

Warren, Ohio

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**REGULAR MEETING
WARREN CITY COUNCIL**

April 8, 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 Alford L. Novak, 2nd Ward Councilman and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman, Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Captain Bowers for Chief Mandopoulos, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Pinti, Frank Tempesta, Bill Totten, Mike Keys, Chris Stephenson
ABSENT: Chief Mandopoulos, Sal DiLiello, Tom Angelo, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Tom Gaffney
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Dean, second Novak to accept the minutes of the last meeting but dispense with reading of the same. VIVA VOCE: Yeas; no nays. Motion passed.
- PRESIDENT MARCHESE: We welcome everyone to this Council meeting tonight in the City of Warren.

REPORTS

- MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. No report.
- LAW** MR. HICKS: Following that Mr. President, no report.
- AUDITOR** DEPUTY AUDITOR NANCY RUGGERI FOR MR. GRIFFING: Thank you Mr. President. No report.
- TREASURER** MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you. No report.
- DIRECTOR** MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. No report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No reports.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

THERE IS NO NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR TONIGHT.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING,
PLANNING &
BUILDING MRS. MORN: Thank you Mr. President. The Engineering Committee met in regards to a proposal Mr. Flask brought in. We are going to schedule, we don't have a date as of yet, a workshop to work on that proposal.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. Just a reminder to any Council Member who want to put in a Community Development Block Grant proposal to see Mr. Keys at the Community Development Department. Thank you.

FINANCE MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Finance Committee met yesterday at 5 PM and reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. There were no recommendations made for any of the items for passage on this evening's agenda. Thank you Mr. President.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: We have several speakers before Council this evening. A reminder to address Council for three minutes and our first speaker this evening is Mr. Dueber. Mr. Dueber.

PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:36 PM to 7:46 PM

LARRY DUEBER, 1747 Estabrook NW, Warren, Ohio: Thank you. I live at 1747 Estabrook on the northwest side. I've heard a lot of chatter and we have all heard of a charter government in the last year and I'd like to speak a little bit about this particular issue. I've heard it from the Chamber of Commerce, the Tribune has brought it up. I heard it back in the Caucus Room; I've heard it neighborhood group meetings and now a couple candidates who would like to sit in chairs out here have brought it up as a possibility for us and the community. We are always looking for blame. When things aren't going well we think we need to change something. We always look at the system and say that there's always a better system out there that we can come up with. It's not the system, it's us. It's we who work within the system that are the problems. You can come out of a charter system and communities that have it and they have the same problems that we have; no different. One of the problems I've always had with city managers is that they're free agents. They don't live in the community. They come in for a couple years. They look for a better contract somewhere else; bye-bye and you're stuck with finding somebody else, over and over and over again. I've worked in a community that that's way. They've had many, many city managers and they still have fights with the Mayor and they still have fights with council. It's a neighboring community that many of you know that's been going on over there.

What we need to do is look at us, within the system and outside the system. Elected officials, department heads, people that work for our community and us as citizens in the community. I've said it before we all have to work together and we're all guilty when it doesn't work. One of the things we need to do much better is communicate. We do not communicate very well and we don't listen either. It's a two-way street. You gotta talk and you also have to listen. Sometimes we do so much talking we don't listen to each other and we have to do that if we're going to change anything in this community. So if people want to bring up the charter; if they want to discuss it, fine, but do it the right way. Let's not see petitions go circulating in the community to put it on the ballot. 99% of the people in this community have no idea what a charter government is. If you're going to do it, community meetings, a series of them. Bring in people who have had this kind of a system. Let the citizens of our community talk about it, ask questions and then make up their decision. Don't ram it down our throats cause it's not going to work. Thank you Mr. President.

P.C. TORRES, 8709 PACKARD ST, WARREN, OHIO: Good evening. Porfio C. Torres III, 870 Packard Street. First off I wanted to congratulate the recent 2009 Community Stars, especially a young man. I met him last week here. His name's Roderick Lewis. I'm always impressed by people recognizing young men like him and other people in the community that rightly deserve this award. There's a few community stars in my eyes. I don't know if you guys have ever been to Warren Heights Apartments. This is a low income housing complex and if you go in to the complex you wouldn't even know that, you know cause it's well kept up. The behavior there is pretty decent for a low-income housing. You know you look in the police blotter which I do all the time and you know the streets Douglas, Peace. You hardly ever see those streets in the police blotter you know and I

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mean it's because of the manager Chrystal Copley. I worked for her before I started to work for the city and you know a lot of people, of course ones that don't want to obey the law over there and you know and Miss Chrystal don't play and that's, that's what you know you need in that complex and I just wanted the city to somehow recognize her efforts for that complex. It's, it's well kept. They've even did some work, renovation of the complex and also there's a man, his name if Bill Fonce, he's the owner of Li'l Wings and on Mahoning Avenue. Just the wings, I mean the wings are excellent, you know one of the better wings around but the place itself, it's just ah, it's a great place to be, you know what I'm saying, it's just a great place to be. I see a few of you guys here, I'm not going to mention who but I see you up there every now and then enjoying their wings and the guy is just an excellent person. He runs a great establishment. That's another place you never hear on the police blotter, you know Li'l Wings, any trouble over there. You know and also you know I'm a graduate from Warren, well I'm not from Warren from Leavittsburg, but I'd be proud to say I live in Warren and you know one thing that happened just recently.

We had a person that in our department that passed away this week. His name Benard Ricks. Some of you might not know him, but I want to pass this around cause I want to put a face to the name. We've know the big 'B' down in our department and you know it's kind of sad, the city because he wasn't a fireman or a policeman the city isn't going to know of a person like him because what are we doing to do have a garbage truck following the funeral procession I mean he, he basically was a good public servant for the city and I just wanted everybody to take a look at this man and I know we're not going to forget him and I hope you guys don't either. Thank you.

EDITH SMITH, 1758 MILTON SE, WARREN, OHIO: I'm Edith Smith. Address 1758 Milton Street SE. These are some of our concerns in the 4th Ward. Not cutting grass on empty lots, dangerous trees which are a threat to our lives and our property. These above items also devalue our homes and our community. Getting someone to rake leaves and remove limbs that's fallen from the trees can be quite expensive. And I would like to say this: I am praying that something can be done about that large tree on that vacant lot. Mr. Franklin and oh, I can't recall his name, Mr. Dan they're trying to do something about it. Thanks to each and everyone for trying. Thank you ever so much.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I know the Director will—

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. Mr. Tempesta could we have a rediscussion on that matter along with Mr. Crouse this evening and I believe they're always in contact with Mrs. Angel who's also here in support of Miss Smith. We spoke and she didn't quite understand. I guess I was talking so much she didn't quite hear what I was saying at the last neighborhood association meeting. But we do have a method of handling the vacant lots. The tree as I explained presents a different challenge but I want to get together with the gentleman that I just mentioned and we'll come up with a solution. And I know it's grass growing season so we talked about the corners, we know exactly where our issues are on that half of Milton Street and the other half as well. Thank you Mr. President.

KEN PERRINE, 856 TOD AVENUE NW, WARREN, OHIO: Ken Perrine, I live at 856 Tod Avenue NW and I'm a director for the Northwest Neighborhood Association and this is an invitation to all candidates running for public office. We have a forum this coming Monday, April 13th and it begins at 6 PM. It's going to be held at the United, Grace United Methodist Church and that's located at 1725 Drexel Avenue and that's on the corner of Drexel and Montcrest. Again all city candidates that are running for public office are encouraged to attend and this is also open to the public. And each candidate will have a certain amount of time to speak and then there will be a question and answer session at the end of that meeting. Thank you very much.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Just a reminder we have a group of individuals from the Belmont area that chose not to speak but have requested to meet with the Safety-Service Director and someone, representative from the Police Department after the meeting is adjourned this evening. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Very good we'll meet with those residents after the meeting, Mr. Franklin and Captain Bowers.

LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE

**DRAFT 2887
2009 HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES**

A resolution for the purpose of honoring and commending this year's inductees into the Warren High Schools' distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

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Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2887.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Barkley, second Novak to pass Draft 2887.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2887 is now RES. 4418/09.
RES. 4418/09

DRAFT 2888 A resolution for the purpose of recognizing and honoring Komara
RECOGNIZING Jewelers upon the occasion of its opening a new store at the Market
KOMARA JEWELERS Place in the City of Warren.

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2888.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2881.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2888 is now RES. 4419/09.
RES. 4419/09

Presentation of Resolution No. 4419/09 is made to Brock and Brianna Komara who are representing the family business. Remarks were made by Mayor O'Brien, Council Member Barkley and Council President Marchese.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. I wanted to mention to Councilman Flask on the opening of a business, are you going to mention it during miscellaneous? Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Before we proceed I see in the audience I spy an old friend, former 4th Ward Councilman Mr. Holmes. Mr. Holmes welcome good to see you in your retirement. You're on the ideal part of the room over there.

DRAFT 2886 A resolution for the purpose of supporting House Bill 502 and Senate
HB 502 AND Bill 305 of the 127th Ohio General Assembly.
SENATE BILL 305

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2886.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Barkley, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 2886.

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ROLL CALL

YES: Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask,
Pugh, Hartman, Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dipolito

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Barkley, second Novak to pass Draft 2886.

REMARKS

MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to remark to Council Members that I think passage of this even though it's just a resolution and it's not binding upon us. The passage of this, in my opinion, shows that we're a forward thinking city and we're thinking about the value that all people have not just in Ohio but across the nation. So I've always felt that this particular issue is probably the new battle ground for civil rights in this country and I think some of the most forward thinking cities in Ohio and forward thinking counties in Ohio are passing resolutions in support of this and I think it's long overdue. I just wanted to thank the Council Members who are supporting this tonight for having that vision and being forward thinking about issues like this. Thank you.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I do believe that this is necessary especially, I thank Councilman Barkley for recognizing this and bringing this in because I think now more than ever unfortunately in corporate America now with the sad state of our finances in the City of Warren and in our country that corporate America sometimes in the name of the almighty dollar will easily step on people's rights with mistreatment in the name of business and keeping that corporate profit up. And that protection needs to be in place because for those folks that do not have the protection of organized labor, they must have some type of protection in place and I've seen it. I've been a victim of it and it's something that you must deal with and it's amazing that in 2009 this still goes on. So again we must be able to have this available and it must be enforced and we must remind those people in charge that it's there. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. HARTMAN: Yesterday we talked about this and I wasn't quite sure how you would tell, you know how could you dispute on this basis of discrimination and I looked at it again last night and I said you know it's only; it would be nice if we could just stop this at the last whereas. Whereas job applicants and employees should only be evaluated on the basis of their potential ability or actual performance to fulfill the duties of a job, period. Cause that's what I believe, that's what I think people should be evaluated on. It seems a shame that we have to spell out every little thing that could affect you other than that.

I'm going to support it based on that's how people should be evaluated. Thank you.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. You know it's another time for America to take a look at itself because if House Bill 584 and the Civil Rights Act were all in affect and all being enforced people would be treated fairly no matter what you were. What color you were, what your sexual persuasion was, whatever. You would be treated fairly in America but it's not the case and so we keep on adding to old legislation to try to make it firm and better. But it, what it create for me is another way for us to look at ourselves and how hypocritical sometimes we are because civil rights act was in affect we wouldn't need this piece of legislation. I'm glad you brought it in. I'm kind of surprised that you did bring it in but I'm glad that our state is being a little bit more firmer and I'm hoping that in doing this they enforce the entire bill. And I hope that people in the State of Ohio as well as in the city and Mr. Novak you talked about corporations, but we have to

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address government agencies and private industries and everything you know because it happens everywhere. But I think now we take a look at ourselves and as this council I hope we join the other cities and townships who are saying to Ohio, okay stand up.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4420/09

10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2886 is now RES. 4420/09.

**DRAFT 2889
WATER TO MOSQUITO
CREEK SEWER
DISTRICT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety for and on behalf of the City of Warren, to enter into agreement with the County of Trumbull/Trumbull County Commissioners for the purpose of the City of Warren continuing to furnish water to the Mosquito Creek Sewer District and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Crouse requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2889.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Crouse, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2889.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Crouse, second Morn to pass Draft 2889.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12181/09

10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2889 is now ORD. 12181/09.

**DRAFT 2890
WEST MARKET ST
RECONSTRUCTION**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into agreement(s) with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and any other agreement(2) and/or Contract(s) which may be necessary or useful for the engineering, Planning, reconstruction and resurfacing of Tod Avenue SW from West Market Street to the south corporation limits of the city and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Morn requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2890.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Morn, second Barkley to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2890.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

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MOTION PASSED 10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Morn, second Novak to pass Draft 2890.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2890 is now ORD. 12182/09.
ORD. 12182/09

**DRAFT 2891
NORTH PARK AVE
RESURFACING** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into agreement(s) with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and any other agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) which may be necessary or useful for the engineering, planning reconstruction and resurfacing of North Park Avenue from Fulton Street to the north corporation limits of the city and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Morn requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2891.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Morn, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 2891.

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

NO: None

MOTION PASSED 10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Morn, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2891.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2891 is now ORD. 12183/09.
ORD. 12183/09

**DRAFT 2892
MAHONING NW
LIGHTING PROJECT** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into agreement(s) with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and any other agreement(s) and/or contract(s) which may be necessary or useful for the engineering, Planning and construction or the Mahoning Avenue NW pedestrian lighting project along the west side of Mahoning NW within the historical district of the city and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Morn requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2892.

READ Clerk reads same.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Morn, second Novak to pass Draft 2892.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2892 is now ORD. 12184/09.
ORD. 12184/00

THIRD READING

DRAFT 2871
FRANKLIN ST SE
TWO-WAYS An ordinance for the purpose of amending the traffic control map and file established by Sections 307.01 and 307.02 of the traffic code of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren by designating Franklin Street SE between Main Avenue SW and Pine Avenue SE for two-way traffic eastbound and westbound and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2871.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Barkley, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2871.

REMARKS

MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to thank Council Members for their support on this draft. The purpose here really is although it creates some logistical problems that Mr. Franklin is going to have to work out and I appreciate that he's going to do that work. This draft is really about regging along or at least helping the city in the downtown area of the city move in to it's next phase.

This two-way street will give some assistance to Main Street and who you heard tonight and this is one of their initiatives to see this happen to help our residents and our out of town guests utilize our parking deck and make that more functional. So this is an important, in my opinion, something very important for moving the city in the downtown to the next level. I accept no credit whatsoever for this so it's simply me caring the football over the goal line. This draft was worked on by other Council Members and department heads, Mr. Totten for one, did some work and I know Chief Nussle had some input and others. So all I did was simply carry this forward but folks this is the reincarnation of another draft that other Council Members worked on. So I, I applaud them for having that visions and we're just simply getting it done at this point. So I certainly appreciate Council Members support on that because by supporting this draft you're supporting the downtown. Thank you Mr. President.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 Yes; 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2871 is now ORD. 12185/09.
ORD. 12185/09

SECOND READING

**DRAFT 2879
AUDITOR'S
FINANCIAL
INFORMATION**

An ordinance for the purpose of enacting a Section 123.05 (Supplying of Financial Information to Council) to Chapter 123 (Auditor) of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren for the purpose of requiring the City Auditor to monthly supply particular financial information to City Council and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hartman requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2879 and place it in second reading.

READ

Clerk reads same

**DRAFT 2884
MOTOROLA
CONTRACT**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into a two (2) year 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 and place it in second reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MISCELLANEOUS 8:10 PM

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. I would be remiss not to mention this in our resolution Draft 2887, there's a lady who's being honored, the second to last person on the list, Eleanor J. Tschugunov. Her mother was a business and composition English teacher at Warren G. Harding High School. I had her mother Mrs. Tschugunov in my senior year. I was in electric shop and the principal felt that it was better than we'd be in a study hall that we'd be placed in to a class and we were put in to a first period class of Mrs. Tschugunov and we were the first class and only class of young men that Mrs. Tschugunov ever had. And she was a good sport and a wonderful person and I always corresponded with her later on in years after she had retired and she taught those classes for 45 years at Harding; and one of the last letters that I received from her was after I had run for Council and was successful. And she put in a PS, Dear Al, I'm glad that you finally found a venue to be able to let off all that hot air that you've always had especially which you let out in my class in sometimes those devious things that you came up with. So I just want to say that Mrs. Tschugunov I haven't forgotten you and I'm proud to see that your daughter is being honored. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Mr. Novak, long list of teachers that you probably had good relationships with.

MR. BARKLEY

Thank you Mr. President. Just real briefly I wanted to Helen said something when I was talking about Draft 2886 that made me realize that I was maybe being remised in pointing out that Mr. Holmes, our former colleague was here tonight in support of that draft for House Bill 502 and Senate Bill 305. Although he didn't speak on it tonight, his support is one of the reasons why I wanted to bring this forward so you know he should be commended too for his forward thinking there and that's one reason why he's made his brief reappearance here. So who knows maybe next year he'll save the seat next to him and I'll be sitting there with him giving you resolutions to pass so we'll both see about that. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. Not to take anything away from Komara Jewelers, I would like to mention the new business in the 5th Ward opened on Sunday with what seems to be a good start. A line of people through the parking lot across the street and it's been fabulous. There was a grand opening there today. Li'l Ceasar's with another one planned for the west side.

MR. BARKLEY: I heard Mr. Flask ate so much he doesn't have to have dinner tonight.

MR. FLASK: Mr. Flask ate so much but he's going back for seconds. So yeah, it was fabulous, we were there today for a grand opening; a lot of support from the community and a lot of business and just to mention that in conversations with one of the managers there one of their deciding factors on that location although there were a few that tried to talk them out of that location was the traffic light. So glad to see it helped to some degree. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Flask. Pizza doesn't hurt your bottom line, I'm more worried about this Komara's because my wife (inaudible) and I know given the opportunity she'll go in there and spend a lot of money. So I wish it was a pizza shop.

MRS. HARTMAN

Thank you. Mr. Flask we do have a different business opening in the 7th ward next to Ceasar's. They may have their opening soon (inaudible). Thank you.

MR. FLASK: Mr. President. Because they (inaudible) with the Poggemeyer study there were some remarks as far as car wash on Youngstown Road. I think maybe Mrs. Morn may be receiving a car wash in her ward fairly soon. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. CROUSE

Thank you Mr. President. Just a remark that kind of escaped the Warren GROWS people the Main Street folks when they were talking there's a good constituent of people who are out sweeping the streets tonight in Warren and it was really kind of cool to see a bunch of people with week blowers and creating clouds of dust in the streets to have a street sweeper come along later and pick it up. So I was real proud of them and pleased that they were out there. Thank you.

MRS. RUCKER

Thank you. In going to the opening today at Li'l Ceasar's I talked to the owner and she had heard about our incubator and very interested. She had had some experience from working with women long distance so I think she's going to be an asset to us and I just want to say that Marie's is open on Parkman Road and you wouldn't notice it except the food is good and the old Duffy's is under new management and the new management is Delphi employee that used his bonus to start a business and so please patronize all these places. You know we hear about some of the old businesses; we're sad that they're leaving, Mullee's and others and it really is sad, but we got new businesses coming in and they're not going to survive without all of us (inaudible). So I'm just encouraging everybody in this room to just go in and check them out and support them all.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Are they open at night?

MRS. RUCKER: I don't know but I'll let you know.

MR. DEAN

Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to say thank you to both Jim and Chuck from Main Street Warren. It's been my pleasure to be on the board. Many of us who have served on boards you know often you just go to board meetings and you go home and to be able to actually see the energy and see things that are done by people who believe in our town. And if you don't mind Jim and Chuck will you stand for just a second? And the reason I'd like you to do that is so that for some of you saying you know I didn't know it was Main Street Warren now instead of Warren GROWS and anybody who's saying I'd like to know if there's something I can do just for an hour or maybe a day or so. Maybe Jim can suggest something that would be helpful. Take a minute before they leave and just ask that question. I guarantee you they'll tell you about the volunteers and how none of this would work without the volunteers, so Chuck and Jim thank you for being here and thank you for being available. Thank you Mr. President.

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ADJOURNMENT 8:19 PM

**MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Dean, second Novak to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.
VIVA VOCE: Yeas; no nays.

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Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

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