

**Warren, Ohio**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WARREN CITY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 24, 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** Vincent Flask, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Director Franklin, Law Director Hicks, Auditor Griffing, Treasurer Homlitas
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Capt. Ornell Heller for Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Rick Griffing for Bob Davis, Bob Pinti, Tom Angelo, Bill Totten, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys, Sal DiLiello  
ABSENT: Chris Stephenson, Tom Gaffney, Mike Keys
- 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.

**REPORTS**

- MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President. No report.
- LAW DIRECTOR** MR. HICKS: Thank you Mr. President. No report.
- AUDITOR** MR. GRIFFING: Thank you Mr. President. No report this evening.
- TREASURER** MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you Mr. President. No report.
- DIRECTOR** MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President, no report this evening.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

No reports tonight.

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**SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- C-006-10 Received from the Engineering, Planning & Building Dept.  
3-15-10 The 2009 Annual Report.  
REF: All Council Members
- C-007-10 Received from the Planning and Platting Commission and Board of  
3-23-10 Appeals:

3-24-10

Notice of a public meeting to be held Tuesday, March 30 at 4:00 PM in Warren City Council Chambers to hear the following requests:

REPLAT Requested by Fairview Commercial Lending to Replat lots, parts of lots and vacated streets.

VARIANCE Requested by Fairview Commercial Lending owners of 1460 Tod Avenue NW and the former St. Joseph Hospital for relief from side yard setback requirements of existing structures.

REF: Fiore Dippolito, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:36 PM**

**ROBERT WEITZEL, 1133 RAYMOND NW, WARREN, OHIO:** My name's Robert Weitzel. I live at 1133 Raymond Street NW. I'm the president and chairman of the Northwest Neighborhood Association and I'm here tonight to talk to you about the upcoming renewal of the rental inspection fee. This is going to come before you within the next four meetings. This is a very important thing. We think that it is shown since these fees have happened that our properties are coming up to a better standard. No, they're not where we want to be, but we're getting there. If we had had these rental fees back 10, 15 years ago Warren wouldn't have the blight it has today. We wouldn't have the Pamela Apartments which you know the Northwest Neighborhood Association must get torn down. No, we won't do it, the city must do it or the owner must do it, but somebody has to get that place torn down. If we had had inspections that building would be up to code. If you had inspections the houses around this city would be up to code. If we had inspections we wouldn't have these out of town buyers coming in buying up our homes and letting them go to blight because they would have had to keep them up. It's absolutely necessary that we do this; that you do this; that you pass it. I hope this time when it comes up to a vote we have a unanimous vote and I hope Mr. President doesn't have to make the decision, but I know he will.

And I also want to direct a question to our Law Department, I want to know why when an order is given to somebody to tear down a building that they can defy that order and still walk the streets of Warren. Thank you.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: Due process.

**JOSHUA RADER, 1218 HARVARD DR., WARREN, OHIO:** I'm Josh Rader. I live at 1218 Harvard Drive. I'm here to address the neglect on that section of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. Snowplows don't come through there. I think twice all winter we had snowplows. They come through there without putting their plow down. They just dump the ash on the road. The potholes are, I mean they root over there. Numerous people come through there, now I understand that there's a budget crisis and a problem with money and allocating funds for it. I'm not asking for you know a million and a half dollar redo of the streets. I'm just asking for a little bit of common courtesy for that section of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward to maybe even get addressed to have the potholes fixed. You know last year they came through and I think all it was was two shovels of asphalt in the hole, tap it down with a shovel and drive on to the next one. It took them thirty-five minutes to do my entire street. To me that's unacceptable. To me that's not the kind of work that you know as was brought up in the last meeting about the awards that were given for East Market Street. That's not the stuff that the Warren street department is known for you know half way doing jobs like that.

As far as funds and stuff we got hit, my apartment complex, I'm the manager of the new Candlelight. My complex got hit for twelve thousand dollars in one month from the City of Warren. Granted some of that money was going to HS, home inspections as this gentlemen was talking about, inspections. We were forced to do a mandatory inspection of all 156 units; had to walk with an inspector in every unit; had to pay them \$80.00 per unit to inspect them then. They returned again a month later after we spent three grand on stuff to get up to code, came back, hit us for another four thousand dollars for the re-inspection. Now to me that \$12,000. that came in just from that one inspection from my building alone. You're truly looking at more than seven grand of pastoral rights you know until a later day when funds are allocated to actually fix the road.

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The Police Department, we call them about batteries in the parking lot. Luckily we don't have very many but when we do call them, three hours later they show up and by that time everybody's gone over there. You know somebody could have been robbed, shot, stolen, you know anything could have happened in three hours. We had a shooting happen. It wasn't outside of my building, it was outside of another building on my street and the police were called and I think it was like 67 minutes, I believe was what one of the guys said it took, that it took the police to get there; for a shooting? I mean that you know we were annexed away from Howland to Warren you know such as being treated like a stepchild, you know like that but that's how that section of this ward is feeling because I call in to certain departments and I'm not going to say any names of the departments, but I get talked disrespectful to. I get told that, why don't you come down here and have a talk with me, you know and not in a sense like you know why don't you come down here and have a cup of coffee and talk. You know the sense of bullying.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Mr. Rader, if you could, could you stay till the end of the meeting. It's not long tonight.

MR. RADER: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: All right. At the end of the meeting I'll have the Director, if he would, he's always generous with his time and also your 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman, Mr. Flask meet in the back and if you want to bring those issues up I know the Director can take some notes and talk to you about that and Mr. Flask can put some input. So if you can stay till the end of the meeting, we'll meet with you in the back.

MR. RADER: Thank you.

**TOM BATOR, 1533 LARCHMONT NE, WARREN, OHIO:** My name is Tom Bator. I live at 1533 Larchmont. Can you all hear me? Can everybody hear?

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Yes go ahead we can hear you.

TOM BATOR: I live at 1533 Larchmont Avenue, Warren, Ohio. I even forgot why I'm here tell you the truth, after listening to this, I'm clueless. But I have pictures here of David Ghrol Alley of a couch that's been there for two months. I once met a man that had eyes that couldn't see. That's unacceptable. This is behind a bank (inaudible) right over here Valley Counseling. Did anybody see this? Nobody sees this stuff? I don't understand.

But you want to talk about pride of Warren, please somebody correct me if I'm wrong. What's the percentage of rental houses in Warren? 70%? 60%? 50? So when I stand on the front of my porch; I have five people renting that could care less and that's the truth. I asked P.C. Torres at one time, I'm sure he doesn't mind me bringing his name up, can you tell the difference between a rental house and somebody who owns? He says certainly. Didn't even think; certainly. There has to be something done about these rent houses. There has to be some kind of ordinance passed whether it be with charter and something brought up in a difference way. I, I just don't understand. You want to give 18,000 dollars to somebody and you can't even walk around and pick up beer bottles off the street, there's beer bottles laying over there by the art gallery. The art gallery-half the walls falling off in the back. The alley looks like someone's lived there forever. The couch is gone. The only reason the couch is gone is I went to get a 1920 lamp and put it by it and a nice picture. I have one minute. Don't fear though, the couch is gone but go down 20 yards, there's a bed there now. Now they can do it on the bed. I have so much more to talk about. It's just insane. It's a no-pride city. It used to be when I was young. It's all rent house and the people who are living in Howland are doing just fine with their checks. My neighbor works for a guy, got 60 of them. What' 60 times 400 a month, that's what he drags in. And I pay, I look at the lady across the street 1528, her carpets are on the banister in front. I look at her carpets. What do we do? She's got a back porch. Can't put it on her back porch? Lady works at the hospital. Heaven forbid I talk about her cause I go there, she could do something to me. She drives by every day and sees that. Can't call the lady up and say 'take the house down, take this off, take your porch furniture. I wish you'd put some money cause public speaking is number one and I'm shaking and I hate holding this thing. You can't mount it? You all's are mounted. Dan yours is mounted.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I hear the noise all the time, trust me Mr. Bator. I want to thank you for your comments.

MR. BATOR: I wasn't bashing the city.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: No I absolutely agree with you on a number of issues.

**ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 KENMORE SE, WARREN, OHIO:** My name's Elizabeth Balint and I live at 1081 Kenmore SE and I'm a member of the Kenmore Neighborhood Association and Southeast Side Community Association which I'm really proud of. I really enjoyed listening to Tom here and everybody else. This city does need to show how much pride they have. I just had a visitor come see me not too long ago from California. Lived here; moved away ten years ago, said they wanted to go and see the memorial, the World War II Memorial. I said no problem, fine. Took them right down Youngstown Road. Let me take you in to the nicest corridor in to our city. Looked around; they know the businesses are closed; they know there's a lot of trouble going on; there's a lot of blight. He says, who's responsible for cleaning this up? Who knows? We're all trying to get on board, but what I'm trying to say is I want the city to sit there and say, hey, we had this, we have volunteers here. We need you guys to step up to the plate and say this is what needs to be done. Put an ad in the paper, I don't care, anything just to clean up the town because I do have pride in my town. I love it here. I was born and I was raised here and I want to see things cleaned up.

We are having our cleanup of the Kenmore Neighborhood Association. I'll have a date for that next meeting and I talked to Karen with the Southeast side and we're going to be organizing that. So, anyway I need the city to show your support and say hey, we want everybody to band together, get it cleaned up, make it look good because that's how anybody's going to come in to the city. I want to make sure that they're just as proud as they were when they used to live here and how proud that they would be to maybe eventually come back here and live like I did. Thank you.

**RAHEEM CLEVELAND, 1220 ROBERTS AVE. APT. #E-5, WARREN, OHIO:** My name's Raheem Cleveland. Live at 1220 Roberts Avenue. I'm here to talk about the road hazards; potholes we have or at least it's one pothole for me that damage was done to my car, almost three thousand dollars. I don't have money to fix this problem. This pretty much set me back a little bit. I mean I, I could talk about all the other potholes, eastside, westside, northend. Not downtown though, you know downtown look kind of good. It's a shame I don't live downtown though cause my roads look like somebody took a saw and just excuse my language, I'm not trying to make jokes or anything. I went to the Law Department, she told me what things I had to do; take pictures and estimates, whatnot and I, I you know what I was told to do, I went and did what I was suppose to and it's just. It's a shame I had to bring it to cause somebody isn't doing their job or whether they're trying to cover up something for why I don't know. It's a, okay so I go down there I went and got the pictures, the estimates whatnot and the lady was still I guess turning it in to somebody, her process of doing it. Okay, I'm (inaudible) I'm not sure exactly what time or anything but I noticed yesterday she still didn't do it, it was on her desk which I know, I needed to talk to somebody that's why I'm here myself. I, I just my issue is about the road hazards. I, I don't have the money to pay to fix my car (inaudible) I'll get out there and help sweep. I'll go get rid of that mess that she was talking about. I don't have a problem with that you know it's just if somebody could point me in the direction to do to I'd appreciate it.

**PRESIDENT MARCHESE:** If you are staying to the end Mr. Cleveland, I know that the Law Director Mr. Hicks ah, in fact if you'll go out in the hall he'll talk to you right now.

**LAW DIRECTOR HICKS:** I think it's something all the people should know.

**MR. MARCHESE:** Go ahead.

**LAW DIRECTOR HICKS:** You're absolutely right sir. You did file a claim and it is at the office and it's being reviewed like all the others. This time of year we get lots of those if you can imagine, like you said, I don't deny it. As a matter of fact I asked Councilman Sferra about how he had to file, he was told to file his claim for his wife's car. We treat everyone exactly the same when it comes to that believe me, ask him. What we do is when you do a claim, we review the incident; we review the damage; we review where it happened. We look to see whether or not we had knowledge that the hole had been opened and should have been fix and all of these type of things because you have to understand where that money would come from; that's the taxpayers money. It's not my money; it's not the Mayor's money, you know it's the taxpayer's money and I can't just give it away because you're a good guy and you have a beautiful care and it got damaged. I have to make sure that if we do that we're doing it properly and legally because it's not my money. It's my job to guard it. You know I have the right to write those checks or order those checks from him but I also take every case by case to make sure that if I do that the taxpayers are paying for what they have to pay for not what they don't pay for. Not saying your claim isn't, it is being reviewed like so many others and you will get a written response to that sir. So, but that's how the process has to work.

**MR. CLEVELAND:** What do I do in the meantime?

LAW DIRECTOR: You wait for the response. You'll probably see it this week if you know we have a lot of them. We have a lot of other stuff that we do in the office besides just those claims, but we try to do it as quickly as possible to get through them. I'm familiar with yours because you had a beautiful customized low-rider car that was severely damaged. I mean I, so they're looking at it very carefully to see if there's some recourse that we can help you. But I have to go through the process to guard the taxpayer's money. I can't just give it away because it was damaged unless it was the city's fault, okay?

MR. MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Cleveland and continue to keep us apprised of the situation. Miss Rucker.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. I did ask Mr. Cleveland to come today because I think there's some situation that maybe you guys can go and talk to him after the meeting. He a student and he needs to get back to school and I think that warrants—and talk to him afterward so that he can, he can go on and get back to school.

MR. MARCHESE: Mr. Cleveland if you'll wait around till after the meeting we'll try and get you some a little bit extra support. Mrs. Rucker you be in charge of that and I'll get the Mayor or the Director to break away from what they're doing.

**PIERSON J. BUTCHER JR., 1194 ADELAIDE SE, WARREN, OHIO:** My name's Pierson J. Butcher Jr., 1194 Adelaide. I want to go opposite of what these people are saying. In the 4<sup>th</sup> road where I live I want to thank the road department for doing such a good job patching the holes. Saturday at 8:30 AM they were patching Adelaide. I rode down it, all the way down it was perfect. Okay, this is not going to last for a long time because it's a fix, a short fix and as far as these roads being repaired, you got to wait till the freezing thing is over before you get in there, maybe a month or two from there. So that's would be my impression throwing gravel or something in there, but still you're going to have to wait till the right time to get these things done.

And about GM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, 1200 people going to the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, well you got PA., Mahoning, Columbiana, Summit and other counties and Trumbull that's going to work out there. They're not all from Warren. You got Alcan, I mean different places up there by Alcan that closed. You go GE (inaudible) you got it closing maybe in August and K-Mart's going to be closing that they talk about, so there's going to be a lot of other people than lets say two or three hundred that's going to be taxpayers in Warren from GM. You know it sounds good if we have all 1200 of them. It's be beautiful.

But the roads, the railroad track up there I talked to Al about it. I'll be back later on to talk about that. I know it takes time and I know the railroad don't (inaudible) anything about it.

The walking bridge; I'll be back about that too and the drenching of the river.

The census, we're going to have to fill out these census and get them back. That's a main thing that we got to do here. And I want to thank you all for and I want to thank Greg Hicks, he isn't here, but I want to thank him and the Law Department for getting on to Iddings in the 39-40 sometimes these two 16 year olds terrorize the neighborhood. But we got another one going on right now too just down on Washington and the kids live over on Mercer and they live on Waverly. They come in and stole copper out of my brother's best friend that worked at GM's house. He has three houses down there; him and his family. And they came in an got that, they called the police right away, the police were right there. I witnessed today police over at 2016 Youngstown Road and it's you all are talking about people from out of town, it's California bought this house and they came in, they stole the hot water tank. They found the hot water tank in the back of Café 22 and at the house there, they arrested the people and out they went; the day before they got somebody across from my house. So, they, they're doing a great job too and they did a great job up there on Iddings too, I appreciate it. Thank you.

And clean-up day, we need to know when the clean-ups going to be so we can put things out to the curb.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Check with Elizabeth, she'll take-  
Mr. Butcher ah in 1990 what did you make at Lordstown? Tell me your salary.

MR. BUTCHER: You know I was hourly.

MR. MARCHESE: What'd you make? Just out of curiosity, what'd you make?

MR. BUTCHER: What'd I make in 1990?

MR. MARCHESE: Yeah.

MR. BUTCHER: I made 107,000 dollars.

MR. MARCHESE: Okay, that's why nobody's working there.

MR. BUTCHER: No, no what happened is (inaudible) and they fired me and everybody quit buying cars.

MR. MARCHESE: No, no, no.

MR. BUTCHER: Now I'm making 55,000.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

STRATEGIC PLANNING MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. No report, but I would like to call a Strategic Planning Committee meeting for the 8<sup>th</sup> of April at 6 PM for the purpose of receiving the nominations back from the nominating committee and I would invite all sitting Council Member and any other parties to attend.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Dean and good work with that committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. To the members of the Community Development Committee, you should have received a letter from CD about your appointments and please turn those in as soon as possible. Thank you Mr. President.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY MRS. MORN: Thank you Mr. President. I don't have a report but I am scheduling a meeting on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 PM. It's been requested that we view some a presentation on traffic camera's in the school zones.

MR. DEAN: As a member of your committee, I'll be out of town on that day, just so you know. Thank you Mr. President.

PUBLIC UTILITIES MR. BROWN: No report, but along the lines of street paving and potholes before everyone leaves, Mr. Mazzochi was kind enough to call me about some paving that he has done in my ward, some pothole filling and they did a great job and people even contacted me thanking me for the job that was done. But cold patch is what is being put in to holes right now. That doesn't hold up for a long time. Mr. Mazzochi informed me that some of the bigger stretches of road that need paved really need hot patch. The asphalt plants are not opened up yet. They'll be opened some time in April and the five people that work in that department that are if they're paving roads, they're not mowing the parks. So I thank everyone for their patience, but a lot of these holes will be filled when the asphalt plant gets going.

HEALTH & WELFARE MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. Health & Welfare Committee met on March 15<sup>th</sup> in regards to rental inspection legislation and the SOB legislation and minutes are on file in the Clerk's office. Thank you.

FINANCE MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Finance Committee met yesterday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. The agenda consisted of a report of year-end balances and what we have in place, unencumbered so far in this report. We also reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. There were no recommendations made. I will be calling a meeting to address what is going to be referred to this Finance Committee that is on the agenda this evening that will be going in to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. And what I would like to see especially with, we have one ordinance that is one the agenda which is 3015, I would like to see that if there is a request for

funds as we do with anything else that comes in front of Council that there is a financial impact statement being as this is an organization, I would like to see and I'm sure that Council Members would like to see a 2009 budget and expenditures and 2010 budget and expenditures before there's any commitment made to appropriate any funding. I think this needs to be made available to Council and also to the public. Thank you Mr. President.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. We had, Council Members had a meeting with the Warren-Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber brought, introduced some of their staff and they explained their role of attracting businesses to our city and Trumbull County as well as Mahoning County and the City of Youngstown. The Chamber also addressed Warren's assets and some of our shortfalls. I'd like to thank the members, the Council Members who stayed for that meeting and gave some input and Michael O'Brien, the Mayor who was very valuable in that meeting. I'd also like to thank you Mr. President for holding the meeting and after the meeting among Council Members we wish that you would have the Chamber come back in about three months to talk about some of the issues that they brought up. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Very good, thank you Mrs. Rucker. I spy some people in the audience. I'd like to recognize two individuals who have served on this Council and probably two of the finest people that I've known in this room. I see in the back former president Joe Williams. Joe, how're you doing? Good to see you. And the most studious councilwoman I've ever seen in this city's history and believe me she knows the stuff by heart, Sue Hartman. How are ya?

Do we have any students visiting tonight? Any students visiting?

Okay, where are you all from? You, yes. No, where do you go to school.

(Reply) Warren Harding.

**RECOGNITION RESOLUTION**

**DRAFT 3013  
HONORING THE  
YWCA**

A resolution for the purpose of honoring the YWCA Warren for its meritorious record of service to the community and for the purpose of extending Warren City Council's best wishes for the YWCA Warren's 'Stand Against Racism' event on May 1, 2010.

Mr. Dean requests the clerk to read in its entirety Draft 3013.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Dean, second Novak to pass Draft 3013.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3013 is now RES. 4457/10.  
RES. 4457/10

Mr. Dean recognized Shari Harrell, YWCA Executive Director and Stephanie Shaw. A certified copy of this resolution will be sent to the YWCA.

**FIRST READING**

**DRAFT 3010  
CLEVELAND OHIO  
INCOME TAX AGENT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety, on behalf of the City of Warren, to enter into agreement(s) with the City of Cleveland, Ohio for the purpose of the latter acting as the agent of the City of Warren, and its officers and officials for the purpose of administering the income tax laws of the City of Warren and collecting the income taxes due and owing to the City of Warren, restricted to delinquency issues referred to the City of Cleveland, Ohio by the City of Warren's treasurer, including the collection of outstanding balances and the pursuit of non-filed tax returns and other delinquency programs as agreed to by the City of Cleveland, Ohio and the City of Warren's treasurer and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Dean requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3010 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Finance

**DRAFT 3014  
ASBESTOS  
PROFESSIONAL  
CONTRACT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety, on behalf of the City of Warren, to enter into contract(s) with Howland Company, LLC to act as a licensed asbestos abatement professional in support of the City of Warren's implementation of the city's Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rucker requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3014 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: C.D.

**DRAFT 3015  
MAIN STREET  
WARREN MONIES**

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 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Council as a Whole; Finance

**LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE**

**DRAFT 3011  
CUSTODIAL &  
CLEANING SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) providing for the custodial and cleaning services for various city buildings and departments and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Dippolito requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3011.

READ

Clerk reads same

**MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS**

Motion Dippolito, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3011.

ROLL CALL

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

3-24-10

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED YES: 10; NO 0. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Dippolito, second Novak to pass Draft 3011.

REMARKS

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Yes I just, excuse me, I just wanted to mention you know we adjusted the contract last year, the cleaning and I'm here to tell you that there is significant savings in the contract and the specs are written and they'll be the same. And significant savings in doing what you saw earlier, a decrease in cleanliness or in the building. So I just wanted to mention that every contract last year and this year are looked at and whether it the opportunity makes significant savings, those opportunities are taken care of.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3011 is now ORD. 12261/10.  
ORD. 12261/10

**DRAFT 3012** A resolution for the purpose of opposing House Bill No. 400.

**OPPOSE H.B.400**

Mrs. Rucker requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3012.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Rucker, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three  
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 3012.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Rucker, second Novak to pass Draft 3012.

REMARKS

MAYOR O'BRIEN: I want to thank Councilwoman Rucker for this resolution opposing House Bill 400. Thank you very much. I'm glad you brought this thing because the title that I've been slowing in the area and gonna be branching out in and my area is going to be southern, southeastern Ohio. This title if John Kasich has his way. John Kasich has his way mental health institutions in the State of Ohio will be closed. If John Kasich has his way we're going to close prisons. If John Kasich has his way who knows what he's going to do with local government funds for every county, every city in this state. John Kasich has his way and Bob Marchese can relate to this, the mental health funding for the agency's throughout the way are in dire straight. John Kasich has his way it will cripple those agencies. And last but not least, John Kasich has his way, you won't have to worry about adjusting the hours of the library, you won't have to worry about where you're going to buy all the plywood to board up the windows at the abandoned libraries in the State of Ohio if John Kasich has his way. This absurd, ridiculous, insane tax idea, but no one on this planet is in favor of more taxes, but the reality is to keep things operating someone, it has to be funded somehow. And it's great to say if I'm elected I'm going to reduce your taxes in the State of Ohio 47%. Let's put it this way, your going to reduce the income of the State of Ohio by 47% if John Kasich has his way. Thank you.

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MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. And Mr. Mayor if former Council Member Romain was here he'd remind you of the impact that some of these great ideas we have on veterans at a time when we were trying our very best to find some relief previously embattled veterans of wars who were women, post-felon and post-drug addicts. All those funds would be dried to the bone and that's no way to treat veterans with problems. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. RUCKER: Nobody mentioned the most important thing and that is our children. 40% of Warren City School district's money would be lost if he has his way and that would greatly affect the education of our children in this district and to me that's what made me you know run down to the Law Department. Even though I know that the City of Warren would lose a lot of money and even projects that we were looking forward to but the education of our children is really what's really important and how dare he and so that's why I went and brought this in. Thank you Mr. President.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED  
RES. 4458/10

10 YEAS; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3012 is now RES. 4458/10.

### **SECOND READING**

**DRAFT 3007  
MOTION TO TABLE**

Motion Sferra, second Novak to table Draft 3007.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed to table Draft 3007.

### **THIRD READING**

**DRAFT 2991A  
PURCHASE ONE  
REFUSE TRUCK**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for the purchase of one fully-automated refuse truck for use in the Environmental Services Department and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Morn requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2991A.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Morn, second Novak to pass Draft 2991A.

### **REMARKS**

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED  
ORD. 12262/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2991A is now ORD. 12262/10.

3-24-10

**DRAFT 2996  
MOTION TO TABLE**

Motion Sferra, second Novak to table Draft 2996.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed to table Draft 2996.

**DRAFT 3005  
WATER DEPT. STUDY**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into contract(s) with a qualified professional consulting engineering firm, through the city's consultant selection process, to review and study the rate structure and the existing operational, maintenance, capital improvement and debt service costs of the City of Warren's Water Department and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3005.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Sferra, second Novak to pass Draft 3005.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: Dippolito, Novak

PASSED  
ORD. 12263/10

8 YES; 2 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3005 is now ORD. 12263/10.

**DRAFT 3006  
W.P.C. STUDY**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into contract(s) with a qualified professional consulting engineering firm, through the city's consultant selection process, to review and study the rate structure and the existing operational, maintenance, capital improvement and debt service costs of the City of Warren's Water Pollution Control Department and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3006.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Sferra, second Dean to pass Draft 3006.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: Dippolito, Novak

PASSED  
ORD. 12264/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3006 is now ORD. 12264/10.

**MISCELLANEOUS 8:21 PM**

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. You know last meeting I wanted to take a moment to congratulate Councilman Dean on with Black History Month highlighting it. There was a story in the media on his contributions to the community and I'd just like to congratulate him on that. Thank you Mr. President.

MISS SAFFOLD

Thank you Mr. President. The 6<sup>th</sup> Ward will have it's monthly ward meeting on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Hoyt Street Church of God on Hoyt Street. Assistant Fire Chief Heller will be the guest speaker and he will be giving a presentation and will educate all those in attendance about fire safety. In light of the two recent fire fatalities that we've had in the City of Warren in the last six months I thought it was vital that we educate the public about fire safety. In that light we will also be giving away free smoke detectors to all those who are in attendance who cannot afford to purchase them.

MR. MARCHESE: Thank you Miss Saffold and that date again is?

MISS SAFFOLD: March the 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

MR. SFERRA

Thank you Mr. President. Just to Mr. Cleveland and his car to mention about my wife. My wife was driving down Youngstown Road last week, hit a pothole, the tire blew and the airbags deployed. Four thousand dollars.

And I'm just blaming her for it cause if it had happened to me I would have caught hell for months. So, thank you that's all.

MRS. RUCKER

Thank you Mr. President. I just forgot two people when I was talking about the meeting with the Chamber. Two department heads were there Mr. Keys and Mr. Bob Pinti and I'd like to thank you both for being there. Thank you.

MR. DEAN

Thank you Mr. President. I do have a couple remarks, but Mayor would you like to mention the gathering today at Meals on Wheels and all the Mayors that participated?

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Okay, Mr. Dean. Mr. President, today was Meals for Wheels and Mayor of from Cortland, the Mayor from Girard, the Mayor from Niles, myself, and the Mayor from McDonald served meals along with Bob Dean, Pat Ungaro, Stoyak from Liberty Township, St George from Howland Township and one thing in particular I was delivering Meals on Wheels on Packard Street, Mr. Novak on Packard Street, there was a gentleman there. So I delivered his meal and he brought a car, had a problem with his title, so I went down to the title department, took care of that problem. Then came back and then he had a problem in his electric, problem with his refrigerator. I went back and told him what he had to do with that and then he was showing me how his downspout was not connected, so but the point of the matter is Ed Colbert said you know a lot of times this is the only connectivity that people get with the public. And his family is from out of town and he's by himself. His wife has passed away and he said while I have you here I have a few other things to take care of. So I dropped off a meal and spent a couple hours with the gentleman, but that's, but today was ah, we do this every year, Mayor's for Meals and it was very successful and today was Bob Dean's first day to volunteer at Meals for Wheels so it was kind of incidental that we were all there at the same time. Thank you.

MR. DEAN: In addition to that Mr. President, I was reminded while Council Member Flask was praying last week I forgot to mention and congratulate him on being selected by the Democratic Party for his next quest and it's a foreign feeling that you get when you don't know if you

Really wish him luck so he'd go away or not so much luck so we get to keep ya.

And I want to thank Al Novak for going to lunch with the chairman of Meals on Wheels last week. We learned a couple things, one is he was troubled by a couple things that happened. What was good was he accepted the apology and he said let's move on together. I think that's important.

And chief I saw Sgt. Riggins on one of the channels on TV and it was interesting on what he had to say about a good job he did he's as you know how he is. But he did an outstanding job. I think Gallagher was with him and he talked about how important it was for officers to go that extra route. They do it all the time, but he also mentioned the that had they not been on 10-hour shifts they may not have had the manpower to do what they did and at the same time there was a holdup at BP on I guess Youngstown Road or Market St. Before that, by the way, I think there was a home invasion where the guilty or at least the suspects were captured. So to those guys who do that all the time I would hope that at least during next roll call maybe it could be mentioned. We do know what they do and we appreciate what they do. And I thank you very much Mr. President.

MR. DIPPOLITO

Thank you Mr. President. While driving (inaudible) coming down for the Finance meeting and between Summit Street and Mahoning Avenue down to the light at Market I saw about half a dozen skateboarders. Whether or not we're up to speed on our skateboarding etc. I'm not sure but I also saw something else while waiting for a light at Market Street. A young man in a motorized wheel chair and I said now how would he do that if we had roundabouts? I appreciate the tabling at this time although I do think it has some merit to consider for something down the road. Likewise we talked about we said so many things about shall we say potholes. I would like to remind the Mayor to take a look again at Coit, examine that place, remember two weeks ago or four weeks ago mentioned it and we next day we had closed sign, a couple signs and two days after that (inaudible) job. And while you're down there drive Parkman Road. You know how we've spoken about Parkman Road being one of the most dangerous intersections between there at that point in the county. Remember how many times I've mentioned that. It's still there. Even a few things done; they've moved the sign back at the apartments up there to help it, but I don't know what we're gonna do when that thing isn't duly repaired (inaudible) part of that. But I think we need some good, good patching job, hot or cold whichever does the job best (inaudible) and thank you again Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. Mayor for your volunteer work as my mother always used to say, that's just another star in your crown.

A couple quick issues, I received last Saturday a reminder letter for the Weed and Seed sub-committee meeting and being one of the loudest voices down here continually asking to apply for the Weed and Seed Grants I'm wondering if there could be an intervention here as to allowing the public to be available to attend or participate as to what's going on because Tuesday morning at 9:30 for those folks that work, it's impossible. So if we could look at maybe some weekend meeting and myself I received it that Saturday and I had already had some grievance meetings scheduled so it was impossible for me to attend on that issue.

Also the many speakers here this evening discussing the condition of the rental properties. Unfortunately as this nomadic problem continues with us the home across the street from me; I'm lived in that home as of tomorrow 57 years. It's ironic that used to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Councilman's home when I was growing up and the work has been done. I've had Carl Williams over there many times. Mr. Pinti himself, personally has been over there. I've many Council Members

there and as soon as you try to get it cleaned up somebody new moves in and here comes the junk, the debris. There's been raids over there. The Sheriff's Department here in October had eight people laying handcuffed in the front yard. So we know there's a lot of work to be done but they are trying and I will assure everyone here that I will support that legislation when it comes to continue that program because it is direly needed. And we must also remember and congratulate those good landlords that we have because we have some that do take care of their property, do listen to our complaints and do deal with issues that are there, unfortunately they are in minority. Again, it's important that we get those things done. Thank to all those folks that go out because at time I, I feel guilty about having called about across the street to this house because I know when they raided it the one time they took a considerable amount of firearms and ammunition out of the house. So this is what these inspectors have to put up with so thank you Mr. President.

MR. BROWN

Thank you Mr. President. For the purposes of cohesiveness I gave my 'yes' vote on the resolution for House Bill No. 400 also knowing how cooperative you were with me on that bill last summer with the oil wells, House Bill 165. But you know this political rhetoric, I don't know much about the bill, but it has to do with a drastic decrease in Ohio taxes and obviously it's political rhetoric at campaign time, but we do, you know I feel a little funny and I know it's just a, a resolution so maybe I shouldn't even bring it up, but I feel funny opposing the cutting of taxes when this state is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest taxed state in the nation and hopefully there is some leeway whoever would get in to office between this outrageous request and some sort of lowering of taxes for people because unfortunately in the economy of today where you've lost all of these private jobs. That is going to become a reality. If you look at the Youngstown Vindicator today the headline from the commissioner's says we are in a depression you know and they had to layoff 101 Sheriff's Officers and it's a reality and it's coming home to roost unfortunately. Thank you.

MR. MARCHESE: Before we adjourn to my Councilman Mr. Flask I have a couple potholes on my street. I hope that you could help me.

MR. FLASK: Mr. President, you know after the meeting we can meet with your Councilman at Large. I do believe that's a Councilman at Large issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM**

**MOTION FOR  
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Rucker, second Novak to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.  
VIVA VOCE: ALL YES. Meeting is adjourned.

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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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