

## Warren, Ohio

### MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 2009

- 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** The meeting opened with prayer lead by Rev. Irvin Williams and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman, Crouse, Dean, Dippolito
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Captain Bowers for Chief Mandopoulos, Dave Sponaugle for Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Pinti, Frank Tempesta, Bill Totten, Mike Keys, Chris Stephenson, Sal DiLiello, Tom Angelo, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Tom Gaffney  
ABSENT: None
- EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER** Motion Dean, second Novak to excuse Councilman Rucker for good and sufficient reason. All Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Dean, second Barkley 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, Members of Council: First out of respect, I'd like to have a moment of silence for the passing away of Lloyd McCoy, the 11 year old young man from Willard School.
- Thank you Mr. President. Calling hours for Lloyd will be 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock at the Apostle Faith Church at 3565 Tod Avenue NW, that will be Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The funeral will be at 12 o'clock and McCardell Williams Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements and the funeral will be directed by Rev. Shealy. So that is Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock will be calling hours and the funeral will be at noon at the Apostle Faith Church.
- In addition to that Mr. President, I want to just commend the Police Department for their diligence in this and their work in this crime and their continued work as they work through this tragic loss of this young man and the other, Mr. Chaney that was also killed in this violent act.
- The last thing Mr. President I have is I just want Council to be aware as I'm sure they are and the public to be aware as I'm sure they are that our Human Resources Department is the still will be at the table and our Human Resources Department have never left the table. Council had a, a report from our Auditor two weeks ago in this very same Council Chambers and it was established what the financial condition of this city was. It was established what the financial condition of the city was in November of 2008 and in December 2008 this City Council passed a budget. They passed a balanced budget. In late January 2009 we were informed by the Auditor and Treasurer that we were 550,000 short. The Director, myself, the Auditor, Deputy Auditor met with each and every department in the city and did not cut any fat, cut in to the muscle to again balance the budget for 2009 cutting 550,000 dollars. Again the end of March, a recertification from the

Treasurer and the Auditor of 1.6 million dollars less to that very same budget that was balanced in December and then recertified in January. 1.6 million dollars less in late March. Literally 6 million dollars from a 30 million dollar budget or 20%.

Now the city administration is looking at all options. As I said at that financial presentation from the Auditor, everything's on the table. We're asking all of our bargaining units to cooperate for the purpose of preserving jobs not eliminating jobs; for the purpose of preserving jobs. We're not closing any doors and we're obviously not shutting anybody out. We need participation for the solution. The administration, Human Resource Department and the Finance Department need participation so we can come to a solution. As I talked about those numbers 3.9 million dollar less than 2008, we balanced the budget. 550,000 dollars less in January; 1.6 million dollars less in March. I don't like those numbers. The Director doesn't like those numbers; the Auditor and Treasurer don't like those numbers, there's not a person in this room here today likes those number and there's not a person in this city that likes those numbers, but you know there's a thousand people at Severstal Steel that got laid off and they don't like those numbers either; or the hundreds of people that lost their jobs at Delphi. They're not excited about those numbers either. 25% of people that lost their jobs at Ohio Lamp; speaking to them, they don't like those numbers either. Or the people that used to work at LEEDS before they closed. They're not excited about those numbers either or Concord Steel or the on again, off again employment at Thomas Steel. Or at every corporation, every manufacturing place in the Mahoning Valley. They're not excited about those numbers either.

The 2009 budget was balanced in December. That was suppose to be for the entire year, but because of the loss of manufacturing jobs in the Mahoning Valley, less people working, less people paying income tax, less money collected in income tax. But this administration and this City Council is committed. They're committed to lead this city through these turbulent economic times but the collection bargaining lies prevent us from speaking about those discussions. To save jobs, we're trying to preserve jobs and our discussions will be at the appropriate time; at the appropriate place all according to collective bargaining laws. We're not going to talk to the press regarding all discussions with the units and we're not going to talk to the press as we work through these economic times in respect to collective bargaining. Thank you very much.

**LAW**

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

**AUDITOR**

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

**TREASURER**

MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you. No report.

**DIRECTOR**

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**POLICE**

ACTING CHIEF BOWERS: Thank you Mr. President. I just wanted to share with Council and the people of the City of Warren that the Warren Police Department has 61 well-trained, well-equipped Police Officers continue to do the best job that they can. Some numbers for you: In the month of March the officers responded to 3,585 calls for service. They made 250 for custodial arrests of adults, 26 juveniles and they made nearly 400 incident reports. Thank you Mr. President.

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**SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE**

C-09-09  
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Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

A transfer of a C1, C2 liquor license:

TO: Parkman Inc.  
DBA Gasland 2  
860 Parkman Rd

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Warren, Ohio 44485

FROM: Eman Muntaser Corporation  
DBA GEM Food Mart  
860 Parkman Rd  
Warren, Ohio 44485

REF: Fiore Dippolito, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman  
Legislative Chairman  
Police, Fire, Planning, Building, Health and Law  
Depts.

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4-17-09

Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

A new C1, C2 & D6 liquor license request:

TO: Russos Drive Thru LLC  
2609 Youngstown Warren Rd.  
Warren, Ohio 44484

REF: Vincent Flask, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman  
Legislative Chairman  
Police, Fire, Planning, Building, Health and Law  
Depts.

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Warren City Council Finance Committee met yesterday at 5 PM in the Caucus Room and we reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. There were no recommendations made on any of the those drafts and for those Council Members our Clerk has copied the scheduled bookings for the Packard Music Hall. So if you would like after the meeting please we'll provide you with a copy of that. Thank you Mr. President.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENT

MR. NOVAK: Yes, thank you Mr. President. We will be having our next Council of Government meeting so that everyone can get it on their calendar, the Chamber has called and asked and requested to book at the Chambers here on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May at 6:30 and we will have some discussion I believe what we're going to be looking towards is the metro police force and other regionalization issues. So just so everyone can be prepared for that to attend.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: We have a number of public speakers this evening. A reminder, please state your name and address. At no time shall a speaker use profanity or show disrespect to anyone in Council Chambers and the president has the right to terminate any speaker at any time.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:45 PM**

**JEFF KOEHN, 3267 RED FOX RUN NW, WARREN, OHIO:** My name is Jeff Koehn. I live at 3267 Red Fox Run NW. I'm speaking to Council both as a firefighter and a citizen of Warren. After being told the Fire Department would have to cut potentially 15 additional jobs because the city is still in a financial crisis, there's more proof now that they're spending is over, is reviewed than ever before. Further cuts to our safety forces just cannot be allowed. This administration must not be allowed to spend funds on the niceties rather than the necessities. I'm not comparing the importance

of one job against another. I am however asking that the administration represent their constituents as to how they spend their money. There is no end in sight to this financial crisis for them and it is not possible for us to forget that time. However this administration has yet to establish the level of service for this service and maintain that level of service for the city departments in which we work and live. When will the administration draw the line as to what services remain and which will remain available to the residents? That level of service must be established and how we will fund those levels must be established. Will we let the Police Department close and we will close the Packard Music Hall. A duplication of city and county services continue as firefighters are laid off. How do we defend our answers when public safety is so important? I urge this council and administration to represent it's constituents more efficiently when it comes to public safety and public spending. They showed their support of public safety at the polls and again we'll be at the polls on election day.

**CHARLOTTE ROCKER, 1262 SOUTH ST. SE, WARREN, OHIO:** Thank you City Council for hearing me. It saddens me to even be up here. My name is Charlotte Rocker, 1262 South St. SE in Warren. It saddens me to even be up here. I grew up in the city, was born at Trumbull Memorial, lived right down the street and I lived out of the state for a portion, probably twenty years. When I came back in the neighborhood that I grew up in and there was a murder caddie-corner from my home about a year and a half ago and it is a nuisance house that was never boarded up. It still continues to have individuals in there that I'm sure are unsavory, not upstanding citizens. The house right next door to that everyone in there was a huh, had a criminal record and my concern again is the past three of the five weekends I've heard gunshots in my neighborhood. I have family come over to visit to my house. She's leaving, gets to my end of the street, almost East Market and there was a car parked there blocking both our lanes, individuals standing around outside who made no effort to get out of the way or move, so she's forced to go up over the curb on the sidewalk to get around. They're taking over the neighborhood. My third concern is my brother who works for the City of Warren Police Department for about eighteen years now and my concern is for his safety.

I'd love to sit here and offer you a solution, as it was taught, if you have a problem offer out a solution as well. The only thing I can see right now is I have already purchased a home outside the City of Warren and I hate to leave it. I love having all the city programs in the summer time and theater and all the decorations and how we've dressed it up. It's a beautiful little city, but it's, it's a very bleak future. I wish I could offer a solution, but the only solution I can find for myself since I can't fix the finances, is I am actually moving in to the county. That's all I have to offer sir, thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Miss Rocker. If you'd like to stay around after we'll get the acting chief and the director to meet with you. It's your decision. Thank you.

**SHARON COOK, 300 BELMONT NE, WARREN, OHIO:** Thank you. My name is Sharon Cook. I live at 300 Belmont NE in the City of Warren. I'd like to thank those that come out to our first block meeting, Belmont Area Concerned Citizens. I (inaudible) with this Mayor, Mr. Novak. Marti Morn was there, Miss Rucker was there. There's a lot been cleaned up, but we have a long way to go. If we can get that one house shut down I think we would be better off. We've worked, the Police Department has worked with us. We've had a little bit of help, but we have a long way to go. Thank you.

**JOANN SZALLAY, 1050 CENTER ST.E , WARREN, OHIO 44481:** My name I Joann Szallay and I live at 1050 Center St. E and I'm here because I'm very disappointed with once again threatening the Fire Department. Our Fire Department is very up in age, we are still left there, cutting fifteen more. This city is not safe. You have taken our Police Department away, our Fire Department away. You grew up as a fireman's son too Michael. You can't keep doing this to the citizens. We don't feel safe even walking down our streets anymore. If there's a fire on one end of town and one on the other who's to say who's going to live and who's going to die? I just wish that you would really consider cutting other places instead of our safety forces. Thank you.

**JOE DEUBLE, 1796 NORWOOD NW, WARREN, OHIO:** My name's Joe Deuble. I live at 1796 Norwood St. NW. I've lived in this city for more than twenty-five years. I've seen some good times; I've seen some rainy days, so to speak, though too. Unfortunately we haven't seen sunshine here for quite a while and we are currently faced with the toughest economic times I've ever seen and probably most of you. That means unpleasant decisions must be made and unpleasant times for all of us are still coming.

I would like to remind the elected officials that this is your job to make these unpleasant decisions, however, you must also remember to represent your constituents in the way they wish to be represented. You must remember the citizens of this community have spoken as to what is important to them and that is safety. As I am sure you are all aware we passed the safety levy in May of 2001,

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again in 2004 and made it permanent in 2007. Three times the citizens have told you that safety is a priority and you guys refuse to listen. You have chosen to keep funding 'wanted' items at the cost of 'needed' services. To make this very clear you need safety, sanitary services, water and roads. Those are needs. You want the parks, the music hall, the health department, the building department, duplicated services. Those are 'wants'. In these hard economic times you must focus on what is needed and eliminate the others. I cannot stress this enough. Do not make another cut to the needed safety forces until you have eliminated all the 'wants' in the budget and remember if an elected official refuses to represent their constituents, the elected official will have to answer for it at the polls.

**BILL GADD, 1902 ARTHUR NW, WARREN, OHIO:** Thank you Mr. President. My name is Bill Gadd. I live at 1902 Arthur Drive here in Warren. I have been a member of the Warren Fire Department for almost eighteen years and I've never seen such disregard for safety in this city. Most of you were around when seventeen of my brothers were laid off in 2000. You personally saw what can happen when there's not enough firefighters to safely do the job. On New Year's Eve in 2000 we lost one of our residents and severely burned two of our firefighters. This loss was a direct result of Council and the administration cutting our manpower down to unsafe levels. At the time I heard comments like that's the cost of doing business and you knew the job was dangerous when you took it. These comments were made by worried City Council Members who are uneducated in fire service and what needs to happen to extinguish a structure fire. Water supply, forcible entry, hose line advancement, fire path and ventilation all need to happen at the same times or the thermal layers of a structure fire will be upset and flash over or back draft will occur. Our Fire Department cannot run on dollars and cents alone. It must have staffing levels that are adequate to protect the citizens of this city. Every elected official in this room is in some way playing a role in causing history to repeat itself. I'm telling you hear tonight that 'when' and not 'if', but when it repeats itself, each one of you will be responsible via the actions you're taking. You started the process of creating an unsafe work environment as well as the unsafe living conditions for our residents. Your cost saving efforts need to be to focus on the areas of the city where they are not immediately dangerous to life and safety. Our residents deserve that and our firefighters demand it.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: We have legislation for passage. Before we do that I see in the audience Patti Limperos from the Warren City School Board. Patti, welcome, it's good to see you.

### **LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE**

**DRAFT 2893  
TR. CO. JAIL  
AGREEMENT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a modification agreement with the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners relative to the Trumbull County Jail's current agreement and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Crouse requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2893.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS

Motion Crouse, second Barkley for suspend the rule of three readings on Draft 2893.

ROLL CALL

YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman,  
Crouse, Dean, Dipplito, Novak

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Crouse, second Novak to pass Draft 2893.

### **REMARKS**

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. This was as a result of a twenty minute conversation between myself and Sheriff Altieri and a fifteen minute conversation between myself and County Commissioner Heltzel. As a result of the two meetings, very brief I may add, is a savings of 211,000 dollars to the City of Warren. And if not for the cooperation of the commissioners and if not for the cooperation of the

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sheriff's department, this draft would not be in existence. Thank you very much.

ROLL CALL

YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh,  
Hartman, Crouse, Dean, Dippolito, Novak

NO: None.

PASSED  
ORD. 12186/09

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2883 is now ORD. 12186/09.

**DRAFT 2895  
CONTRACT FOR  
COORDINATOR FOR  
BASEBALL AND  
SOFTBALL**

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 a personal service contract for the purpose of coordinating and directing summer softball and baseball programs and operations and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Dippolito requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2895.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS

Motion Dippolito, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2894.

ROLL CALL

YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman,  
Crouse, Dean, Dippolito, Novak

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Dippolito, second Barkley to pass Draft 2895.

REMARKS

MRS. HARTMAN: I came here and had the meeting yesterday and I walked out of here with every intention of not supporting this piece of legislation. My feeling was why hire someone to manage the league if we can't maintain the fields. And I don't feel that maintaining the fields for adults to play on is a priority at this time. I am going to support it tonight because Safety Director Franklin assured me that these fields are not going to be maintained nearly like they have been in the past. The grass is basically only going to be cut as they as required to do. Nothing extra will be done on these areas.

I'm holding Mr. Franklin to his word and let him know that no matter who is sitting here next year that this will be looked at and if we cannot have our safety forces back, this is not a thing we should be doing next year. Thank you.

ROLL CALL

YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh,  
Hartman, Crouse, Dean, Dippolito, Novak

NO: None.

PASSED  
ORD. 12187/09

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2895 is now ORD. 12187/09.

**DRAFT 2896R  
SUFFICIENCY OF  
FUNDS**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the payment of specific orders or contracts upon receipt of certification of the fiscal officer of the sufficiency of funds for said expenditures and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Crouse requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2896R.

READ

Clerk reads same.

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MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS Motion Crouse, second Barkley to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2896R.

ROLL CALL YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman  
Crouse, Dean, Dippolito, Novak

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Crouse, second Novak to pass Draft 2896R.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman,  
Crouse, Dean, Dippolito, Novak

NO: None.

PASSED 9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2896R is now ORD. 12188/09.  
ORD. 12188/09

THIRD READING

**DRAFT 2873** Motion Crouse, second Barkley to table Draft 2873.  
MOTION TO TABLE

ROLL CALL YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh,  
Crouse, Dippolito

NO: Hartman, Dean, Novak

MOTION PASSED 6 YES; 3 NO. Motion to table Draft 2873 passed.

**DRAFT 2874** A resolution for the purpose of making particular recommendations  
**RECOMMENDATIONS** to the Board of Trustees of the Packard Music Hall for the purpose  
**FOR PACKARD MUSIC** of making the Packard Music Hall more successful.  
**HALL**

Mr. Crouse requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2874.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Crouse, second Novak to pass Draft 2874.

ROLL CALL YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman,  
Crouse, Dean, Dippolito, Novak

NO: None.

PASSED 9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2874 is now RES. 4421/09.  
RES. 4421/09

**DRAFT 2884** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the  
**MOTOROLA** Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into a two (2) year  
**CONTRACT** contract(s) with Motorola Inc. for the service and maintenance of the  
city's radio equipment and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2884.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Novak, second Barkley to pass Draft 2884.

REMARKS

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None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman,  
Crouse, Dean, Dippolito, Novak

NO: None.

PASSED  
ORD. 12189/09

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2884 is now ORD. 12189/09.

### **MISCELLANEOUS 8:04 PM**

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to say, I know there's a lot of folks here tonight that have a lot of emotion and a lot of concerns and I know I speak for myself and I speak for Council Members here that we don't take the problems that we have in the city here that we have whether it's crime, whether it's the lack of money or whether it's lack of being able to provide the services that our taxpayers expect. But we realize what the situation is and I, myself, I'm in my eighteenth year here on this Council and I know what policemen and firemen go through. I personally suited up three times and gone in on controlled training burns with the firemen. I know what they put up with and I spent many, many hours riding with the police. I know first hand what they put up with and I'm just hoping that everyone can come together. I think it's time that we work together. We can't be negative. We can't be accusing one another, pointing fingers. We're all in this together. We all have to work together and I think we will overcome it. We have to have one common goal and being negative and accusatory is not going to help. So I hope that we can move in that direction.

Also this Friday I am going to be starting cutting grass so for anybody that's got some time on their hands, if they'd like to come out, tomorrow I'll be having an oil changing and blade sharpening party. So anybody that would like to come out and help start cutting grass; I don't know whether you're a retired person and would like to help out or a political want-to-be, whatever, give me a call. I can use some help. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. MORN

Thank you Mr. Marchese. I know Mr. Novak will be cutting on Friday, but he won't be coming Saturday because we have a big clean-up on Vine Street and Olive. The first start in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward and then (inaudible) on the other side of Belmont are going to be there. We're going to be cleaning up a lot of the abandoned houses on the bike trail. So it starts at 9 AM and if everybody, when you're done cutting grass with Mr. Novak on Friday, Saturday bring your gloves and your trash bags and join us on Vine Street. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Mrs. Morn, I'll be with you in spirit only. I'll be out of town or you know I would—

MRS. MORN: We'll save a place for you. We'll take a rain-check.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. You know I was very prepared to vote 'no' on tabling 2873 and how I was to vote on that this evening. You know in doing that I don't think it would have best served this community. We need to have discussion on the affects of what will happen if we take that money out of the music hall budget. We've had some discussion but we don't have all the answers yet or all the numbers.

I would like to have a meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Stephenson on that issue. If everybody can make that on the committee, or everybody on the music hall committee can mark that and we'll go with 5:30 PM so that hopefully we can get some input from the general public.

I would just like to say there was some mention of communications from Darla, from our Clerk, in regards to a permit on Youngstown Road. Just so everybody knows there will be another new business going in on Youngstown Road across from the Little Caesar's. So that's two new in the area. I know of a third that is looking and I'd just like to pass that information along. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. PUGH

Thank you Mr. President. The gentleman, Joe Deuble, I hope I said your name right, made a comment to 'needs and wants'. And those were two things that I used to raise my kids. I will supply your needs and you get your wants. And I say that to say he was absolutely right, we're dealing with these financial issues and in a different way in my mind and we've been talking about how bad things were for the past three years. Like I said before, I'm the doom and gloom person. I see things as they are. You plan for the worst and hope for the best. We have to have safety forces more so than baseball fields, Packard Music Hall, there's a whole bunch of things that we're trying to protect. We should be looking at the safety of our citizens. And we have to come to some sort of, and it's not about the threat, it's not about all these other crazy things because we're as concerned about the citizens well-being as everybody else. I've got a family in this city too living in three separate houses and I'm worried about them. So we've got a lot we have to decide on and we have to put them in the proper priorities and safety has to be at the top of the list.

I was one who says, when the police force was at full staff, I wasn't satisfied with the service that I was getting in my ward. The highest crime ward in the city, but it had to happen. Now that there's been a change I'm sure that things are going to change as far as my ward is concerned. By the same token we have to do some things to ensure that we have the manpower to do the coverage that we have. So I'd much rather have a full staff police force and fire department than to run Packard Music Hall. We can put it on hold till times get better. There's a bunch of things like that; there's a bunch of situations like that that we're going to have to sit down at the Council meeting and administration to make these decisions and put the things in the proper priorities to ensure that we have the (inaudible) we can possibly make. That's where my head is at and that's what we all need to be looking towards and justifying why you do what you do. We need to justify that to these citizens and that's all that I have to say. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. HARTMAN

Thank you. Awhile ago we sat here and we had a meeting and the auditor gave us a presentation basically on the state of the city. And at the meeting I said when are we going to have a meeting to discuss other things that we can do to stop the cuts, to stop the bleeding? And he said to me, I thought he was sorry for a minute, in ten minutes. That meeting still hasn't happened and that disgusts me because I've been asking for that meeting since November. Tonight I'm going to ask Acting Chief Bowers to meet with me to give me a date when he will be prepared to sit down with the proposals that were given to us by Chief John Mandopoulos. Many of those proposals would generate some funding in this city. They would not be a cost to any of our citizens but that utilize the service by doing something wrong. I gave that form immediately to the Law Department. Mr. Ries has that form. When we have this date, I'm going to ask Mr. Hicks if you will ask Mr. Ries to be prepared to let me know what needs Councilmatic action or what can be enacted by this administration so that we can at least make one small step forward in solving this problem. Thank you.

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**ADJOURNMENT 8:14 PM**

**MOTION FOR  
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Dean, second Novak to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.  
VIVA VOCE: Yeas; no nays.

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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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