

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 12, 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** Daniel J. Sferra, Councilman at Large, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Sferra, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Director Franklin, Law Director Hicks, Treasurer Homlitas ABSENT: Auditor Griffing
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Pinti, Tom Angelo, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys
ABSENT: Chris Stephenson, Sal DiLiello, Bob Davis, Tom Gaffney, Bill Totten
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Rucker, second Novak to accept the minutes of the last meeting but dispense with reading of the same. VIVA VOCE: Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.
- PRESIDENT MARCHESE: With some reminders to Council; the Council as a Whole meeting that was scheduled for tomorrow evening, Thursday has been cancelled. Working with the Director I might say we are looking at a plan to put a little bit more information together so that we can do this probably saving ourselves a number of meetings with one well put together power point type session. So we'll reschedule that meeting and we'll get that to you as soon as possible.
- Miss Saffold has called a meeting of the Education Committee with the Warren City School Board and that will be on May 28th - yeah
- MISS SAFFOLD: That needs to be corrected Mr. President. That date is Saturday, May 22nd at 8:30 AM at the Mocha House.
- PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Good thing I got up one more day early (inaudible) Thank you Miss Saffold.
- Ah, that is all I have on our end. At this time I'd like to call upon the Honorable Michael O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Warren. Mayor.

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- MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President, Members of Council: I just have two quick reports. Number one, Mr. Dippolito has just prior to circulating right now Warren Redevelopment and Planning Corporation in the City of Warren along with the Ohio Historical Preservation Office and the Ohio Historical Society will sponsor a building and doctor clinic for old buildings on May 13th and 14th. And the clinic features Doctor Justin Cook and Scott Macintosh of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. And that's going to be at the Comfort Inn in Warren, May 13th, 7 to 9 PM. It's at the Comfort Inn 7 to 9 PM tomorrow. The building doctors will be there and its primarily for of course the historic and preservation and the Ohio Historical Society, but the building doctors Justin Cook and Scott Macintosh. It should be very interesting and enlightening

for Members of Council, for the general public and also for specific building owners.

Also just like last year the regional chamber along with the Mahoning River Corridor Mayor's Association and other organizations; Trumbull County Engineer's Office, Mahoning County Engineer's Office and nearly every political subdivision in the Mahoning Valley, last year we were the recipients of additional funds and because of the efficient.gov election we had two of three projects statewide. Well this year again the Mahoning Valley has two projects in the running for efficient.gov statewide and those particular projects are, one is the Trumbull County Coordinated GIS Sharing and Data Collection and the other is the creation of the first collaborative land bank from the Mahoning County Region. Now these, especially the GIS data collection and sharing collection will assist the engineer's office, the sanitary engineer's office, the Trumbull County 911 Center, the Soil and Water Conservation District, the Planning Commission and cities of Warren and Niles. Now what's important here is that everyone is given the opportunity to vote for these projects. We're obviously lobbying to vote for two of the Mahoning Valley projects. One is the, as I said, the GIS Sharing and Data Collection and number two is the Mahoning Collaborative Land Bank Program. Those particular voting letters are C for the GIS system and H for the Land Bank system. You can vote for two. Obviously we're asking everyone in this Mahoning Valley asking to vote for those two. There are of course other issues on the ballot a through j and they're throughout the state. Last year, I said earlier, last year the two projects out of three statewide projects were Mahoning Valley projects and the Mahoning Valley was the recipient of 300,000 dollars. This holds true this year and hopefully efficient gov will have the tallied the votes and the Mahoning again will be two out of the three projects. It's very important for members of the general public, elected officials, department heads, anyone and all that you go to the efficient gov.org and just follow the clip the letter 'c' and letter 'h'. Those are the two Mahoning Valley projects that are, that are very important. Excuse, Mr. Angelo.

MR. ANGELO: Mayor, I hate to, it's efficient gov now –

MAYOR O'BRIEN: efficient gov now.org; well actually if you put efficient gov in your cue, but it's efficient gov now.org and as I said, it's very important for the community and it's very important that we support everything in the Mahoning Valley towards that project.

And the last thing I wanted to mention again as unfortunate as it was Friday night, Saturday morning; we had a double homicide and however within four and a half hours of a homicide one of the suspects was arrested. It's efficient work by the detective bureau of the Warren Police Department and I want to thank the, I want to congratulate the, under the direction of Chief Tim Bowers. Four and a half hours, double homicide an arrest was made and we'll look forward to the conclusion of that and others. Thank you Mr. President.

LAW DIRECTOR

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

TREASURER

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

DIRECTOR

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. Just to sort of piggyback on the Mayor's remarks regarding the quick turnaround on the double homicide Saturday morning, I'd like to personally thank Chief Bowers for his personal time he took in my office with the parent of one of the deceased. They called me the other day and told me they really appreciated the professionalism and just you taking the time to explain the process to them and it was lauded that we were nailing the case as we were speaking in the office, so just want to personally thank you. Thank you Mr. President.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No reports tonight.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

THERE IS NO NEW CORRESPONDENCE FOR THIS EVENING.

THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS ON FILE IN THE CLERK OF COUNCIL OFFICE.**PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:41 PM**

ANDY BARKLEY, 582 KENMORE NE, WARREN, OHIO: Good evening. Andy Barkley, 582 Kenmore. I stand before you tonight a little bit out of place cause it's the first time I've ever addressed Council from this side of the gate, so you know that I have something important in my mind which is to support this draft you have to 3033 in front of you tonight. This is the resolution to name the citizen's advisory council for Strategic Planning. When we first started talking about planning was early 2006 when I first came on to Council and it was hard to imagine then that we'd every get to a point where we'd talk it from a (inaudible) plan. But here we are tonight many years later with the hard work of Council Members, the Mayor, administration and especially citizens of Warren. We're at that point and I'm very proud of that. I wanted to come tonight to remind Council Members particularly some of the new Members of Council about the process that we used to assemble the people that you see on that resolution tonight. It was agreed that Council should put together a group of citizens to help advise in the process of implementing the plan so that we could maximize our success. So we spent an entire meeting at the end of last year bringing something in how to put together such an enormous group of people, but also try to make the process as independent from Council as we could so that it would be a stand alone group and not a politically charged group. Someone from Council suggested a nominating committee which I thought was a brilliant solution. So we assembled what I would call a politically neutral group of five members; two appointed by Council; two by the administration, by the Mayor's office; and one by the school board; highly respected members of the community came together to put the list of names forward that you see tonight on your resolution.

The reason for my little history lesson for Council Members is to put and to ease your mind's at least for those of you who put too much merit in to people and processes. This is a plan written by the citizen's of Warren and now with passage of this resolution tonight it will be enacted with the help and the advice of those very same citizens, and I don't know of too many projects in Warren especially one of this magnitude that is somewhat independent of the political process as much as this one has been. Just know that was not an accident. That was done by design and by years of very hard work and some methodical planning. You also notice at the first meeting, it really is the highest caliber in my opinion. I think during one of those meetings last year we talked about the number of seats for this advisory committee and I was proposing something like seven seats and Larry Dueber stood up and he said we should have at least fifteen people. Now I told him at the time, I kind of blew up and I said, you know Larry I think that's going to be too many people to work on a committee of this size. But the real answer was (inaudible) I thought he was crazy for thinking he would get that many people interested in a committee like this and I can't tell you how happy I am to stand here in front of you and eat my words because we had somewhere near forty applications for the seats on this committee and I can't tell you how pleased I am that that happened. So not only do you have a large committee of very committed folks, you have very highly qualified people that are going to serve on this committee. So it's something to be proud of. I know Mr. Marchese (inaudible) but I come before you fully endorsing this committee, this resolution tonight and know that I'm going to continue to work as hard as I can to make sure that plan is a raging success for the city. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE Thank you for the work that you're putting in to this along with Mr. Dean the Strategic Plan will be a great, great success.

LARRY DUEBER, 1747 ESTABROOK NW, WARREN, OHIO: Thank you Mr. President. Larry Dueber, 1747 Estabrook on the northwest side of Warren. First would like to have a report either from the Mayor or Mr. Keys on the Mahoningside Project to update us; my monthly request.

Secondly, I'd like to say a few words about the charter government committee and the work they've done, the issue that's going to be coming before Council. I want to first thank the president for

initiating the creation of this committee. I think it's something that it's time to look at. I also want to thank the committee itself, those citizen's who volunteered their time under the direction of Mr. Dan Crouse leading that particular committee. I know this was brought up a couple of years ago but I think the preparation was not done at that time the way its done this time. I think having a committee in place, having the representatives from area universities come in and the experts to inform the citizens committee on how charter government operates; bringing people in who've actually done it and have worked in communities that have charter government. I think that's the way to go and I think that's what you've done. A couple words of caution; for those that think that if we do go that direction having a charter government is going to solve all the problems of the City of Warren, you will have a rude awakening. I think one of the problems we've had in this country for many years of my life I can say is we believed or too many people believed that it's the job of government to solve all our problems and it just isn't going to happen. We have to step up to the plate. We're going to have to do it. And whatever type of government we have it doesn't matter. This is a problem throughout the country not just in our area here. Also I want to encourage anybody if this is put on the ballot, hopefully it will be, that those individuals who will be on the charter commission come with no hidden agendas, no personal agendas to come to the table to create this document, that will be a flexible document, a living document that will be able to be changed over time. To come with open minds and a sense of flexibility to be able to put down on paper what we would want to see in a charter type of government.

I encourage Council once it's before you to pass it as soon as possible. There is a great need for a public education program on this to prepare the public because most of the people out there, I believe, do not know what a charter government is all about and they need to have that opportunity; two, three public meetings at least before it'd be on the November ballot. So I encourage Council once it's before you to look at it and pass it as soon as possible so we can get that process under way. Thank you Mr. President.

ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 KENMORE SE, WARREN OHIO: Hi, my name's Elizabeth Balint at 1081 Kenmore SE and I'm with the Southeast Side Community Association and the Kenmore Neighborhood Association. And we had our cleanup on the 1st of February CESTA and the 8th of May and the 8th of May was on Kenmore. So we had some Council people there and I love you, you all know who you are, thank you very much. We had Frank Fuda drop by, our Safety Director Doug Franklin dropped by and we have a new business that's coming on Youngstown Road and I'm very, very excited about that. And CESTA has kind of you know talked to some of the business owners, so we're hopefully going to get an association up, get the neighborhood and the park. I thank everybody for listening to me through all this time. I'm very, very appreciative. We have some projects in the works and I know that there are some of the other entrance ways into the city but this was kind of my little nemesis cause I live so close by and I know how that area has been in the past and how it can be again. So again thanks for all your support. I'll be up here talking again because I just know this is my area and everybody that I've gotten to know at Council and the Mayor and everybody there's so much help that I get noticed here, you know because I came in here very, very negative, very, very angry and there's so much heart. And I've gone through the southwest and northeast and northwest and I had the opportunity to go with Mahoning Valley about a year and a half ago and start counting up some of the empty properties and it was just amazing, you know just amazing, every area, I just couldn't believe it. I go what's going on with my city, but it's everywhere and to see all the heart and how things are really working and I'm just totally amazed.

And I will be out with my weed whacker as soon as the weathers nice to get those tree lawns down, you know just to get them all nice and looking good and we've talked to some of the businesses. So just as soon as this weather breaks. And to the new volunteers, I can't get to you sometimes because of work, you got my number. I will be there to volunteer (inaudible) Thank you and (inaudible)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. The Mayor and I attended Niles Transfit breakfast. I don't have the exact numbers, but we do have them at the Mayor's office. But you'll be very please to know that the money that we have invested in the Niles Transit is well spent. They announced at the meeting that their highest rider ship is the City of Warren and so I was very please to hear that. There were several senior citizens that were there and talked about how they enjoyed the program and so we are giving a good program to our citizens so I just wanted to bring that up.

Yesterday we had a conversation in the Finance Committee that went, started again to get a little bit out of the realm of the agenda and so I'm going to hold a Community Development meeting on May 17th following the Engineering meeting. So we can finish that conversation. And what we discussed Mr. President was the possibility of the city looking at the youth of Western Reserve as a possible incubator, green jobs technical center and generational community center. I know that the process is going through, but we wanted to finish our conversation to see if this is feasible. So I'd like to have at the meeting the Education Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, definitely Mr. Colbert from the 7th Ward and any one else that's interested in attending. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: The 17th at?

MRS. RUCKER: Caucus Room.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Okay. Oh, after-

MRS. RUCKER: After the Engineering meeting.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Yeah, very good thank you.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

MRS. MORN: Thank you Mr. President. The Traffic Committee is going to have a joint meeting along with Police & Fire to discuss a request to look in to signage/parking signage for downtown. Oh, 4 PM on the 17th.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: 4 PM on the 17th, Traffic & Safety.

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Thank you. The Finance Committee met yesterday to review the agenda for today's meeting. There were no recommendations made for passage on any of those related items to the Finance Committee on the agenda this evening. And I intend to request passage on Draft 3030 this evening. I believe I've talked to a couple of the Council Members and they are satisfied with their questions that they had answered and are comfortable with the draft the way it is written at this time. Thank you Mr. President.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. No Strategic Planning report, but I do anticipate 3033 legislation be passed as there would be an organization meeting of the Strategic Planning Group and I expect that that would be held on the 24th of May at 6 PM in the Caucus Room. It will be an organizational meeting and any one who is interested is certainly welcome to attend. Thank you Mr. President.

HEALTH & WELFARE

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. No report however I do have a question in regards to the Mahoningside Project. I would like an update on that as well. I believe it was mentioned by one of our guest speakers. Is there anybody here right now that can give us an update on that?

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: -the administration.

MR. KEYS: Mr. President. Council and Mr. Dueber, the city has gone as far as it can with Mahoningside. We've done all the tests. We've just finished running the last test that the Ohio EPA's requested on the fill that we want to use on the hole. Preliminary results show 'favorable' to us and all we're hoping now is to get that final letter from them so we can start. We have started writing the specks for the demolition of the two buildings and we're waiting again for the Ohio EPA so we can start the demolition of some of the foundation work. So that's where we're at.

MR. FLASK: Do we have a time frame?

MR. KEYS: No. We were promised last November that within 30 days they'd have an answer and we are now in May of this year, so I don't know what to tell you. We do have a backup plan in case they do decide they're not going to let us use this fill. We actually have gone out and found other fill that we can use that will have to be tested, but hopefully this will go through.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I don't have a special committee report. I'd just like to refer back to our combined meeting that we're going to have the Engineering Committee meeting especially if we could have some discussion and have it on the agenda concerning some of our property that we have here in the city that are sitting in the foreclosure process. My concern is that I had a home last week on Hall Avenue where a company that had installed new windows and doors in this home came and in one afternoon removed all of the windows and all of the doors out of this house. And I, I don't know the legal aspect on this if they were able to do this to come on private property. I, myself and a couple neighbors talked to Wells Fargo who holds the mortgage on this property. They were quite taken aback that this happened to the property. So I would hope that we might be able to have some, either a new ordinance or maybe utilize what we have now that this cannot take place. That someone cannot make a building, whether it's a home or a building that is secured, unsecured and open by removing these windows and again, I'm dumfounded. I've never seen anything like this, but this house had been completely remodeled and now it's sitting there with no windows or doors. And then the neighbors are quite upset about it as I am myself.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Is there anyone Mr. Novak you'd like to invite to that meeting besides-

MR. NOVAK: I, I'm not sure if our Law Director, if you know he has any input on this as far as you know going on to private property and how these companies stand, whether they have a claim to this. I would figure it would be a lien process, but when the foreclosures or the sale of that property that they would have a lien on there to make sure that they got their money or their remaining money that was owed on this window and door project. But I think you know if this has happened and we outta go then these other companies may follow suit and do the same thing. And we certainly don't need this to happen to any home especially one that's just had a total remodeling on it.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: Again, I you're correct in that time (inaudible) because there are there are possible ways, I mean (inaudible) purchase money order, judgment lien type thing if they got in court to recover property that you know they had and we don't know any of that of course. But I'll look for them to (inaudible) perhaps are not proper. Again we'd have to look at all those aspects of it, maybe we can find out a little more about that by doing a little research of the court records to see if in fact they had some kind of judgment authorizing them to recover property by the courts, which obviously we would be unable to counter them on. Things like that that we can discuss in a committee at great length and talk about all the various legal aspects of it and what we can and cannot do in order to keep that from happening sir.

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

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. Just to piggyback on Al's statement a similar situation happened on Parkman Road where someone blighted their own house by taking down the soffet siding of the house, pulling out the pipes, pulling out the furnace, feeling that

they would get back at Wells Fargo. We discussed in the back room and I feel that we need further discussion of the reality that what do you do when somebody blights their own property? Due to all of the numerous foreclosures that we have in the city it doesn't take a genius to realize you can get a couple dollars out of some of those scraps. And I think that we do need to get together and either identify legislation that is currently on the books to detour this or come to Council with the Law Department and create legislation that would detour people in the future of basically getting made at the bank and taking it out on the city. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Colbert and it seems to me the missing partner at those meetings would be the bank. We should get Wells Fargo to come here; stick them with the bill.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. With your indulgence I would like to have Michael, Dr. Michael Cayevec please stand. The reason I'm asking him to stand is to introduce his business Warren Injury Center at 273 E. Market Street to Council and to the public. You know we have a little rumor that we are not business friendly. Well hopefully today Dr. Cayevec will be welcomed by Council and by the downtown merchants which he's already met Mr. Valesky and Main Street to try to network and so we're going to be bringing businesses in here to introduce to Council and to also introduce to our organizations that can help you. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Very good Miss Rucker.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Doctor, would you like to stand?

DR. CAYAVEC: (Speaks with turning the microphone on.)

RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS

**DRAFT 3031
LYNN G. MARLIN**

A resolution for the purpose of honoring and commending Lynn G. Marlin upon her retirement as Director of Bands of Warren G. Harding High School.

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read in its entirety Draft 3031.

READ

Clerk reads same

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Saffold, second Novak to pass Draft 3031.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4464/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3031 is now RES. 4464/10.

**DRAFT 3032
RICHARD ROLLO**

A resolution for the purpose of honoring and commending Richard Rollo upon his retirement as Assistant Director of Bands of Warren G. Harding High School.

Ms. Saffold requests the clerk to read in its entirety Draft 3032.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Saffold, second Brown to pass Draft 3032.

5-12-10

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4465/10

10 YEAS; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3032 is now RES. 4465/10.

Presentation of the Resolution 4464/10 and 4465/10 was made by Cheryl Saffold and Mayor O'Brien to Ms. Marlin and Mr. Rollo.

**DRAFT 3034
WARREN CIVIC MUSIC**

A resolution for the purpose of declaring May 17, 2010 as "Warren Civic Music Association Week 70th Anniversary".

Mr. Flask requests the clerk to read in its entirety Draft 3034.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Flask, second Dippolito to pass Draft 3034.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4466/10

10 YEAS; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3034 is now RES. 4466/10.

Presentation of Resolution 4466/10 is made by Mr. Flask to members of the Warren Civic Music Association followed by comments by Mayor O'Brien.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Mr. Flask I apologize and I will fine myself fifty dollars for my cell phone going off. I know I preach one thing then nothing happens. My 37 year old boss is in Florida so probably 500 schizophrenics are on route to calling me tonight (inaudible) the life.

LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE

**DRAFT 3030
APPROPRIATIONS &
TRANSFERS**

An ordinance for the purpose of: appropriating from the unappropriated, unencumbered 2009 balances of the general fund; appropriating from the unappropriated, unencumbered 2009 balances of certain city funds; appropriating from the unappropriated, anticipated 2010 receipts of various city funds; transferring within the Police Grant Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3030.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Saffold to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3030.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dean to pass Draft 3030.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12275/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3030 is now ORD. 12275/10.

**DRAFT 3033
STRATEGIC PLANNING
GROUP**

A resolution for the purpose of creating a Strategic Planning Group for the purpose of assisting Warren City Council as to the implementation of the city's citywide Comprehensive Development Plan.

Mr. Dean requests the clerk to read in its entirety Draft 3033.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Dean, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3033.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Dean, second Dippolito to pass Draft 3033.

REMARKS

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. Again, key word, implementation. The plan is written; a lot of work by the steering committee, John Robertson of the steering committee; Larry Dueber of the steering committee; a lot of work done by the steering committee now comes the implementation of the plan. From gateways to green space to every, every piece of the plan and it's, it's-I've read the plan about nine times and when this plan is implemented believe me, this plan will rival any type of plan close to it. It is an excellent plan and it's all about implementation of the plan and I was whispering to Doug Franklin and Director Franklin in looking at this lineup of committee members; fantastic selection; fantastic selection of committee members who are committed like Warren Civic Music to the community. It's like a who's who of the community. So congratulations to the selection of this committee and congratulation to these committee members and look forward to your work toward implementing the Poggemeyer Plan. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mayor. I might add to Mr. Dean a share of credit that you have one of the toughest assignments and I want to likewise thank you for taking on this task sitting at my kitchen table in the winter months shaking your head. You've done an excellent job and we look for the work that you continue to do. Mr. Novak.

MR. NOVAK: Yes, thank you Mr. President. I think I'd like to sum it up in a statement that was made by Miss Balint when she said that there's a lot of heart in this room tonight. I think this proves that you know we get criticized at times from surrounding townships and cities and villages about our problems that we have here in Warren. I think this is proof showing that we have many residents here and residents from surrounding areas that care about our entertainment, care about our quality of life, about the future of this city. And what is most

important is again, this is all done voluntarily, no one is being paid. I can say with great, great feelings and heart and surety that when we work on the charter form of government for this city we will have the same type of dedication because all of these groups, all of these issues are for the betterment and the future of this city. So I would just like to thank these people for doing what they're doing and everyone must make sure that we don't forget about when these people need help; if they have a question; we as Council Members or city administration must do our jobs and make sure that they have every tool that they need in their task in the different programs. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Mr. Dean, are we calling for the vote?

MR. FLASK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Are we calling for the vote and then you can discuss it, we're kind of lost here. Mr. Dean, it's your pleasure.

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President, I move to pass Draft 3033. Second Novak.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Motions been made to pass Draft 3033.

CLERK: We already did that. We already did that.

(OTHER VOICES REPLIED) Yeah, We already did that.

CLERK: Call for the vote now.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: That's what we're talking about. Will the Clerk call the roll?

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4467/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3033 is now Res. 4467/10.

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. A few years ago there were twelve of us invited to Washington DC for the President's Volunteer Action Award and when I received my certificate and the frame that it was in there was a small hand-written scribbled note on the back of it and that note read:

We acknowledge with gratitude that nothing was ever achieve without volunteerism which personifies enthusiasm-dedication-and determination.

I believe these truths to be self-evident, the initials in the right hand corner were GB, former President George Bush.

The selection group-screened-discussed and agreed on the best people available and there were forty people who were just calling us almost every day wanting to know what the status of their resume was or their letter and who were wanting or willing to serve. And the nominating committee, I don't know how many of you are still here, but if you would stand, I just want you to stand. Would you please? I know Sterling was here, thank you all very, very much for what you've done.

The task ahead for the group is a difficult one. There is just no doubt about it. The coordination, the efforts, the suggestions and recommendations that will be made to City Council, I expect that they will identify endeavors which can be undertaken immediately, some will be short range; some will be long range. But often the group together will acknowledge the time for looking back at yesterday is not the direction our city must take, rather it's looking forward to be all this

city can and will be. And if we could those of you whose names were called, would you join the chair, volunteer chair of the Strategic Planning Group. I'd like the committee, Council Member Rucker and Council Member Brown to join us back as we kind of thank you for all you're going to do.

MR. DEAN: The person that many, many people know in this city is John Robertson. He has volunteered for more things I think than anybody around us and he was the person that we suggested to the nominating committee that they should consider and he was the person that was designed and we're honored to have as the person who will be the chair person of our group, and I can't think of, couldn't think of anybody better for that task and I wish you well and I just promise you that all of us; the Strategic Planning Committee, that would be Council Member Rucker, Council Member Brown and myself will give you every bit of support. And as you heard from our Council President you'll have all the support that you can possibly have and now you can go to work.

MR. ROBERTSON: We are going to go to work and if you think this group is large, I would envision that the chambers will not fit the number of people who are going to be involved and it's because this group can't do it alone. We are just, we are just beginning. We're going to involve as many people as we possibly can in this process especially those who don't really want to.

MR. DEAN: Thank you all. Thank you all very, very much and thank you for being here.

MRS. RUCKER: (Speaks, but was not heard on the recorder).

MR. DEAN: Thank you again Mr. President, that concludes my remarks.

SECOND READING

DRAFT 3019 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A resolution for the purpose of expressing Warren City Council's support for the establishment of a public works department for the City of Warren.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3019 and place it in second reading.

MISCELLANEOUS 8:46 PM

MRS. RUCKER

Thank you Mr. President. Today on the way here a couple things happened. One thing was that I heard on the radio that Sherrod Brown was blocking one of the President's appointments to the PG ever since they took my pension I call it the peanut butter and jelly, but he, Sherrod Brown is blocking the President's appointment. Why because he is using this tactic to stand firm that the Delphi workers still are entitled to their pensions. So kudos to Sherrod Brown for that.

The next thing is on my way here and during the past two weeks a number of people approaching me, this thing is not dying down, it's just getting stronger a minute and so I'd like to ask the Chief of Police, when will we hear the decision on the incident with Detective Hoolihan and the three young males?

CHIEF BOWERS: Can you hear me?

MRS. RUCKER: I hear you.

CHIEF BOWERS: Okay, we had a hearing this afternoon at one o'clock. By the contract I've got ten days and I don't foresee any delays from that. So within the next ten days.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Chief. Director, as the administrative head of this department, after the-it creates some confusion on what the policy is. Once the investigation was completed, ten days after that we expected an answer and now we got to wait another ten days. Do not want any statute of limitations to -

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: That-

MRS. RUCKER: - here Mr. Director, and so we ask you to please set a date for time to end this thing.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Do you want a remark or?

MRS. RUCKER: Yeah. Well no, I just want to ask you.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Duly noted. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. RUCKER: I'm not done yet.

I was riding by the AmVets Park on West Market Street and there was people playing basketball and mothers there with their children on the park equipment and I'm not really sure if that is our park or not, but we need to take some action because there were adults standing there and I could see the grass up to their knees. And so it was like kind of over the head of these little kids so we gotta do something with that park-

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Can I respond?

MRS. RUCKER: Yes.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. Yes and park along with Quimby Park that's one of the reasons why we've been talking about this Public Works Department. We, we had a department that had over 100 employees in Operations, they now have a little over 20. We're just finishing our pothole patching and we have a lot of that left to go. So we're trying to get to everything as expediently as we can with the manpower we're given. That's why I'm also pushing that we reorganize our departments so that we can utilize our manpower better and take care of these problems when they occur. But that's one of those issues. I've been, I've well aware of those parks and there are some others and you won't see those grass and you won't see that addressed until we finish up some of those other projects.

We are aware of it. I've targeted Juneteenth, I've told the department heads that we have to have it done for that specific program. And so we, we're going to make sure that when we have any events, those parks will be taken care of.

MRS. RUCKER: For Quimby Park.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Yes for Quimby Park because Perkins and Packard are used, you know daily, we've had to concentrate our manpower for those more thoroughly used parks and that's where our resources belong at this time. But that's where we are, but we're well aware and it's a question of utilization of manpower. But we are going to address those parks. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Director. I forgot to ask the request that the Law Director attend the May 17th meeting. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. Just quickly, after hearing some things mentioned here this evening. I know we have quite a few committees, but possibly if you can think in the future, I think we could use a committee of citizens here that would deal with our historic structures here in our city. There's one thing that sickens me. It was mentioned here tonight that the Civic Music started in Konold Auditorium, the

Town Hall Series started in Konold Auditorium and actually one of the first speakers was Eleanor Roosevelt. The only thing that remains of Konold Auditorium if they can find it, is a brass plaque and it's a sin that we've lost some very, historic, significant buildings in this city by a committee of five people. So keep that in mind Mr. President. Thank you.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to reiterate the, as Liz joyfully put it, that we do have another new business coming to Youngstown Road. It will be changing the color structure of the old A & W from pink to burgundy. I met with the new owners the other day. It will be a computer shop. I believe it's going to be called Cats Computers and they will also be holding, I believe monthly car shows there as well. So anybody that's interested in any of those, be sure to stop by this summer. Thank you Mr. President.

MS. SAFFOLD

Thank you Mr. President. I would like to acknowledge all of the educators who are here tonight since we honored Ms. Marlin and Mr. Rollo previously I think everyone in here would agree that teachers are our unsung heroes in today's society, and I just wanted to announce the ones that I saw here tonight. I see Mr. Dante Capers, who is the assistant principal at Harding, Bill Mullane, who was the former principal at Harding, and Mrs. Lillie Johnson was a former educator. I believe she has left, and I had a special, special message for Mr. Carl Morris, but he got out of here. He was my 7th grade teacher at West Junior. I'm getting choked up here. But because of him I became a language/arts teacher myself and I wanted to thank him and to tell him I love him and God Bless Him.

Also on my agenda I would like to announce that the Recreation Ad Hoc Committee will be having a meeting on Wednesday, May 19th at 9:30 AM at Saratoga Restaurant. And finally I would like to thank Miss Renee Cicero and also Randall Coleman with the City of Warren for assisting the 6th Ward with its 1st annual tire collection this past Saturday. It was very successful. I, myself, was putting tires in trucks and going behind vacant houses finding tires, so it was a lot of work but it was very successful. I believe we collected nearly 250 tires from the 6th Ward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you and thank you for acknowledging all our teachers which has been a pride of this Council of years. We've always acknowledged our educators, especially Mrs. Marchese who is working on something called being board certified in education. She plans on buying about 18 pair of shoes, so that's a real nice way to spend your money, you know.

MR. COLBERT

Thank you Mr. President. It has been brought to my attention Sonny Morgan and A. Phillip Randolph, I want to recognize him.

I wanted to also give kudos to the Chief for being able to solve that, hopefully to solve that homicide, the double homicide within hours of knowing that you're working with limited staff. We see the reports on TV. The best thing you could do for our citizens is show them that we may be understaffed but your guys are still out there and doing the best that they can to bring our most dangerous criminals to justice.

Am Vet Helen, I drove past it and it surprised me. Every weekend I've drove past when it's been nice outside, I've seen children that's why and this weekend, thanks to the Northwest Neighborhood Association, they're going to help me out with a house over in the 7th Ward to clean up some of the blight there. Hopefully, possibly, we could have a discussion to hook up with not only the Northwest, but maybe some of the other neighborhood groups and we could possibly knock down that grass over there and that if the kids are going to come there we should at least do our part to make it somewhere worth coming to. So we'll talk about that in the future and no more comments. Thank you Mr. President.

5-12-10

MRS. RUCKER: Move to adjourn, Council will be retiring to the Blue Magoo.

ADJOURNMENT 8:55 PM

**MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Rucker, second Novak to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.
VIVA VOCE: ALL YES. Meeting is adjourned.

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Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

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