided sixty turkeys; if you remember for the mission. So Wal Mart has done a lot of things. She and I were talking about the Gifts for Vets Program that we'll do again this year and a woman came in and said she was from St. Demetrios and she was chewing me out for not seeing to it that she had smoke detectors. Wal Mart on the spot gave her a gift certificate for smoke - fire detectors for St. Demetrios.

So I just wanted to kind of give a shout out to the employees and the manager at Wal Mart for a lot of things that they do that a lot of people don't know about. Thank you very much Mr. President.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Yeah, thank you. Just one little comment. Mr. Dean, on your - regarding the Land Bank Program under the direction of Treasurer, County Treasurer Sam Lamancusa some time ago he was going to have a meeting the lending companies.

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Unfortunately it was unsuccessful to get the lending companies to attend the meeting. We've had discussions in the past regarding this issue and other matters and other Trustees and Council Members throughout the state.

And the only thing I'll say is this will be further discussion I'm sure. We have abandoned houses in this city, cities in Mahoning Valley, cities in the State of Ohio.

There are cities all over this country; so and so gets a letter from the bank, reads the letter to the best of their knowledge and moves. He goes and either rents a house or moves in with their parents or family members because they feel that they can no longer satisfy the lending institution that originally gave them the loan.

Well unless a sheriff's deputy knocks on your door and says you're officially evicted my recommendation is to stay. The bank doesn't want the property anymore than you are able to afford the property. People leaving, abandoning their house they are assuming the bank is taking this house over. Absolutely not true. The person that owns the home still has title to the home.

The grass is three feet high of course they call the city or the township. Someone breaks in and steals the copper and it's a police issue. Vagrants they go in the property and it's a neighborhood issue. But it's never a bank issue or a lending institution issue. And that's ridiculous.

So I hope Treasurer Lamancusa is successful at some point to get the lending institutions to pull their part of the rope in this struggle with this economic condition. Well stay tuned because there will be further discussions.

You know I just – regarding Mr. Dean when he talked about the land bank and the different innovative ways that the Treasurer is trying to assist the cities and the communities. And make no mistake about it the City of Warren has been the biggest recipient of the assistance from the County Treasurer on this land bank program. The former Treasurer of Cuyahoga County Mr. Rokakis. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mayor. You bring up a good point. And Mr. Steffy that would be a good article for you to run that the banks in this community that got bailed out by this administration to the tune of all kinds of money in this country that we bailed out the Savings and Loan it would be a nice thing to say that they don't want to cooperate on this. That would be a nice thing. Name them all.

### **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT 8:15 PM**

Motion Rucker, second Novak to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

VIVA VOCE : ALL YES; 0 NO'S. Motion Passed.

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Robert Marchese, President of Council

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Brenda E. Smith, Clerk of Council