

## Warren, Ohio

### MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 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** Pastor Tina Thorton from Grace AME Church, the church's first female pastor, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Auditor Griffing, Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Pinti, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Sal DiLiello, Paul Makosky, Bob Davis, Mike Keys, Tom Angelo  
ABSENT: Chris Stephenson, Tom Gaffney
- 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: Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT MARCHESE:** A reminder to Council, there will be a Council of a Whole meeting on Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. This will be regarding the issues of reports from the three Ad Hoc Committees that Council formed at the beginning of the year. They will be making reports to the body back from starts in January.

#### REPORTS

**MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President, Members of Council: Thanks to the Law Department under the director of Attorney Greg Hicks and primarily the tracking of Attorney Dave Daugherty, we have a tentative approval of the sheparding agreement of the Southwest Neighborhood Association and Southwest Park. And it's 15.3 acres, the park land and I'll be discussing the pertinent parts of the agreement with Councilwoman Saffold, it's obviously in her ward, before it's actually signed. As I said we have a tentative approval of the Southwest Park to be sheparded by the Southwest Neighborhood Association and this is part of, again, the comprehensive plan, implementation of the comprehensive plan.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> the bid books 8 and bid books 9 will be open in reference to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Bid books 1 through 7 have been opened and we're commencing demolition to the tune of 181 homes. Bid books 10, 11 and 12 will be opened June 29<sup>th</sup> for approximately 138, 135 more homes for a total of between 311 and 320 total homes we bid out before June 29<sup>th</sup>. for stabilization 1 and I will repeat there's no community in the Mahoning Valley that's even close to this work and I again want to thank the work of the Community Development Department and Mr. Keys, the Health Department under the direction of Mr. Pinti and the Engineering Department, Mr. Paul Makosky.

Again a discussion in Council Caucuses, I want to congratulate the Warren G. Harding Track Team for winning the state championship in track; very difficult, very difficult. You know you'll see in the years to come, players playing for the University of Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Florida, Oklahoma, Nebraska; all these backs, these tailbacks, these wide receivers were athletes in Division I in Ohio. The Warren Harding Track Team obviously

run track. Those football players and those wide receivers obviously run track also. The Warren G. Harding Track Team defeated them. That's very impressive. I was talking to Councilman Saffold and we're going to make some type of arrangements for a celebration. We'd like to coordinate it with the Warren Board of Education however, the Warren Board of Education is going to do their celebration July 13<sup>th</sup>. So we're going to get together with Councilwoman Saffold, her committee and see if we can coordinate something great for the city.

And last tonight, Monday morning at Youngstown State University I addressed an audience of the STEM college, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at their annual, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Alternative Energy Forum. I referred to and referenced the technology innovation center focusing on sustainable energy that's going to take place in downtown Warren. We have research and product development at the same site for bio-fuel, advance materials, fuel cells, wind solar, it's all going to be conducted, the research and development will be conducted on that site. The most, more important economic development feature this center has been a service of technological research area for commercialization. Commercialization to grow ideas and to market them and pair them up with interested investor capitalists throughout the country. Firms presently are in San Francisco, St. Lake City, Utah seeking out venture capitalists who may be inventing or investing in these types of alternative energy complex research development. This is going to take place in downtown Warren. Companies like Ohio Clean Technology in Youngstown will be using the Warren, excuse me, the Tech Organization Center in Warren for their ideas to grow; for manufacturing to grow and this will take, this will replace manufacturing in years to come. So the developments of the Tech Organization Center in downtown Warren will be a catalyst for employment directly and indirectly in the entire Mahoning Valley. And it's exciting, if that's not exciting enough it will be taking place on the same geographical campus as the Eastern Gateway Community College. So we got some exciting things in downtown Warren and recently we're in the process of purchasing a few more buildings, private companies in the anticipation of this and other projects and breeding new life as Pastor Thornton said, breeding new life in the city and that's going to obviously breathe new life in the downtown. Thank you Mr. President.

**LAW DIRECTOR**

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

**AUDITOR**

MR. GRIFFING: Thank you Mr. President. I'd just like to request City Council's support on Draft 3038, the tax budget which is my certification of the revenues for 2011. In the back Council reviews all the backup that I've provided for this legislation. If they have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I can give you more detail. Thank you Mr. President.

**TREASURER**

MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you Mr. President. I'd just like to let Council know that for the past six weeks the tax collected has been equal to the amount of tax that's been budgeted last year and at the same time we're running around 350 to 400 thousand dollars less than last year. Thank you.

**DIRECTOR**

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. I'd just like to ask Council's support on Draft 3037.

MR. NOVAK: Yes, thank you Mr. President. I refer back to Mayor O'Brien. A couple quick questions. I wonder where we're at in the process with Delphi Packard on the acquiring Vine Street and reversing the vacation on that? It's becoming a major eyesore, I mean the weeds are five feet tall over in that area and the neighbors have been calling me asking me when we will see something come in front of Council.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Right, I was in a conversation with officials of Detroit yesterday Mr. Novak for two reasons. For that vacation and also a possible deal that might be struck with the Plant 3 and I'll talk to you after the Council meeting about those types of issues, primarily because they're in your ward.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Thank you Mayor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

None.

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**SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE**

C-011-10  
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Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

A request for a license transfer:

TO: Adam May Inc.  
1290 E. Market St.  
Warren, Ohio 44483

FROM: Kwik Pik Ohio LLC  
DBA Uni Mart 04754  
1290 E. Market St.  
Warren, Ohio 44483

REF: Marti Morn, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman  
Legislative Chairman  
Police, Fire, Health, Planning, Building and Law

Departments

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COUNCIL OFFICE.**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STRATEGIC  
PLANNING**

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. No report, but just a reminder the Strategic Planning Group chaired by Mr. John Robertson will meet here at the Caucus Room on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM and I will be out of the country from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> and any communication can go directly to the co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, Mr. John Brown. Thank you.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

MR. BROWN: Thank you Mr. President. Last week the Public Utilities met and Shelia Klasovsky of Repower America gave us a presentation. I also invited Eric Davis from the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Dave Ambrose, a citizens of Warren who has installed solar panels on his house. It was a very interesting discussion. Miss Klasovsky, her organization can be looked up at RepowerAmerica.org. They're for clean, efficient, and economical use of power in America and kind of hand in hand with what we're looking to do downtown. Mr. Davis is hands on with this. He installed a windmill and three huge solar panels out at their headquarters on Educational Highway and he's glad to show anybody how those work. Mr. Ambrose is a citizens from my ward who has solar panels on his home and his electric bill last month was \$7.32. So he's pretty frugal, but it's pretty amazing you can have a seven dollar electric bill and the repayment time is about fourteen years on those solar panels. So this is the future and I think that it's good to see that we're jumping on board. Thank you.

**FINANCE**

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Finance Committee met yesterday at 5 PM to review the agenda for today's meeting. There were no recommendations made on any of the drafts we have the agenda for this evening. Thank you Mr. President.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

MRS. RUCKER: CD Committee Mr. President. Just a reminder to members of the CD Committee to turn in your citizens picks for the block grant and last week we saw a ribbon cutting from Habitat for Humanity rehab a house on Hazelwood and put an addition on. Well those were done with CD funds and they truly are home tonight because it was an outstanding project. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Sorry I forgot your committee, I apologize for that. Mr. Flask.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to expand on that being the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. That was actually the biggest project Habitat has taken locally. They replaced the entire roof, the joists and everything from top to bottom. Councilman Dean was in attendance as well and living two houses down from that house it was a spectacular transformation for the neighborhood. And so I would like to thank them if any of them are here and let everybody know what a fine job they did. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK: Yes, thank you Mr. President. On our Council of a Whole meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will that be including an informational session on the charter legislation?

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Yes. The meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be by all three committees and information from the charter committee regarding dates for the training events, etc., as well as the other two Ad Hoc Committees. Also I had sent out a request to the director, I forget his name, George from YSU on the Weed and Seed to ask him to come and address Council on the Weed and Seed Program. He hasn't got back to me yet, as soon as he does I'm sure the 22<sup>nd</sup> will work in to his schedule.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. Did we establish a time for that meeting?

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: 6:30, cause unlike you all that stop at 4, I still work till late.

MISS SAFFOLD: Thank you Mr. President. As head of the Education sub-committee, I would like to add to what the Mayor said previously. I did phone him earlier in the week to ask him if we could have a parade to celebrate the Warren G. Harding student athletes. I would like to ask anyone who is here tonight if they would like to assist me in coordinating that event, please see me right after tonight's meeting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Miss Saffold. Are there any other special committee reports? (No response)  
Two friends I would like to draw your attention to in the audience I believe I spy Tom Conley's in the back from the Warren-Youngstown Urban League. Tom always a pleasure to see a good friend. He left, he was here, our former Safety-Service Director Mr. Fred Harris was here. Wherever Fred went, if anybody sees him tell him we thought of him.

We now have some public speakers on the agenda. A reminder: public speakers may speak for three minutes. At the end of three minutes, I will simply tell you thanks and move you on to the next speaker.

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:48 PM to 8:16 PM**

**JOSHUA MOORE, 669 PHILLIPS DR., WARREN, OHIO:** I am the president of the Ministerial, Trumbull County Ministerial Alliance and we want to talk about some serious situations in the city that our constituents are concerned about. They're talking about being bullied around by

the Police Department and this brother was out of town when they went down, the police were called to this West Market, Nevada garage from the girl, young lady had a car there and then they she wanted a car and didn't have the money for it. Police was called, so I'm told, I didn't get all of the discussion, but that they came down and took the car, didn't make any dissolution for payment and just gave the girl the car. We are somewhat frustrated with the way things are going in this city. We need some change in our city. We don't, I don't believe the Police Department knows that their job is to serve the public not bully them around; not kick them around or dog them around. They are to serve us, yes. We agree that if there is someone committing a crime then we believe that they should be handcuffed and taken away, but then citizens should be protected.

We recommend and are asking for a re-evaluation of Chief Bowers decision on Officer Hoolihan. Chief Bowers should bring and we are also asking that Chief Bowers should bring the ministerial alliance in to the discussion in this re-evaluation. We will wait 15 days to see what Chief Bowers position is or his position is and then we will move to the next step. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Pastor Moore. We appreciate you coming down this evening. We'll refer that matter to our Safety Director Mr. Franklin.

**ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 KENMORE SE, WARREN, OHIO:** My name's Elizabeth Balint. I'm at 1081 Kenmore SE and I'm with the Southeast Community Association also with Kenmore. I've been silent lately, but things are being done. It's been raining a lot so our planters haven't been done as soon as expected. We thought they would be done by now. But I'm been introduced to Butch Butcher and I'm so excited because he's also working on Youngstown Road so I'm going to try and pair up with him for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ward so we can get our area really looking good and those tree lawns cut, and I'm going to start thinking smarter than harder, because I'm been thinking pretty harder and doing a lot of things by myself. So with that, we will be working on that and we have some new businesses coming. I talked also with the Family Mission, Warren Family Mission. I was doing some things with them. I think Russo's is closed, I'm not sure. I was going to call the Health Department and ask about that and also Mr. Pinti I would like to thank you for coming and speaking (inaudible) Kenmore and Vince I'll be talking with you about Youngstown Road and with Habitat for Humanity, that's a great thing to see that happening.

So a lot of things are happening and I'm doing some things. Talking to the business owners; getting to know them, so we can get Youngstown Road at least up in our section starting to look better. As a matter of fact that started up the hill and then went down the hill from Crest Lanes and I went to Dr. Torem, he's the eye doctor and we did his property. So a few things are happening and I hear Mr. Councilman Novak cuts grass a lot. I do too. Thank you.

**RONALD FOWLIS, 849 TOD SW, WARREN, OHIO:** My name is Ronald Fowlis and I'm a Warren resident; I'm also president of the Warren Branch of the NAACP. And since Chief Bowers has made his decision we have received numerous dissatisfaction with the decision. The community is not satisfied. The community feels like what has happened has been a slap on the wrist and is not something that will guard against it happening again. The discipline was not strong enough and we feel that this administration and the Chief of Police ought to re-evaluate what he's done. To me it's a serious thing when something like that happens to children. You can't tell me that three children running around a neighborhood constitute an adult-type threat. So we are not satisfied and we're asking that you re-evaluate and do something about it. Thank you.

**MARY ANN FRANKLIN, 1640 JACKSON SW, WARREN, OHIO:** My name is MaryAnn Franklin. I live at 1640 Jackson St. SW. To the President of Council, to the Members of Council and honorable Mayor, I have some questions to ask? I have how much?

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Three, but usually you beat me by about five.

MRS. FRANKLIN: I'd like about five minutes. My question is: Why you neglect the west side fire station that belongs to the city? Okay. I also would like to know why do you allow the grass cutters to leave about two and a half inches, feet, feet, feet, all right of wild grass lying on top of the lawn. Okay, that's a no, no. That's pure neglect on the part of the city. I'd like to know why you go there and whack those weeds down and don't remove them. That's neglect. And that's the city's obligation also. And I think it's a crying shame the way you do the west side and all the neglect that you impose upon us, you don't even look back to see how you left it. Okay? The west side fire station, we even asked for the west side fire station and you wouldn't give it to us. At least we would have did it up. We did Quimby Park. We cleaned up Quimby Park. Okay? So I also would like to say that if you, if I didn't cut my grass you would have the Health Department talking to me. Okay?

Now, I would like, the Health Department would me all over me, give me five days, two days to get my grass cut and I would like to say, Bob, would you go out there and have a look. Okay? Then get on them okay? Get on your city to keep our west side beautified, okay? Thank you for my five minutes.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mrs. Franklin. It's always a pleasure to get beat by you. I will do better than that, we'll do two things, I'd like to refer your matter to Mr. Franklin, who will have an answer for that on the station. Also if you would like to stay till the end of the meeting and if I get my way, it will be brief and Miss Saffold and Mr. Colbert would sit with you and talk about those matters if you would like.

MRS. FRANKLIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Doug did you want to?-

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: No. I'd like Councilwoman Saffold back there. We've had a discussion regarding that and several issues on the southwest side. Thank you Mr. President.

**TIM CALLION, 700 CENTER ST. W., WARREN, OHIO 44481:** Good evening. My name is Tim Callion. I live at 700 Center St. W., Warren, Ohio and I'm the President of the Trumbull County Chapter of A. Phillip Randolph Institute. My thoughts will express the views and opinions of our chapter. The Trumbull County Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute believes in the creation of a broad-base coalition of forces who believe in social progress for all people. One of our objectives is to promote community relations and understanding of both the institute and that of labor. We understand that the Warren Police Department as well as the city operates under guidelines of collecting, bargaining agreements. We also know that it is not our job to tell you how to do yours, however, we do have some concerns which are: the safety of our children, to and from school; the judgment and perception of the Police Department toward the citizens of the city; also the judgment and the perceptions of the city residents toward the Police Department. We also are concerned with the rewarding of unprofessional behavior to those that work within the city. I believe it was Jesus who said and now let us reason together. That's our appeal to the city. Come, let's reason together; let's have dialogue and eliminate some of the issues that seem to drag us down. Some of the issues that seem to make the front page, that don't have to make that front page. Let's have some open dialogue with our city officials whether it's the ministerial alliance, the NAACP, the A. Phillip Randolph Institutes, whoever it may be. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Callion. Anytime if you would like you know give me a call and set up; I would give you my pledge that I would do what the eleven of us can do sitting together to hear those thoughts. I think you have some wonderful ideas. There are three different divisions here and we juggle them all and speaking for this branch, I know that we would be very willing to sit and have that dialogue and we're always open to that if you'd feel free to call me, I would be glad to work with you to set up that time. Thank you for coming.

**ALTON LOUIS MERRELL, 2673 BEAL NW, WARREN, OHIO:** Good evening. Alton Merrell Pastor New Jerusalem Fellowship on the west side of Warren. I live at 2673 Beal St. on the west side. We have Bible study tonight, every Wednesday night we have Bible study and we decided to put some legs on our prayers because we are praying for the city. We believe that the city officials are municipal justice. We believe that's what the Bible says and we believe that we must pray for all of you, not only for ourselves, but for our city because as the city does well, we do well, the constituents do well. We want you to know that we're here in prayer and we are also here to serve. As a pastor, we serve people. We're Sheppard's to protect and to serve God's people and it doesn't matter who they are, we are to serve them. And as citizens, I believe that we're to be served by our officials and it shouldn't matter the source economic background. It should not matter the race or creed or which side of town. Everyone needs to be represented, protected, and served. The power that be must work with those who can't even many times represent themselves.

The perception of many having been in this city and served as a principal, school teacher principal for a number of years and teaching at Youngstown State and dealing with children the situation with the Simmons children is just still vibrating in our community. It's just, it's just a ripple affect and we try and we do preach and teach to our children and for us to do that we gotta have as I believe as Tim said a collaborative effort to come together so that we can teach them who we trust and teach them that those who serve you you don't have to fear. I'm not talking about all of our Police Department. I couldn't say that because just like in any organization there're bad teachers, there're bad preachers, there're bad everybody in some places or another. But what we've got to do is come together and reason together so that we can deal with this perception because perception is folks reality. And we're dealing with the reality of perception where people feel like they don't count. The west side feels like it's neglected. We feel like what we have to say doesn't matter and how we feel doesn't

matter. And when things keep coming up, it's sort of like pinpointed showing us, it really doesn't matter. So we decided to come to Council and we shouldn't just come here periodically when something happens, we should be here all the time to represent because I think too many times out of sight is out of mind. Thank you for your time and attention.

**JOHNNIE M. SMITH, 2704 BURTON SE, WARREN, OHIO:** My name is Johnnie Smith and I live at 2704 Burton St. SE and what I would like to say is I'm making a parallel for the company that I work for and the City of Warren which is a business also. What-I retired from one of the biggest corporations in the world. I had forty and a half years service when I left there and I was a public advocate for this company and I was trained, I was employed, trained and expected to represent the company to the public in a positive manner. And when that wasn't done, I was held accountable for what I didn't do. And I feel that the representatives of the Warren Police Department should be held accountable for what they have not done for the business, which is the City of Warren. I was, when I was employed, I was trained to use my company knowledge, skills, and to use my intelligence and good common sense to maintain a positive rapport with the public. I was a representative of the company that I worked for and my conduct was expected to be professional. I was expected to be kind. I was expected to be understanding. I was expected to be firm and to be fair and I don't think any of that is being done by some of the representatives of the Police Department in Warren. Any bad conduct that you have, that I would have had in my job that I was being paid to do, any bad conduct would have been an embarrassment and a disgrace to the company that I was paid to work for and that's the same thing. Any bad conduct done by the Police Department of Warren is an embarrassment and a disgrace to the business that they work for which is the City of Warren. And I think certainly for a, any intelligent person would have know that the three children, the Simmons children were children and I don't think that the person that was involved in this that they represented the City of Warren in a proper manner and it was an embarrassment to the city and it was a disgrace and that's what I-

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mrs. Smith, we appreciate your remarks.

**PIERSON J. BUTCH BUTCHER JR., 1194 ADELAIDE SE, WARREN, OHIO:** Pierson J. Butcher Jr., 1194 Adelaide SE, Warren, Ohio. I was here in January and I want to thank Al Novak for when I passed the picture around about the tracks on Mahoning Avenue. They threw a little tar in there, people's tires were getting a little better so they can go to Giant Eagle and back or wherever without being flat.

Also got a problem with the Packard Music Hall; trim those trees so you can see what's going on there. When you're coming from Giant Eagle, you can't see the marquee, try looking at it. If it weren't for the red light up there so you can sit and look at it.

I was here in January and we talked about dredging the river; seven hundred million dollars or more. The Corp. of Engineers will pay for this. This is in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward too. And build a bridge across Perkins Park. The Corp. of Engineers will take care of that. They've done some things here in Warren. The Warren Boulevard, I want to get to that. When you go down Warren Boulevard in the middle it looks like the rust buckets back in the 70's and 80's. Why don't we paint it green and when Danny Sferra was Mayor and they put the new road in there, the grass on the sides was manicured. The yards I do on the north on Adelaide, Homewood and Woodbine and the RV Club are manicured. I'm getting with Elizabeth and we're gonna do the whole Youngstown Road and we'd like to even have a chance to, if there's any money available, to show you how to manicure Warren Boulevard. I mean Warren Boulevard has got more (inaudible) more (inaudible) in it than any ward in town. If we can clean it up and make it look good and also bring the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, all of them together, we can cut this crime. Maybe you don't have to raise their taxes, maybe we can get more and the jobs with the Corp. of Engineers will bring 4500 jobs and other jobs in to Warren where we can have an adequate Police Department, Fire Department and the (inaudible) and the education for everybody.

But I feel that you all are doing a great job with what you got to deal with and God bless you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Mr. Butcher, it's an excellent idea of yours at the music hall, so I am appointing you to the Packard Music Hall Ad Hoc Committee and if you call me I will give you the man's name that's the chairman of that Ad Hoc Committee and they well, not so fast, but you will work on that committee and that will also occupy some time. I will make sure that you get appointed to that Ad Hoc Committee sir. You call me and I'll give you the name. (Mr. Butcher replies, but could not be heard on tape) There was something else I was going to tell you, oh taxes, never mind (inaudible)

I was going to tell you Mr. Butcher, we're not going to raise any taxes. Don't worry, over my dead body am I going to pay any more taxes. Our last speaker is Mr. Tom Conley, Tom.

**TOM CONLEY, 1199 TIMBERCREST, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OHIO:** Good evening, my name is Thomas Conley. I live at 1199 Timbercrest, Liberty Township, 44505. I would think that the majority of you would agree my history in public speaking concerning the Warren Police Department has been above board and fair. Despite receiving slanderous mail and e-mail, being threatened and even my car being totaled by a woman claiming a truck hit her first and a police officer telling me I just happened to be in a pickle, he believes the woman; despite that being her 6<sup>th</sup> accident that same year. But I've been fair. I come to you today disappointed. Disappointed in a system that seems to not be working. We all would agree we are tired talking about these issues, hearing about these issues or being part of these issues. It's been a long time. I am very concerned about the community not thinking nothing is going to change where actions of the Police Department that reinforces that thinking. My concern in the system is checks and balances must exist and vehicles must be in place to make the system better. In my system at work, if I did certain things, I would not only, not get promoted, but I would get fired, thrown out this city and with my luck thrown out the state.

My question is how do we get out of this 'mean' circle and how do we feel towards better police relations? We will not only, so we will not experience these things again. A charter form of government is the first step to a long term solution and I commend you all for that. A short term solution to help create transparency is some form of a committee such as a citizens review committee that can truly involve the community. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Conley. I want to recap a few things to Reverend Merrell, to Tim Callion, to Ron Fowlis, to Pastor Moore to Tom Conley, to Miss Smith, I would urge you to and I know that he will because we have a great working relationship and he's a good man. I would refer you to meet as a whole with these issues and discuss them with Mr. Franklin. I would be very willing to either attend that meeting or if Mr. Franklin would prefer he can get back to me. We regularly every week talk in great detail between the administration and myself. I will leave it to Mr. Franklin. You deserve to come here and get some resolution. As I said there are many branches of the government here tonight and everyone has succeeded in bringing all those ideas to the front. I'm going to refer that process to Mr. Franklin because he is the man in charge of the issues that you brought about. He and I will talk and we will get back to Council and if at any time anyone would like to come to Council, as I suggested to Mr. Callion feel free to contact me and we would be more than happy to have dialogue or several dialogues as the need be. I don't want anyone leaving here this evening with the idea that you weren't heard and I appreciate and I know I speak for all members of Council, I appreciate that you came here with heart, with concern and with obvious love in your heart, and we appreciate that.

To Tom, just for the record, if it ever comes up, I don't want my own colleagues angry at me, technically you live out of town but because everybody knows you because you are head of the Urban League here; I get to make a few decisions and I made that one to let you speak. Also you're a pretty nice guy and we always got along. Okay, that ends our public speaking for this evening. We now have legislation before us for passage.

**LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE**

**DRAFT 3037  
2010 BYRNE JUSTICE  
ASSISTANCE GRANT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor of the City of Warren to apply to the State of Ohio, and to enter into an interlocal agreement(s) for the purpose of acquiring grant monies from the "2010 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program" for the city's Police Department, and for the further purpose of obligating the City of Warren to implement the activities encompassed within said grant and to make proper expenditures and received funds incidental to said grant and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Colbert requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3037.

**READ**

Clerk reads same.

**MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS**

Motion Colbert, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3037.

**ROLL CALL**

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

6-9-10

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Colbert, second Saffold to pass Draft 3037.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3037 is now ORD. 12276/10.  
ORD. 12276/10

**DRAFT 3038** A resolution for the purpose of approving and adopting the tax budget  
**2011 TAX BUDGET** for the City of Warren for the year 2011 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3038.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three  
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3038.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 3038.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3038 is now RES. 4468/10.  
RES. 4468/10

**DRAFT 3039** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public  
**SLUDGE REMOVAL** Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for  
the removal and disposal of solid sludge from the centrifuge unit of the  
City of Warren's Water Filtration Plant and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3039.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Sferra, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three  
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3039.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

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MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Sferra, second Rucker to pass Draft 3039.

REMARKS

None.

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

PASSED Motion passed. Draft 3039 is now ORD. 12277/10.  
ORD. 12277/10

FIRST READING

**DRAFT 3040  
WARN MEMBERSHIP**

An ordinance for the purpose of: authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety, on behalf of the City of Warren, to enter into agreement(s) with the Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) for the purpose of sharing resources and to assist each other in the form of personnel, equipment, materials and supplies in the event of emergencies that may disrupt utility services; authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to complete and file the City of Warren's new member registration form for such membership and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3040 and place it in first reading.

READ Clerk reads same.

REF: Water/Water Pollution Control

THIRD READING

**DRAFT 3019  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.**

A resolution for the purpose of expressing Warren City Council's support for the establishment of a Public Works Department for the City of Warren.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3019.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION TO TABLE Motion Novak, second Dean to table Draft 3019.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3019 is tabled.

**6-9-10**

**MISCELLANEOUS 8:24 PM**

MOTION FOR  
ADJOURNMENT

Motion Dean, second Flask to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dean, Dippolito, Brown, Morn, Flask, Sferra

NO: Novak, Saffold, Colbert, Rucker

MOTION PASSED

6 YES; 4 NO. Motion passed. The meeting is adjourned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 PM**

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Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

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

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