

ROLL CALL: All Council Members Present (President Schulman Absent)

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: President Schulman

INVOCATION: Thomas West, Ward 2 Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Pro Tem Smuckler

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A to 1st Rdg O#1; 2nd Rdg O#3 - O#8; O#1 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#3 Adopted on 2nd Rdg; O#7 Adopted as Amended on 2nd Rdg; O#10 Postponed until 5/10/10)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (None)

PUBLIC SPEAKS (CITY BUSINESS): Tabitha Blackford has had three incidents in her new home in less than two months. This is a brand new Habitat Home and there have been shots fired into the living room and bedroom, rocks thrown at the house, and the porch broken in order to steal her patio furniture. She has contacted the Police on each occasion and has had slow response time and Sunday night the Police Department told her they could just take the report over the telephone but if the man that was banging on her porch trying to take her stuff happened to leave, please call them back and then they would come out because we were in a recession. Roderick Simpson asking about the grant for the spray park at the Southeast Community Center because kids were asking him about another type of recreation. Not adults or other politicians but the children asking for guidance and something to do. He wants the Council and the Administration to send the right message to the kids and do something for the future of our town. Kathryn Ramsey had a neighbor call her about another house that needs to come down and she is trying to determine how the houses to be demolished are chosen. Does the Councilman who makes the most noise get the most houses down in their Ward? She thinks the whole city needs cleaned up.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

- 32. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: SUPPORTING S.3206 "KEEP OUR EDUCATORS WORKING ACT OF 2010". - ADOPTED
- 33. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: APPROVE APPT OF DR. ANJU MADER TO CANTON CITY BRD OF HEALTH COMMENCING UPON COUNCIL APPROVAL & EXPIRING 5 YEARS LATER. - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 192. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TORRES: REQ \$450,000.00 SUPP APPROP FROM UNAPPROP 2211 506010 ECONOMIC DEV GRANTS/LOANS FUND TO: 2211 506010 ECONOMIC DEV GRANTS/LOANS FUND. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- 193. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TORRES: AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT W/CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE GRANT UTILIZING CDBG FUNDS IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.00 FOR COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC & DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR RETRO TERM OF 1/1/10 - 12/31/10. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- 194. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: AUTHORIZE SAF DIR TO ACCEPT & APPROP \$116,000.00 FIRE PREVENTION GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF 2,000 TEN YR LITHIUM SMOKE DETECTORS & 1,000 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:52 PM FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE #1; RECONVENED AT 7:57 PM)

85/2010 1. _____ AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AMENDMENT TO US DEPT OF HUD FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM; EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee

1ST RDG 2. _____ AUTHORIZE THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY WITH COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID & DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEED & DEBRIS; EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

(SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD O#3 - O#8; O#3 ADOPTED; O#7 ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

86/2010 3. _____ AMEND O#42/2009; EMERGENCY (CHANGE LANGUAGE "THE GROUP WORKCAMPS FOUNDATION" TO "HAMMER & NAILS, INC.") (C&ED)

2ND RDG 4. _____ AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT W/ECIVIS INC TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,132.00 UTILIZING CDBG FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHING A GRANTS RESEARCH & MGMT SOLUTIONS SVC FOR LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; EMERGENCY (C&ED)

2ND RDG 5. _____ AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR, EXECUTE THE GRANT AGMT, & ACCEPT & DISTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR A GRANT FROM THE OH DEPT OF DEV; EMERGENCY (C&ED)

2ND RDG 6. _____ APPROVE & ACCEPT THE REPLATTING OF ALL OF LOTS 28946 & 41987; EMERGENCY (1443 COTTAGE PL NW - DENNIS HOFFNER) (PS&T)

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING CONTINUED:**AMENDED**

- 87/2010** 7. DECLARE 95 BLDGS PUBLIC NUISANCES; AUTHORIZE SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION OF SAID BLDGS; AUTHORIZE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY COSTS OF DEMOLITION TO STARK COUNTY AUDITOR; EMERGENCY (C&ED)
- 2ND RDG** 8. AMEND APPROP O#1/2010; EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 - POLICE PERSONNEL SVCS) (FIN)

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD/FINAL READING & VOTE:

- 88/2010** 9. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS RE: ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX ABATEMENT AGMTS; EMERGENCY

POSTPONED UNTIL

- 5/10/10** 10. AMEND APPROP O#1/2010, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE APPROP TRANSFER & INTERFUND TRANSFERS HEREIN DESCRIBED; EMERGENCY (POLICE & MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010 in Council Chamber at 6:45 P.M.**

- 1) Finance Committee

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member West stating that a few weeks ago he spoke about the sky falling in Ward 2 and now there are more Police in the Gibbs School area which is a good thing but now the shootings are happening around Sandal PI NE so the gangs just appear to be moving around. He asked that some of the \$50,000.00 which is being allocated tonight for patrolling be used in the Northeast end. Member Prater thanking the Service Director for help in cleaning up some of the trash in Ward 5 but he has been told that the Sanitation Department is charging extra for larger loads and was wondering if people with smaller amounts of trash will be receiving a reduced invoice. Service Director Price was not aware of any price changes with large or small loads of garbage because the prices are set by Ordinance. He also discussed that he would like Council, the Administration, HUD, Community & Economic Development and Building Code staff to all be on the same page with the demolition process to get the most impact for our community. Member Cirelli apologized to the Mayor for not being able to attend the State of the City address but also mentioning that the gang bangers are still not in fear of the changes in policy. She was contacted by Channels 11 and 15 and they wanted to air the Mayor's speech but no one from his office had been in touch with the stations so he might want to consider that in the future. She expressed thanks to all for the numerous calls, emails, visits and prayers during her recent hospital stay. Mayor Healy welcomed Member Cirelli back and spoke of the job site ready programs at the Ford Plant and other locations. He was told last week of a grant from the Ohio Department of Development which awarded Canton with a half a million grant for job ready site and he was waiting to hear about more grants coming in. Law Director Martuccio explaining the demolition selection process. This must be done by due process of law and when a house is deemed structurally unsound, efforts must be made to contact the homeowner and allow them time to respond. The information about this house must be verified with the historic clearance office which also takes time so there are many legal guidelines that must be adhered to. Member Smuckler announced that the Fire Department retirement banquet would be held on May 20th for 8 retirees. This Saturday, May 8th, they will once again try to clean up at Nimisilla Park since the last two weeks there has been bad weather for this event. He thanked Tabitha Blackford for coming down because he knew that took a lot of courage to come before Council but knows that the Council Members and the Administration need to hear the message that is coming from the neighborhoods and it is past time to help the citizens be safe in their homes. Member Smuckler asked all Council Members to join him in support of a communication to move \$700,000.00 from an unappropriated fund to the safety forces and hire 8 additional Police Officers. Member Dougherty asking all Members to manage the meetings each week according to the Council Rules. He is pleased by the number of people that are coming to Council to speak but wants the meeting to stay on track and be fair and consistent to all.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010 @ 7:30 PM