

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2004

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The meeting was called to order by President of Council Ray Denczak. The roll call was then taken (as follows) by Clerk of Council Debbie Vanckunas. The invocation was given by Councilmember-at-Large Thomas Bernabei, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President of Council Ray Denczak.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: With a quorum present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK OF COUNCIL:

11 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, JOE CARBENIA, MARY M. BABCOCK, THOMAS M. BERNABEL, GREG HAWK, THOMAS E. WEST, KELLY ZACHARY, TERRY PRATER, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART, & ROSEMARY DIAMOND)

1 COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: (R.A. MALLONN II)

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Agenda corrections, Members of Council. You're going to be asked to suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances #10 through and including #18. You're going to be asked to suspend Rule 24B to add Resolutions #18 to #23. (SLIGHT PAUSE) The Chair was just informed by the Clerk that the Resolutions are gonna be retained in committee, so disregard that suspending Rule 24B. At this time the Chair will recognize Rule 22A suspension, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances #10 through and including #18 to the agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances #10 through and including #18 to the agenda. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 22A has been suspended and Ordinances #10 through and including #18 are a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There is a scheduled public hearing at 7:30. It's necessary to have this public hearing, Members of Council, however, the ordinance on your agenda tonight is being withdrawn. However, we still have to have the public hearing, so at this time the Chair opens the public hearing in regards to the request to rezone Lot Number 36966 located at 703 30th Street NW from R-1A to PB-2 as requested by Teresa E. Tomassetti. The Planning Commission recommends denial. Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this rezoning, please

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come forward... Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this rezoning, please come forward... Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this rezoning, please come forward... Apparently not. The Chair declares the public hearing over in regards to this matter. The ordinance will follow later this evening.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION ONLY):

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Nobody signed up for public speaks under ordinances or resolutions for adoption.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Informal resolutions. Excusing members, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move that Member Mallonn be excused from tonight's meeting; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Member Mallonn be excused, are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let the journal show that Member Mallonn has been excused.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All Communications are received as read and referred.

NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2004.

68. HAWK, GREG, WARD 1 MEMBER, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CREATE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA WITHIN CITY OF CANTON WARD 1 MAKING QUALIFIED PROPERTIES ELIGIBLE FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS PURSUANT TO ORC 3735.65. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
69. LAW DIRECTOR JOSEPH MARTUCCIO, CITY OF CANTON: SUBMITTING LETTER OF LAW DEPARTMENT BUDGET PROPOSALS DUE TO VACANCY CREATED BY BERNARD HUNT'S APPOINTMENT AS SAFETY DIRECTOR. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
70. LAW DIRECTOR JOSEPH MARTUCCIO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT TO PERFORM PROSECUTORIAL DUTIES FOR CITIES OF LOUISVILLE AND

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NORTH CANTON AND VILLAGES OF EASTCANTON, EAST SPARTA, HARTVILLE, MAGNOLIA AND WAYNESBURG. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

71. MAYOR JANET WEIR-CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: ADVISING OF APPOINTMENT OF MS. DELORES ANGELI TO THE CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) COMMENCING ON 1/104 TO 12/31/04. - RECEIVED & FILED
72. MAYOR JANET WEIR-CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: ADVISING OF APPOINTMENT OF DONALD CASAR AND JOSEPH CARBENIA TO THE CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE 2004 TERM. - RECEIVED & FILED
73. MAYOR JANET WEIR-CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JOE FRIEDMAN TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS COMMENCING ON 1/1/04 TO 12/31/05. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
74. MAYOR JANET WEIR-CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND WARREN CHAVERS TO THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW BOARD COMMENCING ON 1/1/04 TO 12/31/05. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
75. MAYOR JANET WEIR CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BILL GLENN TO THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW BOARD COMMENCING ON 1/1/04 TO 12/31/05. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
76. MAYOR JANET WEIR CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE LAZARIDES TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS COMMENCING ON 1/1/04 TO 12/31/05. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
77. MAYOR JANET WEIR CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD MAGNANI TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS COMMENCING ON 1/1/04 TO 12/31/05. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
78. MAYOR JANET WEIR CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JOHN PICARD TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS COMMENCING ON 1/1/04 TO 12/31/06. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
79. MAYOR JANET WEIR CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE & FILE APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND PROGRAM GRANT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
80. SAFETY DIRECTOR BERNARD L. HUNT, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ACCEPT & EXECUTE A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT; REQUEST GRANT PROCEEDS BE DEPOSITED INTO THE 2813 FIREFIGHTERS

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ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND; REQUEST \$51,887 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND & \$121,071 FROM 2813 FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

81. SERVICE DIRECTOR TAD C. ELLSWORTH, CITY OF CANTON: SUBMITTING 2003 ANNUAL REPORT FOR WPCC. - RECEIVED & FILED
82. SERVICE DIRECTOR TAD C. ELLSWORTH, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$241,600.75 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE 5410 FUND TO 5410 SEWER-COLLECTIONS FUND FOR TRANSFER OF VEHICLES FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO WPCC. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
83. SERVICE DIRECTOR TAD C. ELLSWORTH, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO MODIFICATION #1 FOR GUILFORD AVENUE NW BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, GP 1075; REQUEST \$4,654.00 TRANSFER TO 4501 GUILFORD AVENUE NW BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, GP 1075. - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
84. SERVICE DIRECTOR TAD C. ELLSWORTH, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO \$87,735.53 CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH NICKEL EXCAVATING INC. FOR CANTON TRAIN STATION SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, GP 1079. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
85. TOMASSETTI, TERESA E., 3574 MELROSE DR, #A-6, WOOSTER, OHIO 44691: WITHDRAWING REQUEST TO REZONE LOT #36966 LOCATED @ 703 30TH STREET NW FROM R-1A TO PB-2 TO CONVERT THE 1ST FLOOR TO A RETAIL CONSIGNMENT STORE (PINK LADY CONSIGNMENT BOUTIQUE) & LIVING QUARTERS ON 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT. - RECEIVED & FILED
(See O#19 - WITHDRAWN)

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let the journal show that all ordinances are being given their reading as required by State Law. Ordinance #1 please.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #9 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS.

- #1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR VARIOUS CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BUT NOT COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, 2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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- #2 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEAN OHIO ASSISTANCE FUND, APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTER THE FUNDS RECEIVED; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLEAN OHIO ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee
- #3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PART OF OUTLOT 800 AND PART OF OUTLOT 842; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #4 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE FINAL RECORD PLAT OF VIENNA WOODS ALLOTMENT NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #5 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PART OF OUTLOTS 45 AND 315; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #6 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 5720, 5721, 5722 AND 5723; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #7 (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 4/2004** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 19 BUILDINGS TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF SAID BUILDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF CANTON CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY THE COSTS OF DEMOLITION TO THE STARK COUNTY AUDITOR; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees
- #8 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ONE-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANTON AND CPFFA LOCAL 249; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to ~~Personnel~~ Committee **Personnel and Finance Committees****

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** PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Council, take note, this is being referred jointly to the Personnel Committee and to the Finance Committee.

#9 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR THE REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DEBRIS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Intergovernmental & Public Service Committee

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: At this time the Chair's going to declare an in-house recess for the Community & Economic Development and the Finance Committees to meet in regards to Ordinance #7 on your agenda. You're now in recess.

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:43 PM FOR COMMITTEE MEETING ON ORDINANCE #7, WHICH WAS RETURNED TO THE AGENDA FOR ADOPTION. THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED BY PRESIDENT DENCZAK AT 8:09 PM)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Council is reconvening after the recess. Member Casar?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move the statutory rules be suspended on Ordinance #7; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You have to put it -- you have to suspend the -- or put it back on the agenda, Rule 22A.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move that Rule 22A be suspended and Ordinance #7 be placed back on the agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Rule 22A be suspended so that Ordinance #7 can be placed back on the agenda. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 22A has been suspended and Ordinance #7 is a legal part of your agenda, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move the statutory rules be suspended on Ordinance #7; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #7. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #7; seconded.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #7. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #7 is adopted.

#7 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 4/2004

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the second reading.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #10 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #18 FOR THE SECOND TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS.

RULE 22A WAS SUSPENDED TO ADD #10 THROUGH #18:

- #10 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS & ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS & DEMOLITION OF THE KRESGE BLOCK BUILDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH THE 2814 CLEAN OHIO REVITALIZATION FUND; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #11 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF CANTON IN STATE CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5513.01; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #12 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF CANTON AND THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #13 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO O.164/2001 AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN & GENERAL SALARIES FOR ALL MANAGEMENT & NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #14 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 737.01 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- #15 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO THE VILLAGE OF MEYERS LAKE; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #16 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR VARIOUS CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BUT NOT COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, 2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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- #17 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS & ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY ITEMS, MATERIALS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CANTON OPERATIONS DURING THE 2004 CALENDAR YEAR; AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVELY THE PURCHASE OF SAID ITEMS PURSUANT TO THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT AND/OR ODOT PURCHASING AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #18 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 181.05, RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX REFUND; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances or Formal Resolutions for the third and final reading. The public hearing was held, however the Ordinance #19 was withdrawn. (*SEE C#85 WHICH IS A REQUEST FROM THE APPLICANT TO WITHDRAW THE ZONE CHANGE*)

- #19 **WITHDRAWN** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING O.55/77 AS AMENDED KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
PUB HRG HELD 2/2/04 @ 7:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Announcement of Committee Meetings please.

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, Personnel Committee will meet at 6:15 next Monday.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: That's February the 9th?

MEMBER ZACHARY: Yes.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, Community & Economic Development will meet February 9th at 6:15.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President, Intergovernmental & Public Service Committee will also meet at that time on that date.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President, Finance Committee will meet February 9th at 6:00 in the Caucus Room.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, Public Safety & Thoroughfares will also meet next Monday night at 6:00.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks, Open Forum. We have three people signed up this evening. The first speaker is Ida Freeman.

MS. FREEMAN: Good evening. I have three comments.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and address, please.

MS. FREEMAN: Oh. Ida Freeman, PO Box 21864, Canton, Ohio 44701. I was...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ma'am, I explained to you earlier this evening...

MS. FREEMAN: 1129 - 7th Street NW.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay.

MS. FREEMAN: Okay. I have three comments. I'm here because of what continues to happen in our at-risk community. For example, street corner pharmacies and legalized alcohol sales, reference to two liquor stores within one block on Cherry SE, but no drug prevention, education or treatment facilities in these communities. Drug funds continue to elude the most at-risk community. Is there anyone here interested in talking about these issues? And then there is the ghetto that I moved into. I am still in shock that Canton has such a community. Is it okay for people who live-- oh, it is okay for people who live in Jackson to come down and say what is needed, but who is talking to the people who live there for their ideas and suggestions? Is there anyone -- is there any -- is there already a group or something going on and how can I become involved in the group? Reference Lynn Court, 7th Street, 8th Street NW. The houses, it's terrible over there. Okay. My third comment is, I would like to commend the new Mayor for becoming involved in education because education is just as important as jobs. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Who's ward is this in?... Member Hawk?....

MEMBER HAWK: There will be a meeting to address housing concerns -- there will be two meetings actually, and we are encouraging all the neighbors to attend. There will be flyers going out. One of them is February 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 at Summit School. The other one is February 21st, that is Saturday morning, from 10:00 AM to noon at Summit School. We are there to listen to the people in the neighborhood and receive their input for which direction this neighborhood should go. We're working very hard. The Mayor's committed to putting new housing into that area, and we are going to work very very hard, very diligently, to make sure that's going to happen. So, those meetings will be there. We'll have -- city officials will be there, representatives of school boards will be there, Stark Community Foundation will be there, builders will be there, other agencies will all be in to formulate a plan to redevelop and rejuvenate that area. I thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Next speaker is Robert Fisher. Now, Members of Council, you know you've changed your Council rules. I don't write the rules, I just enforce them. This is going to be the last time I excuse anybody from obeying the new rules of public speaks. You're supposed to print your name. And, uh...

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MR. FISHER: Sorry, Mr. President. You got me again.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I know you're not aware of the rule changes, however, there is a rule change and it states that when you sign up and you read the rules, you'll know that if not completed as required, the presiding officer will not recognize that particular speaker. But I'm gonna one more time let it slip by. Okay.

MR. FISHER: Did it to me again. You just keep overruling me, but that's alright. I love you anyway, Mr. President. Mr. President...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: (*CHUCKLES*) Okay. State your name and address please.

MR. FISHER: Robert Fisher, 1010 Walnut Avenue NE, Canton. Mr. President and Members of Council and Mayor and other public officials present, I came here, and maybe I miscounted, but I came here to commend you for waiving council's -- waiving the statutes for the appointment of Safety Director Bernie Hunt. However, it's the second reading, but I still want to ask you, ask for your support in doing that waiving under these circumstances. I heard the discussion tonight. I certainly don't want to repeat it now, but I think that discussion was worthy because of the need for the position, the need for Mr. Hunt, who is both a friend and a client, to be appointed to that position as the Mayor wants. I think you guys will do it, guys and ladies, will do it. I certainly support you doing it. Now I stand here as one of the persons with Councilman Coleman who urged city residents for a long time, but all of us grow from what we do, and one of the things I want to talk about one day is that let's make it the court district, let's call it the court district. It makes sense that the entire court district that includes Louisville, North Canton, Waynesburg, Plain, Canton South and others, but not Jackson and Perry, be that place for residents. It makes sense to think about that and do that, and I urge you to do that. And I think it makes sense because Mr. Bernabei and Law Director Martuccio and I were talking tonight, on your agenda #70 there is contracting where our police prosecutor will be serving those communities. Yes, they're paying for them now, and I was glad to hear, because they ought to be paid for by those communities. And I think you ought to think about it. Please do that. I also want to do one more thing. I want to commend the Mayor. When she campaigned she said she wanted her administration to look like the City in diversity, and she's done that, and I'm asking you guys to support her doing that as soon as possible. Next week if you could go back, Mr. Casar, and go back to the agenda, it would be very nice for you to waive 22A to put that ordinance, and get it passed tonight. It'd be a wonderful thing to do. But I understand your rules and I live by your rules, but I'm urging you to do that. I thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The final speaker is Reverend Dye.

REV. DYE: Good evening, President, Mayor and Council. My name is Reverend Robert Dye, 1405 - 23rd Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44714. Although I agree with the residency requirement, I believe there are exceptions to that rule. I would ask you to consider that as an exception in that I believe that the Mayor ought to have the privilege and the courtesy to appoint her cabinet, and those persons appointed by her or requested by her to serve in her cabinet should be given consideration in waiving the residency rule. Therefore, I stand here asking you to waive the residency rule and show a unity as a Council to give the Mayor that privilege and that right to exercise the right to form her cabinet and to appoint her Safety Director as requested. The second thing I ask is that, I've only been in the City five years, it would be nice, if you haven't thought about it already, it would be nice for Council to consider showing Council meetings on cable. There are a lot of people throughout this City I believe who would like to see what's going on, who can't be here, and it would be nice if somehow you would have your Council meetings on cable so this whole community could be a

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part of the Council meeting. And thirdly, I would like for you to get some heat in here. (LAUGHTER)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Reverend, we turn the heat off because sometimes this Council meeting gets a little heated itself, but apparently that's not gonna happen tonight. Members of Council, I'm just going to make an editorial comment. You've probably been reading in the paper about what's happening up in North Canton with the Mayor, and I'm glad Council isn't playing that particular role and the Mayor's not playing that particular role with Council. Okay.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: That ends the public speaks. We're now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any miscellaneous business?

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President, in a continued spirit of cooperation, for those of you who may not have heard my State of the City address, it is with pleasure that I announce to this group that I have asked Councilman Greg Hawk from Ward 1 to serve as the representative of the administration for the Summit Neighborhood Housing Coalition. I believe that Councilman Hawk's passion and his drive to bring new housing which we all support will be indicative of his leadership, and I think that we can look for big things, but I did want everyone to know so if you hear him spouting off that he is the administration's representative, that it is not misguided. He in fact has graciously accepted and I look forward to his leadership.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President. Mayor Creighton, I thank you for your compliments of me. I appreciate the appointment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other miscellaneous business?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: One moment please, Member Casar. The Clerk has asked me to remind Members of Council ... (INAUDIBLE COMMENTS BY CLERK) Oh, I forgot, one of the Members of Council is absent tonight, so... The Clerk wanted to take a group picture of the Members of Council, so we'll have to wait until Member Mallonn is here.

MEMBER CASAR; Mr. President, I move we adjourn; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adjourn. Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS PERMITTED ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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DEBRA VANCKUNAS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RAY DENCZAK
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

