

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

July 28, 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** John R. Brown Jr, 3rd Ward Councilman opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito
ABSENT: Sferra
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
ABSENT: Auditor Griffing
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Pinti, Lisa Mazzochi, Paul Makosky, Mike Keys, Tom Angelo, Renee Cicero, Sal DiLiello, Tom Gaffney
ABSENT: Mike Keys, Chris Stephenson
- 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.
- MOTION-EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER** Motion Rucker, second Dippolito to excuse Councilman Sferra for good and sufficient reason. VIVA VOCE: All Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: With Council's indulgence I'd like to, before we begin, digress for just one moment. I'd like to thank the citizen's ad-hoc committee for the fine work and all of the work and time and effort they've put in the past seven months. I want to publicly and personally thank Dan Crouse, former Councilman Crouse for taking on this enduring and tremendous task of work as well as public scrutiny. Last November I met with Dan and asked him to take on this assignment and I specifically asked him to chair a group of ordinary and everyday citizens with one specific question, "Should City Council be presented by the residents of Warren with the opportunity to vote on a charter form of government?" I informed Dan after that recommendation came to Council that Council would either vote for or against that measure. I want to thank Council for its patience, its energy, its forbearance and its study on this subject.

Tonight we accept whatever the vote may be. Either way the citizens of Warren have learned and gained from this joint process. Together we have accomplished great knowledge and a discussion for the overall process. I want to thank the Raymond John Wean Foundation, the Youngstown-Warren Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation and the Trumbull '100' foundation for accepting my grant request which I wrote that I made on behalf of Council to pay the Kent State University Department of Urban Study facility to work with the ad-hoc committee that was in access of 9500 dollars. Wean, the Chamber and Trumbull '100' could have said I'll tell you what Mr. Marchese, thanks, but it's not our kind of charity. It's not our area of interest and instead they provided the access that entitled us to have top-notch help in the system. And to the Wean Foundation and to the Youngstown-Warren Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation and to the Trumbull '100', I say thank you for funding something out of the ordinary.

And lastly, let's remember we are an ever changing city. This is not our father's Warren and it will continue to change until it finds its own equilibrium. I am proud of the educational meetings that the ad-hoc committee held. I am likewise proud of the work City Council did in holding meetings, attending meetings, and discussing this subject. Either way, this city gains tonight. To Mr. Hicks and his office this is an enormous amount of time. I want to say thank you to Mr. Hicks. With that I now move to call upon the honorable Mayor Michael O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Warren for his report.

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MAYOR

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President, Members of Council; I want to again in front of Council publicly thank the efforts of Congressman Tim Ryan for securing at this point before it's passed by the full house and senate, signed by the President of the United States; the appropriations budget of 4.79 million dollars to be used for the Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center in downtown Warren. It will be a Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center, we're coupling that with federal funds we received over a year ago and of course state funds we received. I sit on the steering committee for the Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center. We're making great strides, great progress. We have a meeting tomorrow and I will be reporting back to City Council as we progress with the purchase of the building in the downtown and the activities that will commence after that purchase.

So I want to, I will keep City Council apprised of the Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center but again want to publicly thank Congressman Ryan for his efforts again in this latest effort of 4.79 million dollars for that center.

Also, I wanted to bring to the attention a letter I received from the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office and summarize the letter the Prosecutor's office grateful appreciation for the professional work done by Sgt. John Yuricek, Sgt. Gregory Hosos, Sgt. Martin Gargas, Mike Stabile and Detective Wayne Mackey on the convictions of Eugene Cumberbatch, Eugene Henderson. Without that immediate work at this crime scene completed by Sgt. Yuricek, Sgt. Hosos, and Sgt. Gargas and just one point in particular, Sgt. Yuricek had the foresight on the scene he saw a couple pieces of possible evidence. He put plastic cups on those possible pieces of evidence cause it started to rain. If not for that, the DNA would not be on those pieces of evidence tying that to those two defendants. Also the expert work of Detective Stabile and the expert work of Detective Mackey preparing the case working through all the efforts of Sgt. Hosos and Sgt. Gargas. But this letter, there's an awful lot of activity, awful lot of work the Warren Police Department engages in hourly, but for the Prosecutor's office to take the time to send a letter and to state without that diligent and professional work they would not have a case. So I want to congratulate Chief Bowers (inaudible) and the Warren Police Department. Thank you.

LAW DIRECTOR

MR. HICKS: Thank you Mr. President, thank you for those kind words. It's our, simply doing our job in trying to make sure that this initiative, should it pass Council, is in such a form that it's on the ballot properly worded for the citizens to make an informed choice. But, thank you.

TREASURER

MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you Mr. President. Just like to advise Council that collection is running about 200,000 dollars ahead of the budgeted amount. Thank you.

DIRECTOR

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

None.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

C-012-10 Received by e-mail from Robert Marchese a copy of a letter dated
7-22-10 7-6-10 from the Raymond J. Wean Foundation.

The letter states that while the Foundation does not take a stand for or against adopting any specific elements in a charter form of government, certainly any effort that involves citizens in a productive discussion of the form of government in their city is a positive one.

The Foundation supported the formation of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and will continue to support the charter process by providing \$5,000. toward the cost of printing and mailing the charter drafted by the Charter Commission. The Foundation trusts that other stakeholders will also contribute to this effort, including that the City of Warren will participate in this by budgeting funds if the Charter initiative is passed in November.

REF: All Council Members

C-013-10 Received by e-mail from Robert Marchese a copy of a letter dated
7-22-10 6-29-10 from the Regional Chamber signed by Tony Paglia.

The letter states they are in support of efforts that would give city voters the opportunity on November 2, 2010 to decide whether they would like to have a study commission created to write a home rule charter for the City of Warren.

The Regional Chamber has promoted the idea of charter government in the Mahoning Valley for several years. The Chamber recommends support of the recommendation of the citizen's advisory committee and to vote to place the city charter ordinance on the November ballot.

REF: All Council Members

C-014-10 Received by e-mail from Warren City Auditor David Griffing:
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A letter to Council Members stating his recommendation that City Council support the proposals of the study and pass the ordinance as drafted at this Council meeting. A delay would not be advantageous to the Water Pollution Control Department and would cause further financial problems that would require funding from the General Fund which is not in a position to assist this department at this time.

REF: All Council Members

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE

MS. SAFFOLD: Thank you very much. No report Mr. President, however, I would like to say that I will be having a meeting in September with my committee. We haven't officially set a date yet, but the purpose of the meeting will be to discuss increasing fines for homeowners who are not cutting their grass and for the enforcement of these fines and also for the discussion of increasing fees for massage parlors in town. Thank you.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. No report this evening however I've been provided a schedule from the Strategic Planning Group starting August 3rd which runs throughout the year and we'll make sure a copy's in each folder. Do you have a copy?

CLERK: Yes.

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Finance Committee met yesterday in the Caucus room to review the agenda for today's meeting. We had a very lively discussion concerning many of those issues on the agenda for this evening. There was a recommendation made by the Finance Committee. They're recommending replacing Draft 3035 with 3035 A. Also there was a recommendation to address the draft that is on the agenda to lift from table, 3015 concerning discussion with the board or the president of the board of the Main Street group. I was in contact with Sgt. O'Grady and he will be here this evening and we will probably have to during action on that draft, we will possibly have to go informal to discuss that being as we didn't have time back in the Caucus Room. Thank you Mr. President.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

MR. BROWN: I spoke this morning with Ralph Fellows who is the supervisor regional operations for Ohio Edison and later in the day I spoke with Greg Yurick who is head of the forestry division for Ohio Edison. As you know, we've had a lot of storms in the area and last meeting I thanked the Director and also you, Director for your help in that roll-off up on the lot on Genesee. We had three roll-offs that the citizens, including myself, helped fill up and then last Saturday we had another storm and low and behold a tree fell right across the street and they piled branches again on our city sidewalks from that same lot and that was the purpose of speaking with Mr. Yurick from the Forestry Division. They're going to be kind enough to come back and clean that lot, but also it concerned me the Porter Street area there were tree trimming that was done there. There was tree trimming done and the limbs were left there. Now Ohio Edison said they did not do that, but I don't know of anyone else that goes around trimming trees. Take Back the Neighborhood was good enough to clean the neighborhood up and mulch it last Saturday, but I think that we need to get with Ohio Edison and their policy is if it's storm damage to just leave it there. The problem is when you leave it on an abandoned property on Porter Street or an abandoned property on Genesee where that house burnt down, there's no property owner to pick that up. So, I think we have to maybe tell them what they're going to do not them tell us what their policy is.

Also when poles are erected, when there were poles that were taken down the other night, they put another pole up beside that pole and their excuse is that the phone company and the cable company have their equipment on there and they can't coordinate taking the equipment off. But it's really unsightly in a neighborhood to have a half cut down telephone pole and then another new pole right beside it. They are going to have a regional meeting, Mr. Fellows said that he would be glad to invite myself and the Director and Mayor along, and I think that's something again to aesthetics and we need to force their hand a little bit. Thank you.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. As the past chair of the Public Utilities Committee I became a member of the NOPEC Grant

Committee and on August 16th I will be attending the second round of grant reviews and encourage the administration to stay diligent with our grant in this process. Thank you.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Just two quick issues concerning utilities, if possibly, I just wanted to refer to the Mayor. I suggested to him that we possibly reappoint and reestablish an Arbor Commission here in the City of Warren. There are a lot of grants out there for removal of dead trees, restoration. I've got about six right now that have been standing in the tree lawns so long there's no bark on them anymore. I'm not sure who made the decision but when they call Operations, Operations says they are no longer cutting trees in the tree lawn and it's pretty hard to tell the citizens, especially some of these citizens who are senior citizens, well you've got to come up with a thousand, fifteen hundred dollars to remove this tree. So you know I would hope we can have some movement on that Arbor Commission issues and possibly designate becoming a tree city which makes you eligible every year for an appropriation.

Also, too, if we could have a contact with Century Link I, myself and some of my neighbors have horrid phone service, line-to-line service in my neighborhood. It's unbelievable how bad it is. I spoke with Mr. Humphries when it was United Telephone and he informed me that when Elm Road was widened there were lines that were placed in the sewer lines along Elm Road. He said they are very antiquated now and they are not water proof and myself and other people we cannot even hook on to this and use a computer. It is so horrid. At times I can't call out. I can't get my voice mail and as a Councilman, I can't have that. And neighbors, one neighbor who's on oxygen and has an emergency button but he can't use it cause his phone is not working. So if we can get a contact with Century Link, someone in authority, we need to talk to him.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Yes, thank you Mr. President. Mr. Novak regarding the Arbor Commission, I just want to make you aware that Councilman Brown is going to be involved also with yourself on the Arbor Commission. So you will both represent Council on this so I wanted to make sure that you are both satisfied in that regard and we'll sit down and we'll have other commission members as you two gentlemen see fit.

Number two I would like to have a contact meeting with the representative from Century Link and we will make those arrangements and Mr. Brown too, since you're Public Utilities. Mr. Brown, are you Public Utilities Chairman?

MR. BROWN: Yes.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Mr. Brown also, we could probably have both meetings relatively in the same time frame.

MR. BROWN: Okay, thank you.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mayor.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: We have a number of public speakers this evening. A reminder to our speakers, please give your name and address. At the same time, you are limited to three minutes.

Before our speakers I notice we have some friends in the audience; former Councilman Crouse is here and former State Representative Randy Law. Our former Safety-Service Director looks younger now retired than he did in the job, Fred Harris and to Jim Graham President of United Auto Workers 1117, congratulations on a wonderful or whatever it is, that's it, that's it, that's it, and congratulations of a great opening of the Cruse and also of that has to do with the fine work at Lordstown.

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MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. And I would too just quickly like to thank Pat Fuller who diligently is driving around downtown Warren and pruning and watering and taking care of those beautiful flower baskets and also in the parks. She takes care of all of those and I think she needs a, thank you because as we all know, she also is involved with operating the green house in Packard Park and she's doing this for free. Thank you Mr. President.

PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:52 PM

LARRY DUEBER, 1747 ESTABROOK NW, WARREN, OHIO: Larry Dueber, 1747 Estabrook northwest side of Warren. I do want to also congratulate the charter committee, ad-hoc committee for the work they've done and particularly Councilman Crouse. They ran professional meetings. I attended a couple of them, brought in the experts and informed the public. I do support Council approving this this evening. I have some other things I'm going to add to it.

I think there are three important things related to the charter issue we must consider. The first work is patience. There are a lot of people that want this approved tonight. There are many that do not want it approved and most of the people that are in the middle have no idea what it is. So we need the patience. This is not a resolution commending somebody. This is an issue that could drastically change how we conduct government in this city for many, many years to come. So it is very important to consider, so we must be patience.

Second word is leadership. There is a lot of apathy in this community and it's going to be difficult to get rid of it. Most communities have it, but it takes leadership to attack it, and we need that. And sometimes leadership means you have to in looking at an issue like this and presenting it to your constituents that you have to allow them to do that even though you, personally, are against it. You must give the public a chance to look at it even though you don't like it. That's being a leader.

The third thing is education; third word. There's been meeting, I know, I've attended them. My own neighborhood meetings, a group had them, but I'd adventure to say all of the groups together you probably didn't have more than 300 people at the most that were touched by this. There are 28,000 voters in Warren. More needs to be done.

I suggest three things: number one, a series of public meetings be held. We have five sectors that the steering committee of the comprehensive plan came up with; northeast, northwest, southwest, southeast, central city. That a series of meetings be held in each of those sectors. A power-point presentation be developed, working with Kent State if you need to and have paper copies at those meetings of the power-point presentation to take with you. Secondly, that a media campaign using the Tribune and the Vindicator and the TV over the coming months to get the word out. Thirdly, and I agree with Mrs. Rucker, she stated there need to be flyers put out even if it's door to door. I suggest the good, old water bill. 22,000 people get a water bill and you can put that in one page. You don't want to go more than one page. You don't want to overflow the people's minds cause they'll throw it away. One page front and back if you need to outlining all of this, what you have planned and get it to the public over the coming months. When you, if you accept it tonight, fine. If you don't we're not giving up. We still need to move forward on it and still need to educate. We need to provide leadership and we have to have patience. Thank you Mr. President.

ROB NICHOLSON, 1434 CENTRAL PARKWAY, SE, WARREN, OHIO: Good evening Council. My name is Robert Nicholson. My address is 1434 Central Parkway, Warren, Ohio 44484. I have been asked to read a letter to represent Elizabeth Balint of 1081 Kenmore in the 5th Ward. She indicates: Dear Council, I believe that the citizens of the City of Warren have the right to be able to make the choice of continuing with the statutory government which we have now or the form of a charter. Whether for or against it is time for this community to move forward and make it a model city, a city with a future. Citizens are starting the education system and I believe will continue this process once Council decides to let the voters have this great opportunity. If council approves putting this question on the ballot in November, it will be a courageous step as well as step in the right direction. Once again, this is not a question whether one is for or against the charter government, but do the voters have the right to make that decision? Trust in the voters that elected all of you.

Now to finish speaking for Elizabeth and to say something for myself, I know several of you quite well. I'm the executive director of the Nicholson Center, a non-profit company here in town. I have connections with over a 130 of my clients families, over 50 employees and we trust in you. You are our spot leaders. A charter form of government is not a new idea. 75% of the cities in the State of Ohio have already adopted one. To explain it simply, it's an organizational structure. Businesses use them all the time. With new leadership, I'm sure BP is getting ready to come up with a new

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organizational structure. With a change of leadership comes a change or organizational structure. The City of Warren needs a new organizational structure in my opinion and for many of the employees and individuals who have commented to me with respect to a minimum amount of people I disagree with that ascertainment. The Wean Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, the Trumbull '100', these are the leaders also of our community and we're pressing you to allow us the opportunity to select a charter form of government.

The question that I ask is can you find 15 qualified people who can get 50 signatures in 6 days and I'm sure you know those people. I'm sure if you call people and you tell them, you are one of the 15, get those signatures. I'm sure the City of Warren has 15 qualified people. Thank you.

DEBBIE CLAIR, 222 MARWOOD SE, WARREN, OHIO: Good evening. My name is Debbie Clair. I reside at 222 Marwood Dr. SE in Warren. I'm also here to voice my opinion on the proposed legislation for Warren to change to a charter government. All Council Members should vote 'yes' and allow the voters to decide what kind of government they want to represent them. If you can reduce government and make it fight, why wouldn't you want to? And I understand that voting 'yes' might be difficult for some Council Members because it could mean your job. I have never understood why you have 10 council Members to represent a population of 40,000. If the city could be divided in to four quadrants with a representative for each, maybe one Council at Large, you could and should get the job done. It's hard for politicians to believe but a more efficient government can be done with less rather than more. And also all the residents in Douglas County in Colorado we have a population of 300,000. We're represented by 3 commissioners and they do a fantastic job. The county is divided in to three districts and there's no problem. There is ample time for the November election, before the November election to educate themselves on the pro's and con's of this proposed change. With the saved money in salaries, perhaps you could open those fire stations and bring your safety forces back up to full strength. Give the citizens the choice, let the voters decide and I agree with Larry, he had a great plan. Hopefully you'll listen to his proposal as well.

JAMES VALESKY, 625 MAHONING NW, WARREN, OHIO: Thank you Mr. President. My name is James Valesky and I live at 625 Mahoning NW. This evening you need to make a decision whether you want to move forward with a charter form of government or continue with a statutory government. A lot of people have a misconception that if they move toward a charter form of government they'll wave a magic wand and this will fix all the problems that we have in the city. That's the furthest thing from the truth and if you think that you're delusional. Whether I'm for continuing the statutory form of government or a charter, that's not the issue, what's important is that we focus on how do we fix what we're dealing with here in the city today? And I can point to how we can fix that. This is where we fix the city, each and everyone of us. Even though we think that maybe we're doing 100%, that's not enough. We need to step it up, each and everyone of us. Each member of Council, our Mayor, our President of Council, Law Director, all the Department Heads, myself, all the people standing behind me. This is our city and damn it it's worth fighting for. And whatever decision it is tonight whether we go forward with the charter, giving the folks the ability to vote on the charter or we stay where we are, that doesn't matter. It's the metal that we're made of. It's the people of the City of Warren, Ohio. We need to draw within so our children, so the future, the future of Warren, they'll have a place to live and be proud of it and call it their home.

Many years ago in a previous lifetime, I spent many years in the United States Marine Corp. When I left the Marine Corp. thirty years ago I continued serving my country and how I served my country was to try to help my fellow man have a better place to live and work. And I continue with that today and that's why I stand before you. So on that note, I'll say to all you, all my fellow Warren, Ohio neighbors siempre fiel that means always faithful. God Bless You. Thank you.

KEN MacPHERSON, 331 CENTRAL PARKWAY, WARREN, OHIO: Good evening. Ken MacPherson, 331 Central Parkway. This is my first City Council meeting to attend or even speak at. I am a new resident of the city. I've been born and raised here in the county, but moved back recently and what I did, I bought a property over on Mercer and don't know why I bought it, but it was in a dilapidated neighborhood. I guess it's known as area 51 I guess I've come to know and something came to me and said buy this house anyway and make good for the community. So I purchased the house and proceeded to invest about 10 or 12 thousand dollars in fixing it up stripping all the boards, painting it, cleaning it up and the proceeding to try to find a good family to move in to it to buy it from me; to do a land contract to buy it. And I found a decent young couple and they moved in with their child and we went on a purchase plan and at some place here apparently I didn't get my paper work right and the Health Department brought suit against me in court this week and this spring they started and I went to court yesterday and come to find out that because I didn't dot the i's and cross the t's on paper work I'm liable for twenty thousand dollar fine. It's what the prosecutor told them in court, so I, you know I put money in to the house, I put risk in to fixing up a house in a neighborhood where the grass is 3 foot high next to my house. I have to call every year

and say hey, the grass is 3 foot high and I begged the city to sell it to me. You know I've been in Doug's office and Doug has figured out a way to sell this to me. I paid the tax on it right along and then two doors up is a house where a lady died. They found a dead poor ladies, probably a drug addict, died in it last fall on Mercer. And me and the neighbors had to go get our wood and our nails and go nail the thing up to keep the drug addicts out, the drug zombies. I'm a little upset because I worked pretty hard and I committed to try to follow the law and do everything. I don't think I've violated the law and but I think in this particular case, I'm not the bad guy here. There is on my street, I just drove down. On my street there's six homes, one has the aluminum siding ripped off of it; three or four of them are empty, several of them are boarded up and I've got the one house that's painted, the lawn's mowed and it's taken care of. Down my street on Mercer Court there's two little houses, there's little Mrs. Yannucci, you know her, she makes herself well known to the community. Got two of the scummy houses torn down on our street and there's another nice house, I think the Sunshine folks they've got a good house there, but I don't think I'm the bad guy here and I don't think council passed this law to register houses so guys like me could be beat up while within blocks of my house there's 50 or 60 houses that's in deplorable condition. So I think that I bring that to Council's attention and I'd like to make sure you're aware and here's an investor, community investor bringing my money, my time and my effort to the city to try to improve it and I could invest my money—

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I'm sorry your time is up. If you would stay after the meeting I'm sure that Mr. Pinti would talk to you.

DAN CROUSE, 2947 CRESCENT DR., WARREN, OHIO: Dan Crouse, 2947 Crescent Drive in Warren and former chair of the, well I was sitting out there at one time and now I'm chairman of the ad-hoc committee. I'd like to start off my quoting Michigan Governor Jennifer Graham Hugs who says 'Sometimes leadership is planting trees under whose shade you will never rest.' Tonight it's time to plant those trees since by unanimous vote to create the ad-hoc committee, charter committee, we've done our task. We've learned with sometimes as many as five Council Members in the room. We presented our unanimous recommendation to let the Council let the voters decide or not to streamline their government and we presented it seven weeks early. Yet we sit here at the last moment trying to decide if in the next three months the citizens can make an educated decision when they rarely get three months to decide on who to vote for in a primary election, you don't think there's enough time for them to decide what to vote for? There's been talk of cost of the charter and we've been told while I was sitting over there that spending three and a half million dollars of city money since the year 2000 to fund the poorly run music hall while laying off cops and firemen was the only way to do it. Yet in the last seven months two men and a lot of hard work and eight events at the amphitheater had proved that wrong.

The city spent over a hundred thousand dollars to watch a nearly empty parking deck yet you hesitate to spend less money to reform and streamline government? Trust your constituents. If you don't, they won't trust you. In closing I quote the late General, Army General Bruce Clark who said when things go wrong in your command, start searching for the reason in increasingly larger circles, starting around your own two feet. I urge you to give the residents of Warren their right to vote.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Crouse. I inadvertently left off Police and Fire Committee and I want to apologize to you Mr. Colbert, I'm sorry. Again it's got to be the medication. Would you want to give your report?

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. No report, but would like to thank council for passing legislation 3047 last week. Thank you.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

**DRAFT 3049
W.P.C. CATCH
BASIN DEBRIS
REMOVAL**

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 grit, screenings, and catch basin debris removal at the Water Pollution Control Center.

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3049 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Water/ W.P.C.

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**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 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.

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3050 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Water/W.P.C.

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

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

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3051 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Water/Water Pollution Control

**DRAFT 3054
INCREASED SEWER
RATES**

An ordinance for the purpose of repealing and reenacting Subsection (b)(1) of Section 925.03 (Charges Levied) of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren for the purpose of providing increased sewer Rates for users of the city's sewer system and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3054 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Water/W.P.C.

**DRAFT 3053
PHASE II STUDY OF
GASIFICATION PLANT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Warren, to file an application and to enter into an agreement(s) with the State of Ohio's Clean Ohio Assistance Fund for financial assistance to conduct a Phase II Environmental Study of the former Warren Gasification Plant at the southwest corner of South Street and Main Avenue in the City of Warren and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3053.

READ

Clerk reads same.

**MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS**

Motion Saffold, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3053.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Saffold, second Brown to pass Draft 3053.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

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PASSED
ORD. 12285/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3053 is now ORD. 12285/10.

THIRD READING

DRAFT 3035 CHARTER ISSUE

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

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3035.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-AMEND
DRAFT 3035

Motion Novak, second Brown to amend Draft 3035 with Draft 3035 AA1.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3035 is amended with Draft 3035 AA1.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 3035 AA1.

REMARKS

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I realize this has been an emotional roller coaster with this issue, with the charter, and it's been brought out many times here before this Council. Some folks are still seated here that were involved many, many years ago with it. But I feel that as some of our speakers and as Mr. Dueber said, we are at a place in time in this city where we must, to be aggressive, we must look at change and I know change is hard to accept, but I think with having a very important citizens committee right now looking at our strategic plan which will have a major affect on the future of this city, that there is no better time than to work on the strategic plan with the citizens committee and have a citizens committee that will form a charter commission to look at a charter form of government in the city, to streamline, to enhance, to improve. And I believe those are my goals and I would hope that my fellow Council Members will give the voters in the City of Warren the opportunity to say 'yeah' or 'nay'. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. BROWN: Thank you Mr. President. Thanks to the citizens committee for all their efforts and time. Warren is industrialized, it's de-industrialized. We no longer fight over the golden triangle. Delphi is gone, Copperweld, Wean, Halsey Taylor as are other corporations that have abandoned our town along with the abandoned homes and streets. We sit here as a Council of ten members while the City of Dayton has five. There are so many ways the charter can help Warren. I ask that you allow the citizens of Warren the right to vote on this issue.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. For clarification, maybe I think I'm missing something on Draft AA1 and AA2, could the director, the Law Director please explain to me again.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: Thank you Mr. President. Currently what has happened is 3035 has been amended with 3035 AA1. 3035 AA1

has the changes regarding the date which has to be done because of the changes in the law and it was the law. That's part of it, but the other thing that it does, it says now that the nomination petitions must be signed after the passage of this ordinance. That's what's before you now. So any petitions that may have been passed around prior to tonight, those signatures are not valid passed on what you passed tonight or excuse me what you've amended it to at that moment. It means that after this vote if it's passed, now is the time to start collecting signatures to be turned in by 4 o'clock on the 4th. I hope that clarifies it.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. Hicks. Mr. President, nobody has worked harder and dreamed longer that this city is becomes a charter city than Al Novak and I. We started, we tried this before and one thing I can say about those times is that even though we failed to get enough signatures on the petitions it went down. The one important thing to me that happened was the initiative was community driven. I understand why the Trumbull '100' and area businessmen and even the Chamber of Commerce want the charter. I understand, but what I care about is why you want one. And so when the committee was set and fifteen people were chosen to sit on the committee it was my thought that they would do as Mr. Novak and Mr. Marchese prior, come back to Council and tell us, present this question to us whether we should put an initiative on the ballot. At that time what happened also the request for legislation came in and so we were doing two things at one time. We were going through the process of three readings of legislation so I made an issue when Mr. Crouse came back early and presented their report to Council that we back up and we go out in to the community and explain to you two questions, what a charter is, what is a charter and why do you want one? And so for the last three and a half weeks we have been in the community having neighborhood meetings since June, a month. We have been in the community going to neighborhood groups and giving presentations and answering your questions, what is a charter? Going back to the part whether you want one, but we've been asking you what is a charter and trying to make you understand what we're doing here.

To come back today and say that you spoke to 300 people is really not impressive to me when over 3000 people in the city vote and Mr. Crouse came to the microphone a minute ago and said that it's three months when we run for office. Yeah we do. We took even longer than that to pass a police and fire levy. We took longer than that to pass the police & fire levy. This is the most important thing we will ever, ever ask you to do, ever and for the electors not to understand what we're doing behooves me.

The next thing that bothers me is that fifteen people, good people every last one of you. I have nothing to say about any of them. One of them really impressed me and that's Dante Capers because he said in a meeting, he said that it's important that we give you the right to decide how you want to be governed and that we do it in a democratic and fair way. And so my thought then was to let, he's right, everybody ought to have the opportunity to understand what a charter is and an opportunity to make a decision on whether you want to run for this position of the commission, everybody. And for fifteen people, good people, believe me they all were, completely dedicated to this cause but they have an advantage over you in that they've been trained a little bit more than you have. This November date was never itched in stone for them. I want this charter in the worst way I want it so bad but I don't want you to think you've been flimflammed (inaudible) All we're asking you is why do you want a charter? Why do you want a charter right now? Three of you won't be able to give me an answer because you don't know what a charter is, you don't know what a statutory city is and you don't know why you want to change this form of government. We haven't done our job to educate you. I don't feel right in this. When I came to Council today I asked the Law Director, can we back this up and just change the date of the election? That's all and then we would

have had a unanimous vote here in this room. Everybody in this room wants you to have the right to charter this city and nobody opposes it, not that I know of. Anyone wants to vote 'no' on this. I'm not talking long Darla, you got to type this up, but I got to tell you nobody wants to vote 'no' on this. Where we differ is should we take more time to educate you and do we know how much it's going to cost? That's what we are different on today. So if we vote 'no' it doesn't mean that we don't want you to have a right to say how you want to be governed, it's because we want more time to get the information to you and we want to understand what we're doing. That's what I feel and that's what I have to say to you. So let's go with this vote. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. You know seven months ago the ten of us took an oath and made a commitment to this city to do things and to do them in a responsible manner. You know I have since this process has begun for us as a Council and a community and the charter committee we had meetings and at every single meeting that I've been at there's been a new question arise and no one has been able to give that answer at that particular time. We had a situation and not to put the Law Director on the spot but we even had a situation where our Law Director in a meeting last week was asked a question, gave this Council an answer and then had to come back and tell us that that was the incorrect information and we appreciate that. We had a question asked yesterday by a colleague in regards to petitions and signing and I don't know if she ever got that answer. I don't know what that answer is and for us to put something or agreeing to put something on a ballot without all of the information is simply irresponsible. It is easy for us to make a popular decision. It is not easy to make a responsible decision and I would encourage my colleagues to do just that, make a responsible decision. Thank you.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. And as I stated back in the Caucus Room as a majority of those folks that are in the gallery were not in attendance back there. If Council shows support for this and passes this there are ninety days till the November election. Ninety days that can be utilized for education, for meetings, for whatever needs that anyone asks for so there's a window of opportunity here if this passes tonight, ninety days before the November election. And that is our duty if we enact this, that is our duty to make sure that the public is informed, aware and able to make the right decision. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Will the Clerk call the roll on Draft 3035 AA1.

ROLL CALL

YES: Brown, Dippolito, Novak

NO: Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Rucker, Dean

FAILED
DRAFT 3035 AA1

3 YES; 6 NO. Motion failed. Draft 3035 AA1 did not pass.

MOTION TO LIFT
FROM TABLE

Motion Flask, second Novak to lift from table Draft 3015.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

ABSTAIN: Dean

Motion passed

8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSTAIN

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MOTION FOR
INFORMAL DISCUSSION
ON DRAFT 3015

Motion Flask, second Novak to go into informal discussion.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

ABSTAIN: Dean

MOTION PASSED

8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSTAIN

INFORMAL DISCUSSION 8:32 PM TO 8:37 PM

MOTION TO
RECONVENE

Motion Flask, second Rucker to reconvene the meeting at 8:37 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

ABSTAIN: Dean

MOTION PASSED

8 YES; 1 NO; 1 ABSTAIN

**DRAFT 3015
MONIES TO MAIN
STREET**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to grant to Main Street Warren eighteen thousand dollars of city funds for use by Main Street Warren consistent with Main Street Warren's mission; appropriating monies therefore and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Flask requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3015.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Flask, second Morn to pass Draft 3015.

REMARKS

None.

PASSED
ORD. 12286/10

8 YES; 0 NO; 1 ABSTAIN. Draft 3015 is now ORD. 12286/10.

MISCELLANEOUS 8:40 PM

MR. BROWN

Thank you Mr. President. Non-passage of the charter amendment brings a couple things to mind. Lincoln quotes I guess brings a couple things to mind. I as down in Charleston, South Carolina last week in a wonderful town but I'm, I'm very distraught with this and it just comes to mind a house divided cannot survive and another great quote is government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from this earth and I don't think that it will perish from this town. I would like to meet as a citizen with the people that were on the ad-hoc committee and look at the possibilities of helping every citizen get those two thousand signatures that gets this on the ballot because overwhelmingly people told me they wanted the right to vote on this. We just passed legislation for eighteen thousand dollars, ain't nothing, half the money we needed roughly to get this initiative petition on the ballot. We have legislation on the ballot for first reading, 3054 providing increased sewer rates for this city. I'm just wondering if we'll take this same concern to go and poll every citizens and ask them if they're for this sewer rate in the same manner that we was concerned about whether every citizens wanted to vote on the petition, on our

legislation tonight. So, with that thank you Mr. President.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. Just for my own clarification, I'm going to ask Al and possibly you know this Al. When is the soonest we can put this or when is the next time that we can get this on to the ballot?

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: One year.

MR. FLASK: One year?

(No's being heard).

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: I don't want to misquote the timetable. There's a (inaudible) timetable on this. Give me just a second. I'll look it up and tell you. (inaudible/microphone not used for response)

After an initiative petition is presented to Council there's a window again and it comes down to whether it goes on special election, a general election, primary election, but again there's a window of and I don't want to say, no more than 120, no less than 90. There's a window that once it's presented it has to go on the ballot.

MR. BROWN: The question was 'When could it be brought up again?'

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: You guys can bring it up again right away, tomorrow. Tomorrow you can go down and sign for a piece of legislation and start over again if that's your desire. If that's what you're saying.

(Numerous comments being made at same time/inaudible)

MR. NOVAK: I think Greg the question is, is that if a charter issue fails on the ballot, then you can't—

MRS. RUCKER: No, that's not the question—

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: (Uses gavel) Number one, everybody lets take a deep breath. Mr. Hicks will get back to us.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: I'll give you the number before we get out of here.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President.

MS. SAFFOLD

Thank you Mr. President. I would like to declare a state of emergency in the 6th Ward for grass cutting. And if anyone thinks that I'm over exaggerating, I challenge you to ride on the southwest side of Warren and see for yourself. It's very embarrassing. It brings tears to my eyes to ride through my own neighborhood. Now we recently approved ten thousand dollars to start the mowing of the grass and I am asking the city to let's get these mowers started. Thank you very much.

MR. COLBERT

Thank you Mr. President. As you see on the news and if you'll remember back last year Parkman Road and West Market Streets have been riddled with crime robberies not to mention the burglary in the neighborhoods. As of two days ago I started walking down Parkman Road speaking with the businesses as well as West Market today to try to bring together a meeting between the businesses correlated with the Police Department in order to possibly bring these businesses together, have the police give them some tips on things to look for in the parking lot; you're getting cased. Things to see in your store to recognize if you're being cased, possibly to establish a phone call list, actually they hit one store and go to the next one. Parkman Road, West Market are my concern, that's my ward. They are entrance ways to this city. We cannot have places like the Chicken Coop who got robbed and ended

up moving to Cortland. Lit'l Max closed down, somebody else bought it and opened it back up. We have another business on West Market who put a sign out that said closed until, I believe they referred to them, as the west side bandits were caught. We know this happens. We know this happened last year. We will be doing no service to our citizens to not address this before it starts to get out of hand. This weekend a bank was robbed, right after that a store up the road was robbed. You saw on the news they started hitting West Market. We have to say enough of this. Thank you Mr. President.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: Wonderful thing, books. The question of selecting a charter commission is to be submitted at the next regular municipal election if one occurs not less than 60, not more than 120 days after the passage of the ordinance, otherwise it is to be submitted at a special election to be called and held not less than 60, not more than 180 days after the passage of the ordinance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Hicks.

MRS. RUCKER

Thank you Mr. President. I just like to echo what you said earlier about the work that the people on the committee did. They were really committed and they came out, sometimes at some of those meetings it was more of them than citizens. And some folks thought that it was apathy that was keeping people away. Some times it was just something as important as a little league football game, baseball game or something like that because it is summer time. But we're going to stay the course. This isn't near over with. You probably will see us come back in less than 30 days with another piece and asking for passage of that piece. Nobody's giving up the ball here. There are some things that have to be-I wish you could have been in the back, you all could have been in the back room-in our Caucus meeting before. It seems as though every time we have a conversation about the charter it never gets finished. Time stops in some sort of way and that's what happened back there. We didn't get finished with our discussion and so it's not a done deal. It's not over with. We will be chartered and I'm just saying look for it back in a couple weeks. It's gonna happen folks, it's really gonna happen. The process will be started that we have, if the city goes toward a charter. It just couldn't in good conscience on my part happen tonight. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DEAN

Thank you Mr. President. To the Northwest Neighborhood Group, it's very, I wish all of you were here with your shirts this evening, I applaud you. The event of July 17th was picture perfect. The planning, the orchestration, the message and the preparation and I thank you for allowing me to carry my sign up and down Tod Avenue for an hour.

The only negative during the entire event was a ten second blemish was by an elected official who stated that someone in Cleveland had described Warren as quote, an armpit, unquote. Now the population of Cleveland last reported as officially at 438 thousand. I question the validity of a sample of 1. The elected official who spoke has worked in Cleveland less than one year. One the other hand I resided in Cleveland on the 14th floor of Reserve Square smack dab in the middle of Cleveland for 8 years and my office was on the 17th floor of the Cleveland Center Building for 14 years. It's safe to say I know a little bit about Cleveland. I was selected and honored on the 2004, 2005 and 2006 of Who's Who in Black Cleveland. The point here is I know and I've known hundreds of Clevelanders. Many of those I spoke with during my 4000 days and nights in Cleveland would always say Warrensville, Warrensville Heights, Warren, they barely knew the difference and when they did they'd always say that's where all those poor athletes come from, and I would say you're right.

An article appeared the day I retired from the Port Authority describing corruption at the highest level of elected officials, the Mayor of Cleveland, a man who allegedly stole millions of dollars from minorities and women. A man whose bag man is now serving 14 years in a federal penitentiary and an ex-mayor waiting any minute for the

FBI to knock on his door. Anyone following the Cleveland corruption probe understands Cuyahoga County's Jimmy DeMore, former chair of the Democratic Party will be arrested any minute allegedly for stealing public dollars, millions of them and then (inaudible) county school board stealing money from children, school children. dismantled the county commission form of government having concluded the depth of corruption and deplorable act of stealing from minorities, women and children. Literally twelve hours after the armpit statement was made there were six shootings in Cleveland. Three of those people died, one was a thirteen year old not to mention a serial killer in the warehouse district charged with racism.

Now to those who continue to say businesses won't relocate in Warren please look at the framing and the pipe fitters on West Market. Talk to the Mayor and I about the meeting we had with a young man who has a business in Cleveland, a business in Youngstown and a business in Warren, wanting to consolidate those businesses here in Warren. Talk to me about the meeting with the economic development director that we had for the doctor, a retired army veteran, wanting to do a residential facility here. And stay tuned we've been working on a center for veterans for about a year and a half. The veteran's director for the Governor of the State of Ohio has visited this town three times. Stay tuned, before the end of this year I guarantee you there will be a veteran's facility here for homeless veterans and for those veterans that need special attention. There are those of us who have no ear for insults of laughter, no ear for comedic name calling, and we are not above the task of tacking on the conduits of idle conversation that doesn't belong in our town.

I just challenge everybody, as we were challenged earlier, look inside ourselves and do everything that we can do and be proud of our town. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Dean. Imagine how I felt when one person would talk that way. Imagine how I felt to hear somebody say that. Somebody out of nowhere that would make a statement about this community. It is a shame, I agree with you. People shouldn't talk that way and those are the things we wish we wish we didn't hear.

MR. DIPPOLITO

Thank you Mr. President. I kind of have several issues. The last one is going to be regarding the charter. In any event, two weeks ago at meeting time we received a letter in the mail from one Mr. Lardis describing a traffic situation that occurs at Parkman Road and West Market. Now as many of you may or may not know you have to watch a sixteen wheeler making that turn to describe some unsafety potential. I, myself do not know what's legal, but if that corner is not adequate to allow a traffic vehicle beyond a certain length why then we should stop that traffic from going on that road or do something to widen the turn. I don't know how it affects our Fire Department if our trucks have to go there and especially since we've lost the Parkman Road, we lost the other station. At Parkman Road we lost the other station, how they're going to travel down that road, they could make that turn very easily, I don't know. So maybe at our next meeting which is what, thirty days from now, our administration can look in to this and have an answer, just what can we do to improve that? And it's a problem if the trucks are too big, too heavy because the more trucks we take off, not too long ago I met a young lady at Sears Roebuck. She didn't know me. She presented herself to me, I know her and she offered to be doing something for Parkman Road. What I told them her is what you can do is get more enforcing. Stop trucks if it's brake braking, if they're speeding have patrols and stop, it would make a big difference on Parkman Road. I told her also the road is going to be supposedly redone this coming year. We may be putting up with that. In any event, I certainly wish that the administration will come up with an answer for that by next month. I think it's good enough time (inaudible)

Now in regard to this traffic situation or the charter bit, I heard many things tonight especially speakers. When the last speaker came up and spoke about it and talked about it it looks to me like more often than not that with other issues, we sometimes are our own worst enemies. We somehow seem to bite their own nose off to spite someone else's face.

I don't know how to describe it, but it somehow just bothers the hell out of me and I wish that next year I could bring up, maybe give us an answer or two on the Summit Street money pit. Okay? When's it going to happen? When am I going to cut the grass over there. There must be something. I would like to answer all e-mails both to and from the EPA describing why we can't do it, what they want done and why not. So I would ask you, the administration, to put copies of all e-mails to and from officials both unelected and City Council so it's available to find out why it's being held back. I thank you Mr. President.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. No, I just wanted to let you know Mr. President that we will definitely have a response to Councilman Dippolito's remarks regarding Parkman Road turning the way it is. And secondly, we'll have a full update on the Mahoningside project. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. I first would like to thank what our Police Chief Bowers is doing with showing the leadership and getting involved with the V-Grip program that's going on now. If you noticed, if you saw in the news there were twice as many people that were arrested that were involved in crime and crimes with guns in the City of Warren as to the City of Youngstown. And they are out, they show force. I thank all those departments, the Federal Marshals, the state officers that are involved. I think they're doing a good job. I hope it doesn't end in the summer. I'm hoping it continues twelve months out of the year because we need it badly and as Councilman Colbert was talking about the problems with the crime, it does have a definite affect on whether they want to purchase a home in the city or not. As we know that's what causes the flight to the suburbs.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the citizens that were involved with the ad-hoc committee on charter. I think they had the city's best interest at heart and they committed time. Time that they could have been home with their families; time that they could have been doing other things and I think they realized that they knew that to be progressive there must be change, I must say again. We have a couple folks here tonight, I have copies of those, the OML, Ohio Municipal League Charter manuals with me this evening. If you want them, please come forward. But again, I have always said I respect the people that elect me and I try very hard and it's not easy sometimes because some people get upset. They get very emotional. They get in your face, but you have to realize what happens at the place and time. What happens in their neighborhood. What happens to them; to their family. But again, we must respect those that put us in these seats. We must listen to them and I think this evening I watched as the votes were cast. I watched people out there in this gallery and there are a lot of unhappy people. I intend, as Councilman Brown offered, I will be involved with whatever's needed to do a petition drive, if that's what's necessary, but there must be change. And as President Obama when he was elected, that was his main goal, we need change, we must change. A lot of people fear it, but again whatever is needed for the petition drive, I'm there, I will help it when I'm out mowing grass I will carry a petition with me. But we must do it and change will come. It will come with the Strategic Plan and it will come when this city becomes a charter and I feel before I leave this earth, this city will be a charter city. Thank you Mr. President.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN Motion Rucker, second Dean to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:58 PM

Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

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