

Warren, Ohio
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WARREN CITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of Warren City Council was called to order by President of Council James Graham in Warren City Council Chambers at 7:00 PM, 141 South St. SE, Warren, Ohio.

PLEDGE/ INVOCATION **Vincent Flask, 5th Ward Councilman** opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL MEMBERS PRESENT: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew, Graham.

MOTION-CHANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS Motion Brown, second Novak to take the Recognition Resolution CR0215 out of the regular order of business.

Viva Voice 10 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Mr. Brown requests the Clerk to read Recognition Resolution CR-02-2015 (Honoring Daniel E. King former prisoner of war) in its entirety.

READ Clerk reads same.

Presentation of the resolution to Mr. Daniel E. King was done by Councilman Brown.

MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES Motion Valesky, second Saffold to accept previous minutes as recorded by our Council Clerk and to dispense with the reading of the same.

Viva voice 10 YES, 0 NO. Motion passed.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Franklin, Director Cantalamessa, Law Director Hicks, Auditor Griffing, Treasurer Homlitas

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Chief Merkel, Chief Nussel, Bob Davis, Bob Pinti, LeeAnn O'Brien, Paul Makosky, Ed Haller.

ABSENT: Brian Massucci, James Black, Mike Keys, Tom Gaffney

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MAYOR MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. First of all, I'd like to also join the President's remarks and thank Councilmen Brown and really thank Mr. and Mrs. King; Mr. King particularly and his whole family. I met his two sons as I was coming in. I want to thank you for your service to our country. It's kind of nice Segway for some of my report. It's too often we don't get to say thank you. And part of my report dealt with the meetings I had this morning with Mayor McNally. And we've accepted the Mayors challenge to end Veterans homelessness. I don't think people know how serious the problem is. And also how many people come home with several issues; some of them mental

challenges. So, me and Mayor McNally have accepted the challenge that we'll partner with Easter Seals and United Methodist Community Center. And in our meeting today we sort of launched the program. And you'll be seeing soon a one source center for homeless veterans to receive a variety of services from our community; including housing remodeling. So to that end I want to say thank you to Mr. and Mrs. King. God bless you and your family.

And another thing, 71 years of marriage. So, I'm glad I brought my wife with me tonight. We've got something to shoot for. I knew you came for a reason. On a serious- another note, I'd like for all of us to give our thoughts and prayers to Lieutenant Jeff Cole. His mother passed Sunday evening. And I know Chief Merkel text me that night, I have talked with Jeff and let me know when the arrangements are. And I also instructed Rachel as well to – this Friday? Ok. Thank you. So, you know how Jeff is a battler and a warrior for our city so we need to support him right now.

Also, with the thawing of the season is the time of potholes and I'm sure all of us are aware of them. I want to assure our citizens that we're working diligently every single day to bring all of the resources we can to this enormous problem. It's a problem not only facing the city of Warren but most cities with anywhere near the amount of streets that we have. And to that end I can't say much, but we are working to bring all of the resources. And Director Cantalamessa has been the point person on that. He's talking with our union leadership and I see the business manager from 935 who offered his assistance. And I want to thank you for that and thanks for coming. That is why (inaudible). 71 years guys.

And lastly, I'd like to thank several members - several city officials for standing up to the request that I had in regard to the elementary school systems and read Dr. Seuss's books to the children on his birthday- Dr. Seuss's birthday. So I know Rachel Hawthorne, Keisha Jackson, Cherie Celedonia, Chief Merkel, and Lieutenant- Captain Massucci. He went kicking and screaming but he went. Chris Stephenson and Ed Haller and of course our Water Utility Services Director Bob Davis. Did I miss anybody? Paul Makosky. Thanks Paul. But, I want to thank you for taking the time out to be with our young people and they were very appreciative. Some hard books to read by the way. I think that's it. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. COLBERT: just a question, possibly to our Director. What would you- I know myself, I assume my colleagues- what are you directing Operations to do from the standpoint of potholes? I can call them every single day, every hour as I drive past a new one on a new street. Is it worth us calling in every single pothole on every single street or are they directed to an area and told to kind of tackle that whole area? I mean what should we be doing from the standpoint of reporting the potholes?

DIRECTOR CANTALEMESSA: First off as reporting the potholes, I mean if you notice them or see them or whatever, by all means, call and report them to Operations. Right, and I'm sorry I'm jumping around your question a little bit and answering it out of order, but as far as notification by all means call and report them. Secondly, as far as where they are, we're working tirelessly, we've got patch crews out all day with the weather being nicer than it was, quite honestly. And they're working in basically we're to do zones. They're going all around the city. I mean the ones that are causing the greatest problems with the largest ones are getting most priority attention because they have the potential to

cause the most damage. But as far as routinely where they are because they are not unique to any one part of the city, they're working in zones.

So, yeah they're out all day. As far as what additionally has been done or is being done- I had a meeting today with local – AFSCME Local 74 as well as Local 2501. We are much light when snow fell we're- I guess the best way to describe it is combining resources within the city for the purposes of filling potholes. And what I mean by that is typically this is the responsibility of Operations to patch potholes. But, our patching crews will not be limited just to workers in Operations. Any and all available personnel within the city regardless of the departments will be placed on pothole patching crews to maximize the amount of people we have patching potholes. Additionally, were scoring some other alternatives. The Mayor mentioned Jodie Stringers in attendance; we've had some preliminary conversations about any assistance that the Building Trades might be able to provide as well as additional resources as a means of helping. I know potholes during our winter have been very bad. And the Mayor's right. It's not unique to our city. But they are bad none the less. But, the one comforting thought that I know the Mayor shares as well as Paul Makosky shares as do I is if you recall we did quite a bit of roads with bond money last year and that caught us up. So I think we take some small measure of relief in knowing that had those roads not been done we'd be facing a far greater problem today than we would be otherwise. So the crews are out, the crews are being maximized to the extent possible with the resources available. And we're going to get through them as best we can as quickly as we can.

MR. COLBERT: Can I just follow up? Any further word on the hot patch plant possibly opening up sooner and with that said, are there any talks specifically with the engineer about taking some of those more drastic areas and doing a partial depth repairs using that hot patch?

DIRECTOR CANTALAMESSA: The answer to the question is there's I believe Paul Makosky has inquired as to whether – a local plant is going to open any earlier. I know some areas of the state like Cleveland and Akron for example, the cities have asked their perspective plants to open early weather permitting. I don't know that ours locally is going to do that. But it – so it remains to be seen. They'll open – we'll make the request but they'll open when they open. With regards to partial depth repair, we've been in conversation with not only Mr. Makosky but Auditor Griffing with respects to making sure the funds are available to do an aggressive partial depth repair program. Not just on utility cuts that the Water Department does for example when there's a waterline break. But some of the worst, you know- some of the worst potholes that quite frankly cold patch would probably be inadequate for. We have had- you know- our challenge has been finding the money available to do so. But with the help with the Auditor I think we're going to be successful in arriving at that money to do an aggressive partial depth repair program. Just quite frankly, some of these are just Supeona too far beyond just cold patching; sometimes even hot patch.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Director; thank you Mr. President.

LAW DIRECTOR

MR. HICKS: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to just piggy back on just a little bit about the reporting. Yes, please report 'cause our office gets involved in that as far as any damage to things and one of the keys to a citizen getting recovery is whether we have knowledge of the pothole and severity thereof and then of course didn't properly go out there and take care of it right away that brings liability on us. Otherwise we have no liability. So, what I encourage everyone to do, including citizens is report them . Get them on the list; particularly those more severe ones. We had one case where a gentleman called about his daughter

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hitting a pothole and he complained I've hit it several times I've told her to watch out for it. Well, how about calling us? Again, why didn't you watch out for it if you told her so many times how could it be now our fault?

Ok? So but to be that- that's the thing. You know we need to know about them and the more severe ones particular. Don't think your neighbor called, don't think Councilman Larson called because you haven't been driving on that ward or whatever. Please call. Let's get them logged down. And that way we can the attention; particularly those severe ones that we know are gonna possibly cause damage even to our own vehicles, even to our emergency responder vehicles and so forth. We gotta get those fixed.

In addition to that, again Lieutenant King thank you for your service as a retired member of the military, thank you for leading the way. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN

One more just I'd like to add I know Rachel Hawthorne to that – to Greg's comments; my Executive Secretary who's here today. She also has forwarded and she gets a lot of calls. I would imagine her call load has increased probably forty percent over the last two months on that issue and she always directs them to the Law Department and to the Operations Department. So thanks. Keep calling. It's very important that we know and we can address it. Thank you Mr. President.

AUDITOR

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

TREASURER

MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you Mr. President. First I'd like to thank Mr. and Mrs. King for your services during those days in 1945.

As far as collections as of this morning our department has collected 3.34 million Dollars. And that is above the budget. Thank you.

DIRECTOR

MR. CANTALAMESSA: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to just provide a brief update with respects to water main breaks. We have up to date 41, so I want to thank and offer some cordial appreciation to Bob Davis as well as all the staff members at the Water Department. Water main breaks are serious; particularly when they interrupt service and not just for that reason. Once the road needs to be cut in order to repair it, it potentially causes another set of leaks or sometimes another pothole. So, the Water Department is extremely diligent giving the resources available and making sure that those main breaks are going to get fixed and number two that the road continuous- to be passable after they leave. So thank you Bob and thank everyone at the Water Department. That's all Mr. President. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

POLICE

CHIEF MERKEL: I'd just like to give a quick pat on the back to our Street Crimes Unit. They had an incident back on February 25th. They concluded a two month investigation brought on by citizen complaints about a house on North Road close to Youngstown Road. They executed a search warrant there and uncovered almost 4 pounds of heroin. That is the largest seizure in the history of Warren. So, they're doing a great job back there keeping drugs at bay in the city.

And also, I (inaudible). Thank you.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

C-01-15 Received February 26, 2015 from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.
Request for a C1 Liquor Permit from Candy Corner LLC, 2226 Niles road, Warren, Ohio 44484.

REF: Vince Flask, 5th Ward Councilman, Law Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Building Department

C-02-15 Received February 26, 2015 from Environmental Services Department.

2014 Annual Report

REF: All Council Members

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING

TOMMY D. ROSS- 187 WEST MARKET ST., WARREN 44484: He is a lime tree owner. He spoke on David Grohl Alley with a safety concern.

ELIZABETH BALAINT- 1081 KENMORE SE., WARREN 44484: She spoke on West Market's potholes. She spoke on a lot of businesses opening and they don't identify themselves.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COMPLETE CONTEXT OF THE ABOVE SPEAKERS AND ANY COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE ARE ON TAPE ON FILE IN THE CLERK OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**TRAFFIC &
SAFETY**

MR. LARSON: No formal report Mr. Chairman. But I would like to say this and I hope Raymond Smith is listening from the Tribune. Maybe you could write something down. You know, at night when there's snow, there's ice, there's rain, water in the potholes, we can't see them. Okay, but in the daytime when the sun is shining, you can see them. People, slow down. Slow down. You know I'm surprised that the streets all over the county aren't littered with car parts. I just got the report that I need ball joints and a tire rod ends on my truck and I drive pretty slow. When you see people in one lane and the other, it's almost like a demolition derby out there. But, and I'm sorry to say this, I know some of the younger people- I don't know if they're not paying for these cars or these car parts, but they are driving at a high rate of speed and they're coming at you, they're hitting- you can just hear the cars vibrating and shaking while they're going by you. So, people, people please slow down until we get some of these roads fixed. I mean it's to save your life and maybe someone else's. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

OPERATION

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Not a formal report, but I was out checking some of the bad holes and I was up on Odgen, North and Freeman. Those are our old WPA streets. They are three feet thick and there are also contained rods in there that were put in there when they were built. And those roads have broken up. And I think that's how bad our weather was. I've never seen something that's got that type of reinforcement rod in that thick of concrete and they were breaking up really bad and there's a lot of bad roads especially in between the sections.

Also, too I have- I'd like to make a recognition because we never have miscellaneous anymore. I'd just like to recognize a very good athlete I attended her life celebration today it was for Susan Warehamock. She was a very good friend of mines sister. Also her son is also a Patrolman with the City of Warren. Susan had a four year letter in Tennis, baseball, softball, and swimming. She also was a big volunteer at the Olympic Club with the Red Cross and she taught hundreds of youth swimming lessons; also lifesaving and life guard certification and also played in two other ball teams that were (inaudible) that were not in the – contained into the Harding program. And she was one of the first as I talked to one of her old coaches today, she was the first lady that I've ever saw that could pitch baseball and pitch softball. He said that's two different entities. But I'd just like to recognize her. Many of her records that she set at Harding are still standing. So, at 54 years of age we lost someone who and especially in the women's sports there was not a lot of women's sports back then. So just recognizing her anybody that is aware that Mr. & Mrs. Wareham still live here in Warren you can just contact them. Even if you have a computer too you can just get on Facebook and give your condolences. Thank you Mr. President.

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING**

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

ENGINEERING

MR. BARTHOLOMEW: Thank you Mr. President. As always the Engineering Department has quite a few projects lined up still for the rest of the year. The first is utility cut repairs. The Water Department will prepare the list for the Engineering Department for various locations throughout the city with roads. The department will still continue to receive maintenance programs such as spot paving, partial depth repairs, crack sealing and guard rail repairs to help maintain outer new and preexisting roads. Also some projects that were funded through the Community Development Block Grant; neighborhood Park improvements. Over ten thousand dollars has been allocated for that to work on some playground equipment, picnic tables and improvements at the Shelter House at Quinby Park. Also fifteen thousand dollars from that grant for target area sidewalks and also target area tree cutting; which was in the amount of ten thousand dollars. And lastly, grass cutting for the Warren Greenway Trail in maintaining city lots and street scape areas around the central business district. Grass will be cut on a by weekly basis and tree grates in the downtown will be sprayed for weed control throughout the growing season. Thank you Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. Chairman. No committee report. But I haven't been in contact after our last Legislative Meeting in regards to the Winn Program. I've been in contact with Mr. Gaffney sort of. We've played phone tag. I believe he has the information that I'm looking for. And I hope to get with Mr. Gaffney after the meeting this evening, have that discussion to that. With that I will call another committee meeting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Also, fire pit season is very close. Is there a possibility we could do something with that before it starts?

MR. FLASK: Mr. President if I may? Law Director? Do we have a time frame on it?

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: No. We will. Honestly a lot of things hit the plate right after the first of the year; there's a lot of things we were doing and we kind of backed it off a little bit. We need to meet with the Fire Department and sit down with them because obviously the number one concern is safety; we've got a lot of safety issues. So Chief if we can get that back to where – you know we had a meeting scheduled earlier on that and then just so many things you know hit the fan. As you know; going through budgets and everything else. But thanks for reminding us and yes, Chief we will get together on that. Thank you.

MR. FLASK: If we may maybe sometime in April that – or May.

MR. HICKS: As long as schedules will work out on the things that we're doing we should have something for you by the end of this month to look at and then go from there as far as tweaking it and adjusting it as we always like to do.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yeah, because if the Mayor gets arrested for burning a fire pit we could have some problems.

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MISS SAFFOLD: The public comment period for the City of Warren 2014 CAPER; which stands for Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will begin Tuesday March 17th. The CAPER can be viewed online at the City's website: www.warren.org or at the Community Development Office at 418 Main Street during regular business hours. If you wish to comment on the report forms are available on the website or you may attend one of two sessions with the CD Grants Coordinator on Tuesday March 17th at noon and at 4:00 PM at the Community Service Building second floor conference room. Thank you.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you Mr. President. Quickly in reference to West Market I had spoke with the Mayor yesterday about the condition of West Market; I saw he was over there. We passed each other one day; I talked with Operations. The biggest problem I think we're going to have is – and Mr. Makosky if you wanted to speak on this but the part – that's one of those roads you would assume could use partial depth repair. I just assume that we wouldn't be doing that do to the fact that it is scheduled to be repaved from Leavittsburgh down to Courthouse Square mid-summer.

What I would ask the Director and Mr. Makosky after Operations does go over there and patch I would ask for you to personally take a drive to see what that does. Because I have eluded to some individuals here today that my assessment is that we need to shut off the two inside – outside lanes and create a two lane road there. Obviously I'd like to see what happens after they go there and they are able to patch up the roads. But you may want to take a ride over there yourself after that's done to assess it to see if that makes logical sense. Because I means there's no (inaudible) in those four outside lanes. Did you want to talk about that?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's one of the options that we're discussing right now; in terms of that option of blocking part of it off. But we will look and see after we get some patching. The Director has more information on it.

DIRECTOR CANTALAMESSA: Thank you Mayor. Thank you Mr. President. With respects to the timeline of it being resurfaced; as recently as yesterday I contacted Mr. Makosky he has been in contact with the respected agencies that have programmed the funding for it. In an effort to see if we could move that up its programmed for July I recall. It's programmed for July and we're making a request to see if you know look. We're ready. We're ready to go to bid. We have all of our – you know everything that we need to have ready is ready. So Mr. Makosky as recently as yesterday sent the request in to see if we can get it moved up. We're – and Paul jump in anytime, we're cautiously optimistic that the federal money portion of it likely won't be as challenging to move up. However, the state money portion of it is such that if it's agreed to be moved up sometimes the funding for the state portion of it becomes more problematic; since it's 100 percent funded. We're trying to manage it as best we can from the standpoint of if we can get it moved up and it doesn't cost the city anything to do that we absolutely will

pursue that. But if it in some way somehow compromises the 100 percent funding level of getting it done we're in a – we're in a maintenance mode if you will until such time that it can be resurfaced. Because even if you wanted to do something like partial depth repair in sections of it like you said you're just going to rip it up come summer. And you know it's – we're not going to do that. It's being penny wise and pound foolish. But that's what the time line is presently.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And that's – excuse me Mr. President. That's also approximately the time line for Parkman Road as well. And they're also doing construction on top of the problem. So I believe that's in July; it's scheduled for July as well. Two bad roads are going to be improved this summer.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you.

FINANCE

MR. COLBERT: In reference to Finance; the Finance Department met on Monday to discuss the legislation in front of us. Finance also met the previous Monday to discuss House Bill 5 as well as in the impact upon the city in 2016 as well as the possibilities of Senate Bill 282. Mr. Homlitas was able to provide us a lot of information. Many Council Members were able to get that information. Not everything is in concrete from the understanding of the impact of Senate Bill – excuse me, of House Bill 5. But that will take place in 2016 and we would assume that the Auditors report that we get in June should reflect any revenue loss from that. Senate Bill 282 if that were to pass we would just close up shop. It's just – there's no recovering from the language in which we're hearing could come out of a bill like Senate Bill 282. But at this point Senate Bill 282 has not been passed. But obviously something the Auditor, the Treasurer and the Administration are keeping an eye on.

POLICE & FIRE

MR. COLBERT: In regards to Police and Fire; Police and Fire will meet. I called a committee meeting for Monday March 16th at 4:00. We've asked for representatives from Motorola as well as Century Link to come in to discuss some of the more technical capabilities and capacities of our current 911 system that is down stairs versus the capabilities and capacities that exist at the County level. I've asked for all parties who seem to be affected by our communications system; including Police, Fire, Water, Waste Water as well as Operations to be in attendance for that meeting.

Some of you may have seen on TV I have been contacted by several different residence as well as entities around the county in regards to our current I guess I would call it our dog tethering ordinance. I spoke to Councilman Flask. There will be a meeting on March 20th at the County; a press Conference there to discuss some legislation that has been passed around our tri-county area. Specifically Youngstown, a piece that is currently in Cleveland, and a piece that is being considered at the State level now. And I will call – myself and Mr. Flask will have a joint meeting after that to discuss with Council possibly amending of our current dog tethering ordinance to see if we can bring a few more pieces to that in order to provide a little better quality of life for animals that reside in our city. Thank you Mr. President.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

MR. VALESKY: Thank you Mr. President. Before I get started with Public Utilities I wanted to thank the Lt. King and his lovely wife for your service. And I'm proud to part of the legacy of the military family. And Happy Anniversary.

As far as the Public Utilities Committee all of you should have received a packet from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council. It's in your packets there. And also I had our Council Clerk forward a news release from First Energy and Ohio Edison.

And I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank all of our colleagues and 6th Ward Councilwoman Cheryl Saffold for her induction into the Annual Trumbull County African American Achievers Hall of Fame. It's a great achievement. Thank you Mr. President.

WATER/WPC

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

MR. NOVAK: Thank you. I didn't mean to interrupt. I just wanted to – the Public Utilities Chairman. They are beginning a lot of telephone solicitation for rate changes or provider changes. I've gotten four myself. And I've had a lot of the older people calling me. And it's for natural gas, it's for electricity. And it's confusing a lot of them. So I don't know.

If there's a way we can get something out there to tell people you know. Because they want to right over the phone they want to have them change it. And they want personal information. And the next step is they want to be able to withdraw the bill right out of their bank account and the right to do that. So I mean we've warned these people and said be very cautious. You know they claim that you know you immediately gonna save X amount of dollars and you know the problem is that they can charge it I think there's a cost. Ending service with your present company going to a new company they are at graduated rates. They might start out reasonable but they rise after increments after every three months.

So if we can let people know. Even contact our senior centers, office on aging and let these people know don't make a decision like that until you talk to somebody who can give you the information. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. VALESKY: Mr. President? I'd like to respond to that. Anytime that you receive phone solicitation I tell – I mean this happens quite often in the automobile industry. They try to sell you extended warranties, so on and so forth. If it's initiated through a phone call I would disregard it. If they send it to you in the mail this way you have a chance to review it. Just like the IRS. You know they had to – our Police Department has responded to several calls for people that almost assaulted over the phone to pay exorbitant fees to the IRS. And the IRS sends – tells you if you don't get it in writing from us it's a scam. I think if you use that same rule of thumb and tell your constituents that I think that (inaudible). Thank you Mr. President.

**HEALTH &
WELFARE**

MRS. RUCKER: Ok. First I'd really like to thank Mr. and Mrs. King for your service. It's not often that we get to honor a great man that's gone through what you have. But a great woman that stood by your side while you did. And so thank you especially Mrs. King for being here this evening with us and thank you for your struggle. I can't imagine what that would be like. I probably (inaudible) Thank you. Thank you for your service.

You probably won't hear this so I'm gonna make it a matter of record and say it into the microphone. But I'd like to thank the Tribune for the promotion of Packard Music Hall and reporting the sold out shows that we've had. I went to see Stomp and it was just a great show and it was sold out. And they followed

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with two other shows that were sold out as well. And the Tribune has done a good job of reporting that. So tell you boss that I said that. And tell him that it's in writing right here at the Clerk's Office.

Be sure and stop by and see John Brown's display. We talked about Black History Last Month and brought us some – a cabinet full of display things for – War display things today and please take a moment to stop by and see those things.

And another moment of record too is that we talked about West Market quite a bit tonight and it is just impassable. I'm urging the Mayor and the Director and the Engineer to go and look at that and stay tuned Law Director because after we leave here today somebody's vehicle or somebody gets hurt on that street it is our responsibility and I really believe that those outside lanes should be closed immediately. Because when you see it you will just see just how bad it is and how dangerous it is. So just a word of caution to save our piggy bank a little bit. Take a ride and look at that street as soon as possible. Thank you Mr. President.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NEIGHBORHOOD LIASON

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to report that the inmate snow cleaning program has been very successful. I was informed that they were out seven days a week going out and trying to do as many of the senior citizens and handicapped sidewalks that they could possibly do. Thank you Mr. President.

FAIR HOUSING

MISS SAFFOLD: No report. Thank you.

EDUCATION

MR. VALESKY: Thank you Mr. President. I believe Mr. Colbert you have a Police and Fire meeting on Monday at 4:00? The – Police Chief Merkel has been very kind to let – to invite all of the Council people if they have an opportunity to go down and sit with our Dispatch to see exactly what they do here. We had the opportunity to go and see what the County does at the 911. We owe it to ourselves and we owe it to our constituents to see exactly what we've got right here in-house. And if you need to get down there see Chief Merkel and he'll make that happen. I know I took the opportunity as well as did Councilman John Brown. I don't know if anybody else has. It's a – I learned a lot. And I want to thank you and thank the Dispatchers for putting up with us looking over their shoulders. Thank you Mr. President.

MAIN STREET/ AMPITHEATRE/ PACKARD MUSIC HALL

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. No report this evening.

LEGISLATION FOR SUSPENSION AND PASSAGE

DRAFT 3501 PAYMENT OF ORDERS AND CONTRACTS

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. Colbert requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3501.

READ

Clerk reads the same.

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MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Colbert, second Saffold to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3501.

ROLL CALL YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

MOTION PASSED 10 YES, 0 No. motion passed.

MOTION-PASSAGE Motion Colbert, second Saffold to pass Draft 3501 as an emergency.

REMARKS

None

ROLL CALL YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

MOTION PASSED
ORD. 12585/15 10 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 3501 is now Ordinance 12585/15.

DRAFT 3502
APPROPRIATIONS An ordinance for the purpose of: appropriating from the unappropriated, unencumbered balances of various city funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Colbert requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3502.

READ Clerk reads the same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Colbert, second Saffold to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3502.

ROLL CALL YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

MOTION PASSED 10 YES, 0 No. motion passed.

MOTION-PASSAGE Motion Colbert, second Saffold to pass Draft 3502 as an emergency.

REMARKS

None

ROLL CALL YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

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MOTION PASSED

ORD. 12586/15

10 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 3502 is now Ordinance 12586/15.

**DRAFT 3503
FURNISHING THE
CITY OF LORDSTOWN
WATER**

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 an agreement with the village of Lordstown for the purpose of the City of Warren to furnish water to the Lordstown Water District, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3503.

READ

Clerk reads the same.

MOTION-SUSPEND

Motion Sferra, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3503.

ROLL CALL

YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

MOTION PASSED

10 YES, 0 No. motion passed.

MOTION-PASSAGE

Motion Sferra, second Novak to pass Draft 3503 as an emergency.

REMARKS

None

ROLL CALL

YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

MOTION PASSED

ORD. 12587/15

10 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 3503 is now Ordinance 12587/15.

**DRAFT 3504
WET WEATHER FLOW
STUDY IN DOWNTOWN
WARREN**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety to solicit requests for qualifications and enter into a contract for a wet weather flow study to alleviate flooding in the downtown area of Warren, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3504.

READ

Clerk reads the same.

MOTION-SUSPEND

Motion Sferra, second Saffold to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3504.

ROLL CALL

YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

MOTION PASSED 10 YES, 0 No. motion passed.

MOTION-PASSAGE Motion Sferra, second Saffold to pass Draft 3504 as an emergency.

REMARKS

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. I think it's important for our residents to know that the EPA (inaudible) were pushed either by the EPA or the State to upgrade systems or to do things with no funding help whatsoever. But over and above that I think it's important to our residents to realize that the money that is being spent on this study and for whatever ends up even the project itself is not the same funding that was passed years ago as rate increase to take care of seven series of flooding in the city. And it is my understanding that those seven projects are still moving forward. Correct?

MR. HALLER: Yes.

MR. FLASK: Thank you. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I would hope that the study is successful in helping to modify wherever we have these problems with the storm water getting into to sanitary sections. But also to help stop the flooding that our businesses downtown are suffering. People don't realize flood insurance if you can get it is very expensive. And the majority of the time these business owners are taking a loss. And I think we need to do whatever we can to help them. And when it comes to our utilities and the downtown separation I would hope that this will be a completion.

Also, I'd like to just move back to 3503. I would hope this would help replace some of the loss that we lost with WCI sale of water. And I would hope that we in the near future would be looking at possibly looking at a sale towards the Southington area. We were quite successful when we did the project probably fifteen years ago on North River Road. And we at that time ended the no water without annexation. And it's helped a lot in those areas. So hopefully I would like to see – because I know that area has a lot of problems with their water. And if possibly in the future we could take them on as a customer. Thank you Mr. President.

ROLL CALL YES: Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Valesky, Sferra, Rucker, Larson, Novak, Brown, Bartholomew

NO: None

MOTION PASSED
ORD. 12588/15 10 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 3504 is now Ordinance 12588/15.

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ADJOURNMENT – 7:59 PM

Motion Sferra, second Colbert to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

James Graham, President of Council

Brenda Smith, Clerk of Council