

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2005**

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

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, April 18, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was then taken (as follows) by Clerk of Council Pro Tem Beth Wensel in the absence of Clerk Debbie Vanckunas. The invocation was given by Ward 6 Councilmember David Dougherty followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President of Council Denczak.*

***ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL:***

ALL 12 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, JOE CARBENIA, MARY M. BABCOCK, THOMAS M. BERNABEI, GREG HAWK, THOMAS E. WEST, JAMES E. GRIFFIN, KELLY ZACHARY, TERRY PRATER, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART & ROSEMARY DIAMOND)

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you, Member Hart. At this time, Members of Council, the Chair's going to designate Clerk Pro Tem Beth Wensel to serve in the place of Clerk, the regular Clerk of Council Debbie Vanckunas, in her absence. To bring your agenda up to date, Members of Council, you're being asked to suspend Rule 24B to add resolution 52 to the agenda. The Chair will recognize that motion now, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 24B and add Resolution #52 to this evening's agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you suspend Rule 24B. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #52 is a legal part of your agenda. You're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add the second reading of Ordinance #9er and including #14. Are there any remarks? ... Member Casar, the Chair will recognize that at this time.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinances for the second reading Ordinances #9 through and including 14; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances 9er through 14. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All Ordinances for their second readings are a legal part of your agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We have no scheduled public hearings at this time.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No one has signed up for public speaks under Ordinances or Resolutions for Adoption.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Informal Resolutions. It will not be necessary to excuse members. Let the journal show that all members of Council are present.

***PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ RESOLUTION #52 BY TITLE, AS SHOWN BELOW. THE RESOLUTION IS ON FILE IN ITS ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS DATED APRIL 18, 2005.***

52. INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE : OBJECTING TO A CHANGE OF CORPORATE STOCK OWNERSHIP OF C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTED BY R&S CONVENIENT MART, dba B&B SUPERMARKET, 636 CHERRY NE. - **TABLED INDEFINITELY**

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #52; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #52. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?

MEMBER CASAR; Mr. President, I move we table Resolution #52 indefinitely; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that this Resolution be tabled indefinitely. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS MOTION TO TABLE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution 52 is tabled indefinitely, which means the Resolution is dead.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All communications are received as read, filed and properly 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 APRIL 18, 2005.***

219. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR MARGY POORMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR &/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT W/FREED HOUSING CORP FOR A \$348,480 GRANT UTILIZING HOME FUNDS FOR 2 HOUSING PROGRAMS - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CMTES

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220. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR MARGY POORMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO \$75,000 CONTRACT WITH NOVA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE A GRANT UTILIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR MISC REPAIR/RENOVATION TO BUILDING & PARKING LOT @832 MARKET AVE N - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CMTES
221. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR MARGY POORMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INT \$48,650 CONTRACT WITH JR COLEMAN FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE A GRANT UTILIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR MISC. RENOVATION TO JR COLEMAN CHILD CARE & FAMILY CENTER @ 2213 14<sup>TH</sup> ST NE - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CMTES
222. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR MARGY POORMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO \$20,000 CONTRACT WITH WESTERN STARK MEDICAL CLINIC TO PROVIDE A GRANT UTILIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR MISC MEDICAL STAFF COSTS INCLUDING STAFF RELATING TO A CARE-A-VAN PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS PERSONS IN OUR COMMUNITY - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CMTES
223. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR MARGY POORMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO \$50,000 CONTRACT WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT TO PROVIDE A GRANT UTILIZING COMMUNITY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS FOR MISCELLANEOUS SHORT-TERM HOUSING SERVICES TO ASSIST WOMEN & CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CMTES
224. DIAMOND, ROSEMARY, WARD 8 COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF CANTON: LETTER TO THE MAYOR & LAW DIRECTOR REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE CITY'S MORAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON 49<sup>TH</sup> STR NW ABUTTING THE MONTICELLO SUBDIVISION - RECEIVED & FILED
225. HEALTH BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR ROSE BRESSON, CITY OF CANTON : COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MARCH 2005 INSURANCE CLAIMS, & JAN-MAR 2005 PAID CLAIMS & COMPARATIVE REPORT . - RECEIVED & FILED
226. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, 6606 TUSSINGRD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG OHIO 43068-9005: INFORMING APPLICANT TRAI SH ENTERPRISES, dba CHERRY MARKET @ 1494 CHERRY AVE SE, THAT THE CITY OF CANTON HAS WITHDRAWN ITS OBJECTION TO THE CLASS C-1-2 PERMIT RENEWAL - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE CMTE
227. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT OF LOT 324 ON ORCHARD AVENE BETWEEN 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> STREETS AS REQUESTED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE

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228. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT OF LOT 7694 AT QUEEN COURT & HERT PL NW AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF CANTON - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
229. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT OF LOTS 29914, 29950, 29957-75, 35044 & PART OF OUTLOTS 491 & 493 AT ALLEN AVE & MILLS SE (THURMAN MUNSON STADIUM) AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF CANTON - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
230. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF R-3 MULTI-FAMILY ZONING & ASSIGNMENT TO WARD 4 FOR THE SHAWNEE/CANTON TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION AREA - JUDICIARY CMTE.  
**PUBLIC HEARING 5/23/05 @ 7:30PM**
231. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF ZONE CHANGE REQUESTED BY DONALD LEUCHTAG, DBA R. L. EDWARDS COMPANY, FROM R-1A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PI-1 PLANNED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL FOR 1704 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET SW - JUDICIARY CMTE. **PUBLIC HEARING 5/23/05 @ 7:31PM**
232. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY GROFFRE INC TO VACATE PARTS OF RIVERSIDE, WATER CT, FORK PL., RAKE CT & IDA PL SE - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
233. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST \$8,550.00 FEE MODIFICATION TO CIVIL DESIGN ASSOCIATES FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN & SURVEY SERVICES IN THE MIDWAY NE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO INCLUDE 19<sup>TH</sup> ST NE FROM MIDWAY TO MORRIS: & REQUEST \$8,550.00 TRANSFER FOR SAME - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES & FINANCE CMTES
234. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST \$105,185.00 DESIGN CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH URS CORP FOR ADDITIONAL PLAN PREPARATION WORK FOR TUSCARAWAS ST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, GP 1064 & SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR SAME - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES & FINANCE CMTES
235. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS & ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NEW SIGNS @ CANTON MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER, INCLUDING VIDEO MESSAGE BOARD; AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO MAKE APPLICATION & ACCEPT GRANT FOR EXPENSES OF SAME & TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CULTURAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS TO SHARE IN USE & MANAGEMENT OF MESSAGE BOARDS. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & FINANCE CMTES
236. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING \$80,000.00 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM 1001 GENERAL FUND TO INCREASE CIVIC

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237. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST LAW DEPARTMENT DRAFT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PREPARE "FOURTH-DOWN TURNOVER" OR "THREE STRIKES YOU'RE OUT" LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS REPEAT NON-VIOLENT CRIMINALS. - RECEIVED & FILED
238. WEST, THOMAS, WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER: REQUEST LAW DIRECTOR PREPARE LEGISLATION AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 749 TO INCLUDE THE REGULATION OF ITINERANT VENDORS WITHIN THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. - RECEIVED & FILED

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their first reading. Let the journal show that Ordinances are being given their reading as required by State Law

***NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #8 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS.***

- #1 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A PORTION OF MAHONING ROAD NE IN THE CITY OF CANTON, "O'JAYS BOULEVARD NE". *Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Cmte*
- #2 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR RECIPROCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STARK STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY *Referred to Intergovernmental & Public Service Committee*

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Chair wishes to remind Council that all Ordinances are being given their reading as required by State Law. Ordinance #3.

- #3 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF ONE PARCEL OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONVEY SAID PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER; EMERGENCY. *Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee*
- #4 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO WORK AGREEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MARKET AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. *Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee*
- #5 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH

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THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE UPGRADING OF INTERSECTIONS; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO 253/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. *Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement & Finance Committees*

- #6 (1<sup>ST</sup> 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*
- #7 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBLIGATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$80,552.83 TO VARIOUS SUPPLIERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. *Referred to Finance Committee*
- #8 (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY *Referred to Environmental & Public Utilities and Finance Committees*

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the Second Reading.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #9 THROUGH #14 FOR THE SECOND TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS.***

- #9 (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (RALPH COWAN ZONE CHANGE)
- #10 (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE (CITY-WIDE REZONING)
- #11 (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$84,000.00 FOR A COMPREHENSIVE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #12 (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE CREDIT BUREAU OF STARK COUNTY, INC. FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT USER FEES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #13 (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER

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INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CT CONSULTANTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#14 (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PARTS OF OUTLOTS 808 AND 809; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the third and final reading.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ ORDINANCE #15 FOR ITS THIRD & FINAL TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCE #15 WAS ADOPTED FOLLOWING ITS 3<sup>RD</sup> READING.***

#15 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 78/2005** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OSBORNE ENGINEERING COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,900 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ST NE STORM SEWER PROJECT, GP 1090; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 253/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #15; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #15. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #15 is adopted. **#15 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 78/2005**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Announcement of committee meetings please.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, Public Property Capital Improvement will meet April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President, Finance Committee will meet Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, Public Safety and Thoroughfares will meet at 6:00, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Intergovernmental and Public Service will meet the same day, at the same time.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Mr. President, Environmental & Public Utilities will meet the same time, 6:00, next Monday.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Anybody else?... Is that it?...

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*NO RESPONSE*

**PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks, Open Forum, City Business only. We have 17 people signed up this evening. The first speaker is Pastor Raphael Cox.

PASTOR COX: My name is Pastor Raphael Cox. I'm Pastor at the Drop In Center on Cherry Avenue SE, 1492 Cherry Avenue SE. We accosted Council back in December about the problems we were having with various young people down there pushing drugs. It has escalated again. It hasn't gone away. The weather was our greatest ally but now that the weather has broken again, the escalation has started again and they're comin' out in numbers, I would say that surpassed the past. We did see some activity from law enforcement and we are grateful for that but, the problem is just beginning again to heat up once again. So, we're back again to let you know that it hasn't gone away, it's still as fervent as ever. The fact may be even more so because some of these activities have even escalated that they're doing down there. I've seen, one thing I've seen escalated is even out on our church parking lot area, there's a lot more glass and destruction and that broken, and that in that area and for the most part, we're talking, I would say, teenage to young adults. We're not talking about kids, we're talking about people that should have some kind of idea of what they're dealing, where they're at and what their situation is, that they're confronted with there, but they seem to have no respect of it whatsoever. So, we're back once again that we might see a concerted effort from our law enforcement because as the temperature continues to sustain, we're going to see, I'm sure, greater activity. It's just it's very disrespectful, everything that they're about. I told you when I was here in December that they were running up to cars and intimidating people and I've noticed a little bit less of that although they're still, because the age group is so young, that they're constantly turning over and, they don't know, or don't recognize, even some of us that are officials of the church there, and so, you know, I see some of the others beginning to whistle at them or calm them down or whatever, when they recognize the vehicles, but for a lot of it, it's still the same, it's business as usual. And so, we're back again, as we see the weather has broken now to once again, petition the Council that we're going to need increased enforcement in order to be able to operate and basically, that's what I came to tell 'ya tonight and we look forward, if anything we can do on our behalf, that we can be of service, let us know, but we certainly would expect and certainly hope to see a concerted effort from our law enforcement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Niko Erving, Am I pronouncing that correct?

MR. ERVING: My name is Niko Erving and I'm a member of the church at the Community Drop In Center, and I'm one of the ones that's being harassed, like on a regular, when I go up there to go to church. You know, the young guys come to the car. They come up and ask me if I need any drugs. What I want and whatever, but I think it's pretty bad for me when I come to church I have to be approached and they, you know they're also on the sidewalk out there playin' dice, you know, I even smell, there be marijuana and everything and that's just around the church and I think that's pretty bad, you know, like you said, the cops do come, y'all set up, they set up there for a minute or two, whatever, how long they sit, but as soon as they leave, they come back and there'll be many more than what it be the first time they come in, like, it's 10 to 15 of them and they don't even move for you when you pull in the parking lot. They just stand there and look at you. And so, I just, I just, you know, come back and do our job basically. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Veronica Callahan.

MS. CALLAHAN: My name is Veronica Callahan and I reside at 3406 34<sup>th</sup> Street NE in the City of Canton and I would like to say good evening to our Mayor, Janet Creighton and to our Council President Mr. Denczak and

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all of Council. We are here once again, representation in the neighborhood and those two gentlemen are part of us as well. We just had to sign in in a pretty unique way, but, we are here to encourage Council that we are appreciative of the things that you have done in each of our communities and that we are still here to support you in any way that we can but we do have some issues and concerns that we need to put before you. We have several members, like you know, that are going to speak to you on behalf of us and I'm not going to steal their presentation but we would like for the Mayor and for the City officials and all of Council to take under consideration that as a whole, as we're revitalizing Canton, bring into it new development, can we, perhaps figure out a way that these investors can invest in our community groups because the fact of the matter is, the more properties you bring into our city and businesses you bring, it increases our crime. It increases our civil needs, it increases our family needs and we're a city, as together, as thousands of us are represented here without any additional dollars, but major cases to try to work with. So, you know, we don't claim to know everything and I'm sure that this is something you take under consideration, but it's getting hard as neighborhood organizations, faith-based organizations, grass root organizations, we need dollars too. So, one thing that I kinda have adopted, that I like to say is, if you don't make us part of the solution, we'll become part of the problem. And I say that in terms of teenagers and kids and the drugs and the violence and the gangs as well as adults with the same issues. We like to remind you, and I'm very proud of our city, everyone in this room has reserved a seat at the Meet The Candidates this year. If you're here and you aren't a member of Council and would like to attend, we'll be having a city-wide Meet The Candidates on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. The doors will open up at 5:30 again. All of you have already RSVP'd so, we're really grateful that you're taking us under consideration and utilizing the platform that we're gonna put before you. Usually I have NAVE stand up and I wanna say we have a lotta people down with illnesses this week because you know, usually we pack the room, but members of NAVE, if you wanna stand up.... (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE) And, with this group it's representation of a thousand. Okay. So, we appreciate you takin' the time out to always hear us. We have some great information for you tonight so please take it under consideration and know that even though we support you, we will be holding you accountable in your next campaign and Good Luck!

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Diane Wissuchek.

MS. WISSUCHEK: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm Diane Wissuchek and I live at 2029 Franklin Place NW in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood and I'm a member of the Neighborhood Leadership Council. Mr. President, Mayor Creighton, Councilmembers. After wondering for at least the last 15 years why Canton has not had a recycling program, I want to thank whoever is responsible for causing it to now become a priority. It's about time. The proposed curb-side recycling will help bring this city into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I have been a recycle-er for many years. Being taught as a child that finding another life for things we no longer need is the best way to preserve our resources, both personal and global and the environment, for future generations, and I have been frustrated that this city did not have a recycling program. As you are all well aware, in the past, Canton residents were told there would be a recycling program through the normal trash collections, so many people who had previously recycled, stopped. We were assessed an increased utility bill and several city collection centers were closed. After a couple of years, when the city found that this recycling was not working, many of the residents continued throwing everything into the weekly trash. They were not required to recycle and it was easier, personally cheaper and less time-consuming. Utility bills only increased, so the proposed plan is really a plus for city residents. No increase in utility bills. Those who went back to recycling have paid the same for trash collection as everyone else and had the additional costs transporting things to recycling centers, so the proposed curb-side collection for normal daily recyclables would be the most desirable for city-wide efforts and we want to see this program fly with a very high rate of participation. As an example of recycling normal daily products, recycling 1 aluminum can saves enough energy to keep a 100 watt light bulb burning for almost 4 hours or, run your television for 3 hours. Last year, 54 billion cans were recycled saving the energy equivalent of 15 million barrels of crude oil -- America's entire gas consumption for 1 day. We think that the main element in getting high

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participation in this program is education of our residents. What plans are there to accomplish this? Since recycling will help our neighborhoods, the neighborhood associations can help with this education process by re-enforcing the rules of recycling and the advantages of recycling to our neighborhood residents. Hopefully, the schools can also be enlisted to help in this educational process since it will need to be an on-going one. In addition, I hope that something will be included in this program so yard waste will be used to create composts and our mulch instead of filling up our landfills with organic material that could well be used by the city, county or the neighborhood themselves to improve our environment. I have been looking forward to participating in the recycling survey when it was announced it was to be sent to the city residents. Only last week I found out that it was already sent out to only some residents and my neighborhood, as far as I know, did not get the survey. Can you tell me who was selected to receive these surveys and how they were selected? What percentage of the city residents were included and when will the results be available? After 2 decades of fits and starts in getting recycling in Canton, let us all work together to get everyone on board, please keep the neighborhood association in the communication loop. Thank you. (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President, if, Mr. President, if I may, Ms. Wissuchek, first of all, the credit goes to Councilman Hart. He has been a crusader for recycling for a long, long time and to be very direct that survey was to go out to all Canton city residents, but I know there were some that did not receive it because of the way the carrier routes were designed. The results will be, probably, distributed next week. There was about an 11% return of the surveys that did go out. I'm gonna have to check on your address, but, I know Rich and I and Joe, we all.....

MS. WISSUCHEK: I live right on the, I live right on the border.....

MAYOR CREIGHTON: That might be why.

MS. WISSUCHEK: ....on the, of the City of Canton, because Plain Township has an island right north of me.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: That's probably why, and we wanted to rule on the side of being conservative rather than going outside the borders. If, in fact, if it was on a carrier route, that some of our residents, or some people may have gotten it without being a resident. We did not want to skew the results.

MS. WISSUCHEK: I see.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Randy Dyer.

MR. DYER: Hello. I'm here from 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and address please.

MR. DYER: My name is Randy Dyer. I live on 616 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE. I'm here with a group of other people. We've been getting together here. We've had 2 meetings and you'll hear from some of them. I talked to Mr. West a number of times. I'm just gonna be honest. I didn't come, you know, I tend to be a fairly blunt guy and Mr. West knows that and I'm gonna make....you know, I don't want to be disrespectful in any way but I feel I should get straight to the point. We have a serious problem in Canton with our law enforcement. I'm not saying that this takes place in every neighborhood, but on the northeast end, it's a mess. We get no cooperation when we call the police, we're treated as if we are a pain in their behind. They act like we have hassled them by bothering them. I've had cops come out that refused to get out of the car. I've had cops that have told me don't count on the system, it's not here for you. I've had cops tell me to go beat people up and they won't do anything about

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it because that's not their job. They're not going to do anything about my complaint so, if I want to handle it, I should handle it myself and they won't do anything about that either. This is not what we pay our taxes for. I've raised 2 children in this community. I've raised them to be honest, respectful people. We have a serious juvenile problem in our area and I don't think it's just our area. We have a curfew in the City of Canton and whenever you question these law enforcement officials, they will tell you, if you can get one of them aside, he will tell you, I'm tired. We arrest these people and they're out of jail before my shift is over. Why do I keep wasting my time? My response is, to that police officer, that someone else not doin' their job does not excuse you from doin' yours. So, we're here to hold the Police Department accountable and yet at the same time, to support Mr. West with his Fourth Down Turn Over Plan that will put some of the power of the police's hands that will take away the excuse that they have for not doin' their job. We want to support our law enforcement. We want to have a relationship with our law enforcement, but we are continuing to run into problems where we are not allowed that opportunity because they, quite frankly, look at us as somebody that keeps botherin' them. Now we have problems with drug dealers, you'll hear from some of the other people who live in our area. We have serious problems and, quite frankly, you know, we can continue to clean up our city, but until we start dealing with the elements that are eroding it from within, I don't care if my neighbor's house needs paint. I don't care. I care about whether they're a good neighbor. I care about whether they're responsible in contributing to the community. I don't care whether they have the perfect appearance. I care about us as a community, and if it's happening in our end of town, it's only a matter of time before it effects the whole community. It costs the whole community, and we're here to let you know that we are not going to go away. We are going to continue to push for reform in our legal system. We're gonna start with the police and we're gonna work up from there, and if we don't get the cooperation, and here again, I don't mean to be rude, but if we don't get the cooperation of the people who we voted for, these drug dealers did not vote anybody into office. These juveniles did not vote anybody into office. We voted them in and if we do not start to get the cooperation we need, then, we will vote people in who will cooperate with us, and here again, I don't mean to be rude, but I work long hours and to take my time and come down here, I didn't come down here to beat around the bush. I want you to know where we're comin' from and we look forward to supporting you and support us and, hopefully, we can make some changes to where the people in this city feel like they have a hand in their community again. It's, it's difficult just getting anybody even involved anymore because they don't feel that they have any hand in it.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, you have surpassed your 3 minute time limit here.

MR. DYER: Yes sir. Thank you. (*AUDIENCE APPLAUSE*)

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, I alluded to this last week in reference to police officers responding to the community in negative ways. Mr. Dyer and Sandy Dyer, they've held a meeting last week at their home and they had 27 residents there. I was very proud of them for doing that and all of them voiced concerns on the same matter where they didn't feel that the police officers supported their neighborhood. So, definitely, we need to address this issue in a pretty comprehensive way.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President, thank you. Mr. Dyer called me, in fact, several people from the neighborhood called me and I would only ask that when you call to please leave your name and your phone number. I cannot call people back if they don't do that. But, I found Mr. Dyer, did I not? I searched until I found him and I called him back and we came to an agreement that he is going to bring 3 representatives with 3 issues, 3 to 5 issues, I'm not, I don't really want to put a limit, but I don't, he understood that I didn't need 25 and I will accumulate the proper individuals to meet with those individuals. So, the process has started. I chatted with him on Friday, Thursday or Friday and he was to get his people together in his neighborhood and we're gonna go from there. We are aware of the problem and we are going to help him solve it.

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MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, one more thing with that and just so that Council knows and the Administration knows. The reason a number of these individuals, and they voiced this last week, was that they don't respond, they don't leave their address, they don't leave their phone numbers because they're concerned of, or they fear retribution or retaliation from the drug dealers themselves. So that's why some of them, I'm speaking on their behalf.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The statements made by Mr. Dyer, and the remarks made by some of these policemen, they constitute the actions of the law enforcement officer. Do you know who these particular officers are? You see, so many times, people come up and say that the police do this, the police said that, so they paint the whole department with the same brush. I don't think that's fair. We should know who these particular officers are by name and badge so that you can approach them and instruct them what they're expected to do.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President. Mr. Dyer, when you provide that information to the Mayor, if you have any names or badge numbers, I am very interested in that because the policemen are paid to do their job and their job is to respond to citizens in a professional, workman-like manner, and they're going to do that.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you Safety Director. The next speaker is Sandy Dyer.

MS. DYER: Mr. President, Mayor, City Officials, I would like to stand before you today. My name is Sandy Dyer. I live at 616 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE. My husband is Randy Dyer and if our, some of our friends from neighborhoods could just stand up so we could see that we did bring a group with us and there's more that will be here at our next meeting; due to work, they could not make it at a short notice. We, I stand before you for safety, for our children, for our neighbors and our elderly people. Since we started this meeting, which was 2 weeks ago, our phones have not stopped ringing. We have people in our neighborhood have called Police to their houses to investigate drug deals that's going across the street, never got returns back, callin' me in the middle of the night, early in the daytime. Elderly women who needed to be walked to our meetings because they're so scared to even come out of their houses during the day time. Before leaving my house to come down here, we car pooled and there was 3 car loads of teenagers with air guns shooting people. My friend Holly, just got shot last week by kids driving around with water pistols hanging out of their cars. I am very concerned what is going on with our city and the things that are in our city. I am very concerned about this meeting today, and I'm not trying to be disrespectful, but I come here, I'm tired, I just got off work, I see city officials late, cell phones going off, people not even takin' notes. So, I wonder how serious do you guys take us? Because this is a serious matter because I live in the neighborhood. Our house has been shot, our cars have been stolen 3 times with fingerprints, all kind of evidence in the car from bottles, from Nike headbands, we had to pay to get our car out of impound twice, police have shown up at our house and told us that it was probably an initiation night so don't even bother about it. I just want somebody to come out and do something, even if law officials see a large group of people, would it be a harm to turn on their lights and say, it's past 11:00, go in the house. Just do something. That's all I asked, to just do something. Walk down 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE and do something. Thank you. (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I don't read anything in the paper of these problems going on, these have got to be very serious, dangerous problems. The only thing I read in The Repository about the Police Department is the internal fighting going on with the Unions and the Chief. Now, I'm quite interested in the outcome of this program now that the Mayor and the Safety Director is going to look into, because when you endanger the lives of this neighborhood, they may leave that neighborhood but they will go to some other neighborhood and operate. So you've nipped the bud at the stem, the stem at the bud, whatever. Get rid of this problem. Don't let it relocate itself. It scares me. Next speaker is Catherine Kimbrough.

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MS. KIMBROUGH: I'm Catherine Kimbrough. I live at 802 Sherlock NE, Canton, Ohio and where I'm at, we have gangs (*MICROPHONE ADJUSTMENT*) Can you hear me now? All right. We have gangs, we have drugs, the kids are all around there. I have called the police. Mr. West had given me numbers to call, the police and someone else. I don't know who it was, the Safety Director? I have yet to talk to them, no response at all. The police, I had asked them, let the police just come and patrol, like they used to. We don't see no police cars around our way, nothing and if we do see it, once in a while, the police will just go by, look at them kids and just, like settle it down and they keep on going. They do not stop at these kids. It's like they're afraid of these kids. These kids know it, and I think, you know, our neighborhood, it's just terrible and we have a good neighborhood, and we have a good neighborhood, I mean, we did. But, now, my goodness, it's scary. I can't even, I don't even bring my grandchildren no more because I'm afraid that they're going to get shot or something. I don't think I should have to live like that, I mean, it's really scary and I think the police should just take a step up and start doing something, and I know Mr. West, I called him and called him and he has given me numbers and I know he did his job but there's no back-up there. That's all I gotta say, but I hope they do something with our neighborhood. Thank you. (*AUDIENCE APPLAUSE*)

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, one more issue. With respect to the curfew, is there some recourse to kids that violate the curfew? Service, Safety Director?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: The individuals that violate the curfew are taken out to the Juvenile Attention Center, if they have space, they endeavor to keep them but, if they don't, they have a hearing in the Court and the Court makes a determination as to whether or not they will keep them.

MEMBER WEST: Say that again?.... (*INAUDIBLE RESPONSE*) The other question I have specific to the neighborhoods in terms of the problematic behaviors that these people are experiencing, and not just in that area and actually 3 quadrants within my ward---We asked of you, several, almost 12 months ago about this safe...the cameras. In order to identify some of the individuals that are breaking into people's cars and of course, my car's been broken into 5 times since I've been a Councilman, and I'm certain all the people that came to that meeting has had other experiences with that as well, where are we at with those safety, or those security cameras?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, I had a meeting last week with the representative with, from Barco. He gave me a list of the type cameras that we need. I have scheduled a meeting with Bill Allen, our Finance Director so that I can establish a budget to purchase these cameras. We have all the specs in now for the cameras that we need. We've determined the software that's needed. The final linchpin is to arrange to have a budget with some money in it so that we can buy the cameras. We've determined we're going to purchase four.

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, if I could ask the Safety Director a question. Are you privy to or aware of a task force being put in the works that will help alleviate some of these problems that are plaguing pockets of my ward and, I know, Tom's ward and probably some other areas in the city? I've had communications with a couple of the police officers who are supposed to be involved in it and I'm just wondering if you, if you're able to talk about that or if there's a definite date as to when this program is going to roll out?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, Chief McKimm has started the necessary paper work for the Gang Task Force. We are going to take a Sergeant from the traffic bureau and several officers from the traffic bureau. We are also getting the assistance of ATF to help them because they will be able to give us some Federal support. I'm hoping that in the future they'll be able to give us some Federal money, but we're not sure about that now. We plan to have a neighborhood meeting with individuals from 11<sup>th</sup> Street and McKinley on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month. I have invited Councilmember West and Councilmember Hawk to this meeting. We plan to roll out that Task Force along with some other intensive police law enforcement things that we're going to do that we used

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to do in the Newton zone. I spoke to the Sheriff Friday, I mean, the Chief Friday. We've gotten the okay for that and we're planning right now to roll that down just as the summer months are approaching.

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, just real quick, real quick. Safety Director Hunt, I would like to just bring to light that there's more than one area of this city that needs to be concentrated on. There are pockets of problems all over ward 4, all over ward 2 and I commend the people from the Newton zone who helped kick the prostitutes out of their neighborhood but, just as the problem moves, the police should move with the problem and I am concerned that so many people are here speaking tonight saying we're not getting the support we need from our police department and I'm just kinda wondering if all the in-fighting that President Denczak mentioned is making the citizens of our city suffer because of it. I do personally believe that our priorities should always be to the residents of this city and if we can't work out our problems in-house, keep it out of the newspaper, then maybe that's something that should be addressed from the top.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I want to remind Members of Council (*AUDIENCE APPLAUSE*)....please.... remind the Members of Council that this portion of the agenda is dedicated to allowing the public to speak. However, since I see there's so much input by the Administration and Members of Council, I've kinda overlooked that rule, so, if you think you have something important to say, I'm gonna let you say it. The next speaker is Holly Worlow.

MS. WORLOW: Good evening Mr. President and Mayor and also other Councilmembers. I come here today, first of all.....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and address please.

MS. WORLOW: ....Oh, I'm sorry. Holly Worlow, 1410 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE. I come today saddened, for one thing. It's a shame that you can't walk down your street without cars of gangs of children driving and like my friend has spoken of, as I was walking and a little bit more knowledgeable of what was going on, I, the first thought that came to my mind is some of the elderly residents that live in my neighborhood. If it would have been one of them, unfortunately, they probably wouldn't be standing here today. I know that the police are trying but I don't see them patrolling the neighborhoods as much as they used to and we have break-ins. My son's car's got broken into and I also come to you today as a parent. When I am in my house and trying to relax or read, and I hear children outside, excuse me, teenagers and older adults, outside and my teenager is inside and I am doing my job as a parent to have him respect the neighborhood and to be, I don't think it's fair that our family night, or what have you, has to be disrupted because of other parents who aren't doing their job. So, I know as we're working together, I would hope that we can solve some of our problems. I know with my neighbors and in the people that came today, we're here to say that we're willing to do our part to help you and also I know that I want to compliment Mr. West in helping, but when he gives the numbers and you call and then they give you connected to somebody else, well, I don't want to deal with that, then, one day I had 4 different people that I was directed to before a secretary said ma'am, I told her, you know, I do not want to be given to someone else and she stepped up to the plate and answered some of my problems that we were having and how to solve. So, you know, we have to work together as a community. I want to stay in my neighborhood. I like my house. I bought that house and I'm proud of it and I want to stay there but I don't think that I should have to fear people coming to visit or different things because of this problem with these teenagers and the traffic and I know it's right on the border, but we are affected by Bryant, right there by Rowland's Park and they're already starting to line up and unfortunately, it's not children that's up there and the cars that are there and when the children are running you know, you hear people yelling, stop, you know because one of these children are gonna get hurt and we heard about the incident in Cleveland today and I don't want that to be on my street to get up and read a 4 year child was hit because of people driving. So, I just hope that we're here to help and I hope that you're here to help us.

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Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Lillian Bradford.

MS. BRADFORD: My name is Lillian Bradford and I live at 1105 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE and I'm havin' the same problem with everyone around me, the same thing and we have kids there, little kids that love to ride, love to play. I have put on brakes many days and many evenings to keep from hitting those little kids. They start out in the yard and down the hill they come and that's really scary. My grandkids, like she said, I don't let them come to my house too much, not to play outside, they have to play inside because I'm scared of them, you know, gettin' hit because they love to run out and play ball and all that. When I'm right there puttin' on brakes I'm a caring driver, good driver, whatever, and I drive kids around, picks kids up from home and all that and then take them to the center and take them back. Well, I see a lot of stuff, hookers, drug dealers, drugs, the whole shot. Guys are runnin' around over there with their pants half to their feet, down to the floor or to the ground and they be smokin' and be cussin' and they goin' on over. The hookers are over there on the other side tryin' to get their pigeon so they could come over....it's horrible. The only thing I have to say is when we's little, we didn't have this problem because we were raised, I was raised in a very prejudiced place and, I thought it was prejudiced because when we was in school, this was a long time ago, because I'm old, they took us, we went on a bus tour. They told us, we went on a bus tour. They told us we was goin' on a field trip. We went, they took us all to jail, opened the doors, put us all in and left us there and we screamed bloody murder. The next time we had the field trip, they took us to prison and let them close those big gates and we all huddle together and the people did, prisoners in there, they was going on but we was scared to death. Well, from that day to this one, I'm proud to say that I'll be 65 in September. I have never been to jail. Never gonna go to prison, oh no, never. That scared us so bad, 12 grades, never got in trouble and we was raised on farm, and we used to fight every day but we wouldn't dare put a bruise on nobody, and how that kept, I don't know. We would wrestle, you know, beat on up and all that stuff, but , we was scared to go to jail. That's what need to happen to these kids around here, the ones that's so bad, they need to pin up their pants, the ones that droopin' down and they need to get the ones that the way they actin' like they so tough. I mean this needs to stop. I'm not a speaker but, hey, this really makes me mad to see these, you know, little kids have to go through this kinda stuff but we didn't go through it. We was raised up. My uncle, I was raised up with boys. I guess I'm a tom-boy but still, I wasn't touched, nobody raped me, nobody beat me up but they pushed me down until I learned how to fight but hey, you know, I wasn't hurt. Now, I be scared for the dad, for my grandkids to keep us. I'm constantly callin', that's crazy. He won't bother them, I say, I say, yeah, that's what happened to this other little baby, you know. The dad raped his own baby. He's watchin' TV, seein' the sex real stuff on there and nobody else around but the baby, so, he raped his own daughter. A little bitty baby. That, that, that did it right there. So, I'm scared and I hope and I beg you guys to please stop this before some more, more of these kids get hurt and there's so many of them in these homes that's getting sexually abused. We don't know it. We don't know about it.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ma'am, your 3 minutes are up.

MS. BRADFORD: Oh, thank you.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, one more statement and I swear I'll shut up. But, I hope everybody heard what she just said. She just said that she's even fearful of letting her kids go to the playground. In this past year, you know, I've done a lota work in tryin' to get the playgrounds opened up and revived and it's sad to hear individuals from that community say that they can't even send their kids to the playground. I did talk to Carb...Member Carbenia who is also going to look into some of these issues, but, one of the women at that home said that a little teenager lifted up his jacket and had a pistol and the mother just took off to her home. So, I mean, we really need to look at that situation and say that when families in the neighborhood cannot even go to

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the playground without feeling safe, then, we have a major issue in our city.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Cynthia Moore.

MS. MOORE: Good evening, my name is Cynthia Moore and my address is 1514 Glendale Place NE. I am here to say that I have been invaded in my home. I have been in my home 8 years and three times I have been invaded in my own home. I come home, my house is broken in. My garage is tore up because teenagers done went in, broke the windows out, set stuff on fire in there. I can't even go out there. I've come home, I have eggs all on the side of my house. I can't come home from church because soon as I go to my door to open it, I'm, I'm grabin' egg shells, until one day, I asked God, who did it? I was really mad. I come home praisin' God, happy, egg shells all over my house, he showed me who did it. I went straight to them. I said some threatening words but it didn't happen any more. I come home, I get off of work, you got 11 and 12 year olds on the corner shootin' dice. Guess what I do? I go and run them off the street 'cuz I let 'em know I don't play. You're not gonna bring that around here. Okay, but I should be able to feel safe in my own home, in my own neighborhood. There are elderlies that I check on, that are scared to come outside of their homes because of the kids and the loud music at night, late at night, boomin' up the street. People got to get up for work 4, 5 o'clock in the mornin'. Kids shouldn't be out, and I really think that the parents needs to be checked too, see, because it's not just the kids. The parents need to be checked too and I think there, that there should be somethin' drawn up for the parents when their kids are out late at night like that. (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE) Any time you have 11 or 12 year olds outside late at night, you should get the parents because it starts in the home. It starts in the home and I think that we need to do something about this as a community. I went over on Harmont. I see kids walkin' around with blue bandannas on. Gangs. They done already started gangs so that you can't come on this side, you can't come on that side. Over on Gibbs. Prostitutes. Drug addicts. Something needs to be done, I mean, some kind of programs you need to come up with it where they, they get in trouble send 'em to church because that's where they need to come, to God's house. Come up with something, some kind of community service where they've got to come to God's house 'cuz that's the only way they gonna, that's the only way they gonna change. Somebody got to minister to them and we need to all come together and go out and minister to these youth, minister to the prostitutes, minister to the drug addicts out there, and it's terrible that you cannot feel safe in your own home. Thank you. (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Valerie Kirkland.

MS. KIRKLAND: Good evening. My name is Valerie Kirkland. I live on 1317 41<sup>st</sup> Street NW. I'm also here to say that I'm very proud of our neighborhood. It is something that we have just gotten up and off our feet and has had help from several members here in front of me, and again, thank you very much. Our community is finally trying to come together and get some things done that we need to do to help revitalize our area. There has been a major concern brought around our community. Of course, as we know, the development for the O'Brien that was going to be going in on, in between 44<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 42<sup>nd</sup>, behind the Rite Aid on Cleveland Avenue. There was a project done a couple weeks ago as far as piping done between Cleveland Avenue and Vernon. We are just all hoping that this is not something that's gonna be brought back and say we're starting to do projects to alleviate the water problems in that area, and the reason being is Vernon dead ends into my back yard. As of today, we went about ten days without rain, it is still very wet. You cannot walk through it. There are several other neighbors in my area experiencing the same problem, so, I guess I'm just up here to ask please do not think that that is fixing the problem. It may be a start. We are not against any development coming in and, you know, making good to our community, but the bottom line is that you are here to represent us and take care of us. That's what we pay you for. That's what we voted you in office for so please be abiding and take care of the people and the problems before bringing other developments in and letting us go, like the problems on Market Avenue and 55<sup>th</sup>. We don't want it. Please learn from that mistake and don't put us in the same situation and we

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will continue coming down here. We have been down here for several years now, almost every week. We're not going away. Thank you. (*AUDIENCE APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Beverly Jordan.

MS. JORDAN: My name is Beverly Jordan. I reside at 7440 Cheryl Lane NW, Massillon and I have a community based organization at 1221 Harrisburg Road NE. Greetings to the Honorable Mayor, her staff and City Councilmen. We would like bein', we would like to invite the Members of Council to join with neighborhood groups, community-based organizations, grass roots organizations and your constituents here to make a commitment to the families we serve, the families we are and the families that are your constituents. We would like to encourage and urge you to work with us. These are unique times with unique problems, and we believe that only with working with us, for our community, can we be successful. We came here and we, a lot of us have presented and laid out problems for you but the truth of the matter is we need to work together. You all need to provide resources to us and to the people in the community who have the problems. This is a time to look for answers and solutions in nontraditional manners. It's great to go to traditional organizations, it's great to come up with things that worked 10 years, but this is a different day, a different age, different people and so we're asking you, we're urging you to join us and it's not difficult. None of us have waiting lists that we can't see you. If you tell us you want to meet tomorrow and give us the day, I'm sure we can get together and, and offer some kind of solution and work with you in a partnership, and I urge you, the neighborhood organizations we do more than wear our T-shirts and come here once a year. When you're talking about addressing problems, we're here and if we're not here in a neighborhood group, nobody named this group, but they're here and they're together and it's about their community. So, we urge you to come to us so we can work with you. I think you needn't be afraid of us. You know, none of us bite and we get upset and angry, but, it's all to the same end and that's to help our community and our constituents. So, we would like to thank you and everybody can raise their hand who wants to meet a Councilmember. So, there you are. Thank you very much. (*AUDIENCE APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Constance Brown.

MS. BROWN: Mr. President, Mayor Creighton, and Members of Council. My name is Constance Brown. I live at 620 Bachert Court SW here in the City of Canton and on behalf of the neighborhoods of the City of Canton, I brought some concerns and some questions to better understand an Ordinance that was passed by Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. It was Ordinance #37/2005 and the questions center primarily around Section 133.051. That particular portion of the Ordinance states that the City of Canton shall charge a fee for the services of the Canton Fire Department when it responds to a motor vehicle accident with a minimum of an engine company or more equipment personnel or vehicles, depending on the circumstances encountered and provides public safety services at the scene of such accident, and it goes on to say these charges shall be the responsibility of the at-fault driver and/or the insurance company of the at-fault driver; if neither party is at fault, both parties and/or their insurance companies shall be charged. That brings up our questions. First of all, it was our understanding that the Fire Department is a public service that is supported by the taxpayers and the first question is, why are additional fees being charged for the use of any of the equipment, and you might even say specifically the jaws of life, the crow-bar, some of these things that were included. Another question along with that is with the circumstances of the possibility of accidents where there is no fault aside, that both parties can be charged. Under insurance law, it is illegal for an insurance, for two insurance companies to pay out for the same incident. So, the question also becomes one of how does the City charge in that event? Do they charge half to one insurance company, half to the other insurance company, charge both insurance companies and let those insurance companies fight it out in court? You know, what is going to be, what measures are going to be taken to assure that they stay within the boundaries of the law? And, another question that comes up along with that, is who

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determines whether this special equipment is needed and what measures are being taken to make sure that the Fire Department is held accountable for these visits and the charges they make so that this doesn't become just a fund-raising gimmick, if I may call it such, by the Fire Department? These are a number of questions that have been coming up and if anybody has some answers for these, we would appreciate it.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President. May I first off, I'd like to answer your third question first, and that was who determines whether or not these extra measures which generate fees are needed. The firefighters who respond to the call, and they are all professional firefighters who have undergone a lot of training, they only will cause these fees to be charged for those additional services that they need and that call is made by the firefighter that is on duty. Each time an engine truck is called, there is a supervisor that goes to that site and the supervisor has to write up a log by, about what they did, what sort of services and equipment was needed. So, it's our belief that only those services that are needed will be charged. Your first question. Why the additional fees? Originally when firefighters, firefighting capability, not only in this City but in other cities, as you're aware, they were banded together and put together to fight house fires, to fight brush fires to fight any type of fires. However, as the, society has grown, we have started to respond to automobile truck accidents and things like that because the firefighters are really the only individuals who are equipped to handle these sort of incidents. So, the firefighters were originally together to fight house fires but we have been asked and I'm sure the population would want us to also take care of fires that might start in a vehicle or other things that have to do with individuals being trapped in a vehicle as a result of an auto accident. So, these are really over and above those sort of things that the tax base has been engineered to take care of. Finally, your second question is a trick question. I guess I'd have to ask the Law Department to respond to your scenario concerning whether or not there's an accident and no one's charged and whether or not to the insurance companies would fight it out. I guess I would just have to tell you off the cuff that you can bet that they're both not going to pay but usually insurance companies will talk to each other and they'll make a determination themselves but I must defer to the Law Department to see whether or not they have a new response to that.

MS. BROWN: Thank you.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR TATARSKY: Yes, I think you're correct that the insurance companies have an internal system of determining the, the insurance liability and many times, as I recall, even picked up by the health insurance, the ambulance and the jaws of life and that kind of thing.

MS. BROWN: The other question came up in The Repository and I think that's one of the reasons why many people had some questions. According to The Repository commenting on this, they say there could be even a charge for the use of the crow bar. Is that extreme or is that really what the Ordinance provides?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: The Ordinance generally provides for those extra things that our firefighters have to do to extricate an individual from a vehicle or, for example, say you're in a car accident and you're, the front of your car is, the hood is jammed and say there's a fire. Well, they might use a crow bar to open the hood so that they could put the fire out, they might use it to get in the trunk area, so when The Repository said that, in fact that's what they did say, I don't think they meant to say that that would be the only service that we would be, we would be providing with the crow bar.

MS. BROWN: I'm sure that would be helpful for a better understanding. I appreciate it. The other question that I was supposed to present is one having to do with the demolition of properties which is happening all over the city and I think most of us are really glad to see the clean up. From time to time, a homeowner is able to contact the court and get a restraining order even when a property has hit the bid list. It's unusual, but it does happen. They did have it happen in one neighborhood that I'm very closely acquainted with. The neighbors all

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over town would like to know how can they make sure what's happened? Like, is there a way where they could check a list online to know what, which properties have been issued a restraining order and, what compliance the property owner will have to make within what time period so as a neighborhood we can know for sure whether we're going to experience the clean up that we originally expected to?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Law Director. Or, I'm sorry.....

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: It's late.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Safety Director.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Ma'am, the demolition list as it is generated by the Building Department is put on the City of Canton website, and the City of Canton also has monthly Building Board of Appeals hearings that the dates and times are also in the newspaper and on the website so that if you have particular questions about particular buildings, you can come to the Board of Appeals meetings, but, the demolition list is put on the City of Canton website and we try to update that as we tear buildings down and put the new ones on.

MS. BROWN: Thank you. I did follow that somewhat regularly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Robert Beach.

MR. BEACH: Good evening. My name is Robert Beach and I reside at 700 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Canton and I come before the Board or panel this evening to address the law, the law enforcement issues in our community. I have had instances where there have been gun shots fired right at my residence. I have called police and told them these things have happened and gathered shell casings, asked them to come and just check them out. Can you get finger prints? Can you do anything? We can't do anything. Nothing is done. They'll probably go away. It probably won't happen again. My son could probably be shot from a bullet that comes down from the sky, through my roof, into his bedroom and then what? I'm out a son or a daughter because police don't want to respond. Children. My children can't even go outside and ride their bicycles. My son and daughter asks me can I go ride my bike and then I have to tell them no because I'm concerned for their welfare and then I have to see the disappointment on their faces. I work. I maintain my property. I try to give them a better life than I have had but I can't do that if my city can't support my community. Can't do it. If I can't call police and expect a speedy response to my concern, the situation, I can't raise a happy family. I don't know if any of you or where you live or if you have to be subject to these kinds of things or if you have to keep your children indoors, I don't know, but if you have, then you know how I feel and you know why I'm standing here in front of you today. Just Saturday, my father-in-law called me, who is Pastor of a church in Massillon, Pastor Joseph H. Harkless. There was a house party right next door to him. I had to go over there, at least 100 teenagers running through the alley, standing on top of his vehicles, pressing the roof and hood in. Police were called by the residents of the community. I was there 10 or 15 minutes before the first car showed up and I live down on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and this is 1325 St. Elmo just up the street. There should be police in our community that have to respond to those calls in a more speedy manner. Nobody's gonna be held responsible for the damages that are done to his property. Teenagers out there consuming alcohol. I see them but the police don't. So, what, what do I do, as a resident, as a parent? My children are in prison in their own home. I would just like for the city to help me, help them. I know the answers aren't easy and they don't come right away, but there's enough educated people on this Council that should be able to come up the answer. We pay the taxes. We pay your salary. We just askin' for help. There, Councilman West came to our community meeting and gave a lot of good proposals. The Fourth

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Down and You're Out proposal, four misdemeanors or more, it's a felony. They start going to jail more often, they'll stop committing the crimes. The juvenile attention centers are too full, you can't enforce the curfew. Well, take 'em downtown. Call their parents and have them come and pick 'em up. You don't have to take 'em to juvy. *(AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)* If a parent has to get up at 3 or 4 in the morning to go downtown and pick up his child, I don't believe he'll be out the second night. There's solutions to the problems and they're not that hard....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, you have over exceeded your time limit.

MR. BEACH: Thank you.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, people keep alluding to the Fourth Down Turn Over concept and every Member of Council got one of those in their mailbox and, specifically, it's just a concept and a resolution that is asking the General Assembly to propose a law that would allow, or equip the police officers with a tool necessary to keep people in jail, currently, prostitutes, gang-involved individuals and drug addicts that have misdemeanor charges currently are all going to jail but they're sent back out because it's non-violent crimes. What this does is to equip the police officers with some tools necessary to keep them behind bars for a little bit. In addition to that it would be, would grant the City the option to even send that person out of the city. Again, it's a concept. In addition to that, it would also hold landlords accountable for perpetuating the problem by leasing to people for long periods of time and knowing that there's a drug issue involved. So, when he talks about Fourth Down Turnover, it's a football analogy. After the fourth down, then you turn the ball over and it's time that we turn these individuals out of neighborhoods and deal with the problem. *(AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)*

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Joyce Sumlin.

MS. SUMLIN: I'm gonna be brief here. I'm not here for Joyce Sumlin, I'm here for the Concerned Citizens of the Fourth Ward.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and address please.

MS. SUMLIN: Oh, excuse me, my name is Joyce Sumlin. I reside at 1627 Gateway Blvd. SE. The reason why I'm here this evening is because Council has heard so many negative reasons why the Monroe Center should not stay open. Joyce Sumlin is here to tell them the positive reasons why it should stay open. I have parents here. Their kids come to the Center and my thing is I heard Mayor Creighton tell Mr. Dyer I will meet with you over a few issues. I would like that same, I'd like that same thing. I would like to put my seniors, and I'm pretty sure you're going to be fair about this, I've heard, oh, we put money into the building. Of course you did, because you renovated the building. It was a fire station, but since I've been in that building, nothing has been put in there. I, when we found out that Janet Creighton was coming, Joyce Sumlin went and got the paint and stuff so because we really wanted it nice for the Mayor. What I have a problem with this, like the lady was saying, we're paying you guys' salary, then we want, we want help. Now, I have a problem with when it was put in the paper, I had told Joe Martuccio that I was calling The Repository, but The Repository was coming out to do a story on Janet 'cuz of when she came out on March 24<sup>th</sup>. It was supposed to be a positive story. The next thing I know, I get a call from The Repository stating Mr. Hunt has put a communication in at 4:00 and Joyce, I can't do a positive story on you and the Mayor because they're going to auction off the building. All I ask is let us know what's going on. I think we have that much, we have that right to know, so, you guys can be the ones to tell the seniors no more luncheons. We just got money for a proposal, no GED classes, no more taking the kids off the corner 'cuz those police officers come on Second and Monroe. I want you to come out to the Center and tell them, hey you guys, we can't do anything else no more and also while you're doing that, find another place. I

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want you to recreate them GED Classes and all the rest of the stuff so my thing today is today, I'm fighting for the Center. The reason why the seniors are not here tonight is because they didn't have a way but Ms. Sumlin will be back next week. I don't care if Council doesn't back me up, I'll back myself up, and God. Thank you. (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Alice Sarver

MS. SARVER: My name is Alice Sarver and I live at 1225 41<sup>st</sup> Street NW. I feel like I should give you all a 7-inning break (LAUGHTER) My reason for being here tonight is absolutely positive and I hope that we're gonna end this on a very positive note and these people that have come from other areas have just given me so much reason to continue on what we're doing in our community right now 'cuz I represent our community, it stands for opportunity, unity and respect. And, last Sunday afternoon, we had a cleanup. It was our first official get-together of our neighborhood association. We had 48 people there. We had children there who did a marvelous job and I would like to thank the Mayor for being there and she did her fair share too. I understand she even picked up paper out of my yard. But, I just wanted to let you know that as a member of the association group and the leadership group, I see good things happening in some of the outlying districts and 'ya know what, I look at some of these people and I think they're being terrorized. Those are terrorists that are living in their neighborhood and no one, no one should have to live like that and if we can keep that from spreading like a cancer in our city, if we can keep our area from absorbing some of that, then we have a great opportunity. We can be united and we can show respect for one another as God's human beings. Thank you. (AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Our final speaker is Samuel Lee.

MR. LEE: My name is Samuel Lee, 203 Monroe. I just wanted to ask the Mayor and Mrs. Zachary, what are you doing to keep the Monroe Center in place, and I just wanted to address Mrs. Zachary again because I remembered when I first met her, she was speaking at the Monroe Center and she gave all these promises of what was gonna be done and the thing is, we're sitting here talking to you but I wish you would tell us what you are doing. That's all I want to know.

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. Lee, thank you for coming down first of all. Secondly, when I did speak at the Monroe Center, the only thing I've ever promised anyone in our ward is that I would work hard. We have had a number of people allude to the fact that they pay our salaries and technically, yes you do. However, if I divide the man-hours that I've put into my first term in office by my salary, I've pretty much either worked for a \$1.00 a day or for free most days. As far as the Monroe Center....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Zachary, the Chair's going to end the Public Speaks portion of the agenda. The Chair will recognize you first under Miscellaneous Business. Okay?..

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any miscellaneous business? Member Zachary.

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, if I may continue. As far as the Monroe Center, and I've had conversations with Mr. Massey as well as Ms. Sumlin and I will preface what I'm going to say by this. There is a second portion to that Monroe Center, it's not just the Monroe Center, it is also the Concerned Citizens of the Fourth Ward. In saying that to say, this is a neighborhood organization. It's comprised of people who care about the community. I care about the community. I do care about the Center, however, if that building were

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to fall down around our heads, we are still the Concerned Citizens of the Fourth Ward. It does not stop the initiatives that have started down there. It doesn't stop all of the hard work that Ms. Sumlin has put into that Center or the residents who visit the Center. That building is only mortar, so to speak. I would like to see the Concerned Citizens take a more active role personally, in the community. It is a neighborhood group. It's not comprised of a building. Do I have control over what happens to the building itself? Yes and no. I say yes in the fact that I sit here on City Council. Yes in the fact that it is in Ward 4 which I represent. But, no in the fact that I am not driving this effort and it's been said that we are trying to kick you guys out of the building and I don't believe that is true. There have been a number of issues that have resulted from the building and there are some issues with some mechanical things in the building. My main objective and I will always predicate all of my votes on Council and what is best for residents in the community as well as my Ward that I represent and to be in a building that may not be sold, to be in a building where there aren't so many issues and concerns, it has nothing to do with anyone down at the Center or anyone who is running the Center. It's the physical structure itself and I believe there have been numerous phone calls that have been made on behalf of the Center to the Mayor's Administration. There have been numerous people who have gone downtown to meet with the Mayor and Mr. Hunt and that's some type of red flag I suppose. If there's so many issues connected with this building, then we need to do something about the building itself. I don't believe the intent is to destroy the Concerned Citizens. From my understanding, there are problems with the boiler and it will not be very cheap to fix. There's also a problem with the roof. That will cost money to fix. *(INAUDIBLE AUDIENCE MEMBER ASKING QUESTIONS)*

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, Sir, wait, you cannot conduct a dialogue like this. You had your opportunity.... Okay then.

MEMBER ZACHARY: If you would like, I would be more than happy to speak with you after the meeting tonight.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Is there any other Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President?....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member West, I want to apologize for not going to Tom.

MEMBER WEST: That's fine. Someone had mentioned that there's been a number of demolished houses in the city. I think that the number to date was 70 in the first year. Thirty-five of those houses have been in Ward 2. As summer approaches, grass is going to be getting high on those 35 lots and I understand that Will Dent has a program at ABCD that also is gonna propose to do some work in help and effort to help the city out. I just want to make sure that we are on top of it and that we have the manpower necessary to maintain those lots. The second thing I would like to bring up is the, again, the sidewalks on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. After they repaired, or after they did the sewer project on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, the sidewalks up there have a lot more dirt than yours, President Denczak. I mean, a lot of rocks, and of course they damaged the sidewalks all the way down so, could the Administration please address that?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Chair would like to ask the Administration. Who did the paving on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Shorb to McKinley and Cleveland Avenue from 13<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Street when they put the sewer in? They put a temporary concrete base down there that the berm of the road is smoother than. How can that contractor get away with that type of shoddy workmanship?

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, during that time, it was winter time where at least again,

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blacktop was not being made. I do not believe yet it's still being made. Until the weather maintains a certain temperature at that time, that road is not finished. Twelfth is not finished. They're not finishing it until.....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I understand it's going to get a blacktop cap mix, but they could have tried to finish, try to finish the cement. They just put it down there and left it there to seek its own level, it looks like. It's very bumpy and could cause misalignment to cars. I understand somebody's gonna watch that and see to it that somebody needs to try to smooth out that concrete, even though it's a sub-base, it could have been done in a more workman-like manner. Is there any other Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President. This is directed to either the Mayor or the Service Director. I sent a communication last week and I don't know if you've had an opportunity to read it or review it, but as two members of the Planning Commission, I had requested, and this is of a similar nature, as a speaker, Mrs. Kirkland, had indicated. I had requested a moratorium on any new building within a certain area of my ward until we determine from our consultant the size necessary to address the existing drainage issues in that area. If you've not had an opportunity to review it, we could talk about it next week, but as 2 members of the Planning Commission, and I did send it to the other members, I think it's important that the Planning Commission do just that, plan well, and if you have an existing drainage problem, I don't think it makes any sense until we're certain what we need to adequately address that to allow new housing in which may or may not cause more drainage for those existing neighbors.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, Member Diamond, I did receive that letter. I read it today. I just got it today. I'm not sure that we've ever put a moratorium on something like that. The Shawn O'Brien property has been tabled, waiting for the decision of the Steese Drainage Project and what the results of that new study would be in that area. We agreed that we don't want to start any other projects without that study. I'm not sure how, I know you have some streets there to identify the moratorium. I am not sure legally we can do that but certainly we would take each issue that would involve that area and make that same decision. Also, on the 49<sup>th</sup> Street, we did deny right now, deny North Canton the drainage permit. That's under review however. With what they're going to do with that retention basin so, we're certainly aware of your concerns and the concerns of the neighborhood, especially with the Steese Project. The 44<sup>th</sup> Street Project was not something that was being done to circumvent anything other than taking that rain water off of the Glenoak High School parking lot and instead of going down Vernon Avenue, hopefully it will divert and connect to a bigger main that's down, further down, further west on 44<sup>th</sup> Street. That was merely to ease that property issue but had nothing to do with the Steese Project so, the moratorium, I'm not sure if I would phrase it that way, but we're certainly aware of your concerns.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Is there any other Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER HART: Yes. Mr. President, just a quick comment. You know, concerning the Mayor's comment with the recycling, I thank her but one thing sure I'd like to thank is, is the Mayor and Service Director Concatto for all the work they've done and in my years of being on City Council, I think I can point to any Member around this table for those residents that are out there and, 'ya know, Don and Jo, anybody here you can find as champion to cause. To make the ward a little better place and to make the City a little better place and my pleasure working with many of these people is that they've done just that. No matter how big or how small, they work together to make your city a better place and I hear some of the residents here make, you know, comments about the, you know, kids and what's going in the, in the schools, or in the neighborhoods and I, I find that I've taught 30 years in schools and one of the things that I've found, I found that 97% of the kids are great. You know, you have 2

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or 3 percent that seem to be taking up about 98% of the time and one of the things that I guess I find extremely scary is there are those kids out there who have no fear, and can really care less, and this year, I did have a student tell me, and he is a problem student that indicated that, you know, the Supreme Court said they won't kill a juvenile for a crime. And, I guess when I look at him and some of these kids out there would literally look at taking a life as a badge of courage. And, without literally lack of conscience and, you know, when we attended the meeting that was at St. Anthony's, and that was the students that said that, you know, parents need to be held accountable and there isn't that accountability.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Is there any other Miscellaneous Business?

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

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