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PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: With a quorum being present, the Council calls...the Chair calls this meeting to order. Roll call please.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK TIMBERLAKE:

11 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, JOE CARBENIA, MARY CIRELLI, WILLIAM SMUCKLER, GREG HAWK, THOMAS WEST, JAMES GRIFFIN, CHRIS SMITH, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, PAT BARTON, & KARL "BUTCH" KRAUS)

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: We will have the invocation given by Councilman-at-Large, Mary Cirelli. Please remain standing for the pledge of allegiance of the flag.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council Cynthia Timberlake. The invocation was given by Mary Cirelli, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Pro Tem Casar.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Public hearings, we are now under public hearings. There are no public hearings scheduled for this evening.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Public Speaks, we are now under public speaks of Ordinances and Resolutions for adoptions. We have no speakers signed up to speak.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Under Informal Resolutions. We now under Informal Resolutions. I will entertain a motion, Member Carbenia, to excuse Members Prater and President of Council Schulman.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, I move we excuse President Schulman and Member Terry Prater from tonight's meeting.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Seconded.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: It's been moved and seconded to excuse President Schulman and Councilperson Prater from this evening's meeting. Are there any remarks? If not roll call please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: President Schulman and 5th Ward Councilperson Terry Prater are excused from this evening's meeting. Would you please read Resolutions by title only, Madame Clerk.

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#5 SMUCKLER, B., CNCLMBR AT LARGE: SUPPORTING RESEARCH TO MERGE CITY & COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. - ADOPTED

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, I move we adopt ah....Resolution #5.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Seconded.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: It's been moved and seconded to adopt #....Communic....Resolution #5. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Approximately 12 years ago...um...I tried to lead a struggle to do this very same thing. The difference between now and then is that the County initiated this. They were never onboard before. This is not saying that we would do this under any circumstances, this is just a Resolution to explore the possibilities of doing this. And I would ask for every Councilperson's support and to send this to Mr. Franks, who helped initiated this in the County Health Board.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Are there any further remarks? If not voice vote please. All those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. *(No response)* All those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS RESOLUTION #5 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: The ayes have it, Resolution #5 is adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: We're now under Communications. Let the Journal show that all communications are....are...are read as follows. Or received as follows.

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 JANUARY 14, 2008.

21. CCIC EXEC DIR PATTERSON: AUTHORIZE MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO AGMT W/THE HUNTINGTON NAT'L BANK FOR THE NEW JOB CREATION INCENTIVE PROG. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

22. LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS W/VARIOUS CITIES FOR NEXT 2 YRS RE: PROSECUTORIAL DUTIES IN CANTON MUNI CT. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

23. PLANNING COMMISSION: RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF KOCH KNIGHT ANNEXATION IN WARD 4 W/ZONE CLASS OF I-2 (HVY INDUSTRIAL). - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE

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24. SERVICE DIRECTOR BERNABEI: AUTHORIZE VARIOUS SUPP APPROPS FR: CAP IMPROVEMENT FUND. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

25. TREASURER SCHIRACK: SUBMITTING 12/31/07 COMPARATIVE REPORT OF CASH RECEIPTS. - RECEIVED & FILED

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: We're now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the first reading. Let the journal show that all Ordinances are being given their reading, required by State Law. Madame Clerk, would you please read the Ordinances by title only.

NOTE: PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #9 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS.

#1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOT 29205, LOT 29204 AND PARTS OF LOTS 9683 AND 9684; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

#2 (1ST 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

Referred to Finance Committee

#3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF CANTON IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance Committee

#4 (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, 2008; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance Committee

#5 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY ITEMS, MATERIALS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CANTON'S OPERATIONS DURING THE 2008 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

Referred to Finance Committee

#6 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$500.00 FROM C.H. PULLEY AND \$10.00 FROM THE FIREMAN'S FUND; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1/2008, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL

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APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

#7 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,263.62; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 1/2008; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

#8 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1/2008 BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, ADVANCE AND ADVANCE REPAYMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee

#9 (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #2/2008** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION AND STOP-LOSS INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance and Personnel Committees

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: The Chair will call an in-house recess now to deal with Ordinance #9. Will Finance and Personnel Committee will please ah.... meet at this present time.

(COUNCIL RECESSED @ 7:44 PM AND RECONVENED @ 7:45 PM TO DISCUSS THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE #9)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Council is now reconvened after recess. Member Carbenia, entertain rule 22A.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Yes...ah...Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinance ah...9 back on the....tonight's agenda.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Seconded.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: It's been moved and seconded to place Ordinance 9 back on this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Ordinance #9 then is a legal part of your agenda.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, I move we...ah..suspend the Statutory Rules on Resolution 9....or Ordinance 9, I'm sorry.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Seconded.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: It's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on

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Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks? If not, roll call please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: You've heard the 3 readings. Member Carbenia. *(No response)* Member Carbenia.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Move we adopt.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Move to adopt.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Alright. Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #9.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Seconded.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks? If not, roll call please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Ordinance #9 has been adopted.

ORDINANCE #9 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #2/2008

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: We're now under Ordinances for their second reading. And there are no Ordinances for the second reading this evening.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: We're now under Ordinances for their third reading and final reading. And there are no Ordinances for the third reading for this evening's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Announcement of Committee Meetings please.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Finance Committee will meet on January 20.....

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: 8th.

MEMBER HAWK: 8th, I was looking for a Calendar. At 7:00 in Council Chamber.

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MEMBER KRAUS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Member Kraus.

MEMBER KRAUS: Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee will meet 1/28, 7:00 P.M., Caucus.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: We....let's see where are we at now. We're now under Public Speaks, open forum. We have two speakers for tonight. The first speaker is Mari Moss. Would you please come forward. Give your name and address please.

MARI MOSS: Wonderful service here. It's okay.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Yes Mari, go ahead.

MARI MOSS: My name is Mari Moss, I live at 1601 Harvard Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio 44703. To ah....Mr. Casar, whose...ah standing in today, all of you ah...Council people and also um...the Mayor and his cabinet. Um...many of you know me and a few years ago I moved back to Canton to ah...to take a risk, to stand up for those who, those young people who...um...need standing up for. From the time I was 14 to 23, I lost over 10 friends to violence in this community. So as a community, we are confronted with many challenges. From 2002 to 2007, more than 70 Stark County residents lost their lives to violence. Now this is the time of citizens of Stark County to stand up for peace in the community. In light of this, many concerned citizens have come to hold an event called "Unity in Our Community." Unity in Our Community, unfortunately is being taken place...um...on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. so many of you will be here. But if you will keep it in your thoughts and prayers...um...we would greatly appreciate that. The first time we had this event, there were over 1,000 concerned citizens from the community that came out to take a stand against violence. We read the names of those who lost their lives to violence and there were over 110 in a ten year period. This comm...the mission of this Countywide event is to bring individuals and organizations across our County together to take steps to help stop violence. We hope to encourage more citizens to get involved in local agencies that promote a message of non-violence, helping to make Stark County a safer place to live. Many non-profit agencies who share this mission will be onsite to answer questions, distribute information and sign up volunteers. We're also having Judge Taryn Heath speak, we will have Sandy Womack from Canton City Schools, he will also be speaking. Uh...we will have various speakers. We will have a lot of people from the community and it was also on the front page of the local section of the paper last Thursday. So, even though you can't be there, there will be five other Mayors from all over the County that will be in attendance. A lot of different community officials and most importantly, the community. So, we hope you pray for "Unity in Our Community" as we take...as we take the stand against violence in our community and that we pray for a pro....a more prosperous and strong community in Canton, Ohio. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Thank you Mari. Our next speaker is Ken Nonnemacher. Give your name and address please.

KEN NONNEMACHER: Good evening. I'm glad to make an appearance here. I'm happy to meet you all but ah...in today's paper we had a little article.....

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Name and address please for the record. Your name and address for the record.

KEN NONNEMACHER: Oh, Ken Nonnemacher...

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Thank you.

KEN NONNEMACHER: I live at 1722 4th Street NE. Today, Katherine Ramsey, in the editorial page of the Repository, wrote about the conditions in her neighborhood. She's a 74....ah....a 70 year old woman. I'm a 74 year old man, February the 18th I'll be 75. After 13 occasions of being robbed and accosted at my address, my truck was stolen. The boy that stole that truck was sent to prison for 90 days, put on work release. After he was on work release, somehow or another, he escaped from the work release program. Nobody knows how, for 11 days they didn't know he was gone. And now the only information they have is that a he's out of State. That's what they know. Now gentleman, on the 2nd of January, I came home from a....an errand I was running and as I parked my truck in front of my house, I saw the police taking a girl with nothing but a t-shirt on, out of a house at 1718 4th Street NE. Now this does not make me believe I live in a wonderful neighborhood. On my street, if you go from 3rd to the 5th Street connector, across Schwalm and if you come back on 5th Street to Warner Road and back up 3rd Street, there are 22 vacant homes. Now, we have people on my street who are my age. We have a couple that is in their 80's, one is 83 and one is 81. If you think my neighborhood is safe, you're far from right. After my truck was stolen, I tried to get into an elderly housing unit. Now, what I was told by my authorities and the people the run these joints, is that a "Mr. Nonnemacher, for four or five years we couldn't promise you a vacancy anywhere." Now this is my Government speaking to me. Gentleman, if this is what we can expect from you, you might have trouble with us. Because we might not decide to vote for you or help you in anyway possible. And the reason is this, we are not included in any of your decisions or any of your communications, even from the Monroe Center. The Monroe Center had a march proclaiming how safe the streets were. The people that live next door to the Monroe Center never got a notice that that was going to happen. The people on my street never even knew it. Now, if there's a communication here, it's not on behalf. I think my Government owes the people in the 4th Ward, in my vicinity, especially, a great debt of apology. They owe us something more than words. If what we're going to have in our neighborhood is a free for all with the drug dealers and the hookers and the pimps and everything else, and by the way, on Sunday, when I left my house to go to church, there's this girl at the corner of Penn and the connector, saying "Hi, Ken." I mean, you know, just as if she really knew me. Now folks, I am going to be 75, you've never been able to do anything but give me a traffic ticket. Now, what do you propose to do about these things? We hear wonderful and marvelous things coming in press but the thing is, we don't see any evidence of that. Now, to make matters worse, if you think I feel good about being told it might take five years to get into an elderly housing unit, you are dead wrong. I'm a carpenter, I could build one of those things in two months myself with nobody's help. I'm not a rich man, but I'm going to tell you, if I decide I want something or need something I know where the money is at to do it. And I don't have to ask anybody for anything. I might live on Social Security but I am no wimp. In Philadelphia I ran for City Council in 1958, I took on the Dillworth campaign head to head in the 49th Ward and except for 146 votes in that Ward, I almost unseated Isadoor Bellis, who after I lost, went to jail for 8 ½ years for his activities....

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Mr. Nonnemacher, you exceeded your 3 minutes, would you please bring your remarks to a close?

KEN NONNEMACHER: Very good.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Thank you. That concludes Public Speaks.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any miscellaneous business?

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you sir. Mr. President, it's a question for the ah...Service Director. Ah...Mr. Bernabei, ah..with the former Administration, they were working on a new siren system for the entire City. I don't know whether they passed that on to you sir, because we do not have a siren system for the emergencies and they were purchasing one and I don't know where that's...if it's fallen through the cracks or what. So if you would check on that sir, I would greatly appreciate it if you want to communication from me or whatever, I can to help get you get that.....

SERVICE DIRECTOR BERNABEI: Member Cirelli, I will inquire into that, get an answer and ah...respond to you and let Council know the...the answer to it Citywide.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you very much sir. Thank you Mr. President.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

MEMBER SMITH: Mr. Pre.....

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, first I want to ah...thank the young leaders for coming down tonight. If you guys would stand and be present. Let everyone know they're from McKinley High School. (*Applause*) I also want to thank Mari Moss because every Wednesday, this group of kids meet at our office and there's like 20 and 30 young people doing positive things, speaking about positive things in the community and what they can do. Um...so if any....you guys come out and take a look at these young people, you'll see they do amazing things and talk about amazing things on Wednesday night and I'm proud of them. The second thing I wanted to bring up tonight..um...is to the Law Director...um....I sent a communication to your office today..um...and this is also, Council, you'll be receiving this within the next couple of weeks. And I'm going to read this...um...This is in regard to immediate litigation on banks and mortgage companies that create public nuisance. There are hundreds, if not thousands of foreclosed properties in the City of Canton. Crime has skyrocketed in areas where boarded up houses are a common sight. Many of those homes have been stripped of their aluminum siding and plumbing. Some businesses have been raped of their capital investment thus decided to move out of our City. Insurance companies are frightened of the possibility of increase arson cases that may arise from vacant homes. One foreclosed household effects our whole community, but thousands create a mass panic, mass depression and an epidemic of mass proportion. Therefore, it is my intentTherefore, it is my intent that the...we follow Frank Jackson, the Mayor of Cleveland, in his quest to recover our losses as a result of actions created by these public nuisance. This communication is requesting that the Law Director to explore the pursuit of immediate litigation to Banks, Mortgage Companies for their roles they played in the sub prime mortgage crisis that has devastated many of our neighborhoods in the City of Canton. The City of Canton has invested in hundreds of thousands of dollars in boarding up our homes, demolishing these foreclosed properties. These companies pushed sub prime mortgages in the City of Canton

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and surrounding areas and these companies create a public nuisance in violating State law. The City of Canton can benefit by recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in damages for lost property revenue....tax revenue, the cost of demolishing homes left abandoned, and the cost of policing neighborhoods devastated by hundreds, if not thousands of foreclosures. The companies that have been active in the sub prime lending crisis are as follows: And I'm going to keep this short but, Deutsche Bank, Option One, Countrywide, Credit Suisse, Fremont General, Goldman, Chase, JP Morgan, Lehman Brothers, Wells Fargo, etc. As Cleveland's Mayor...Mayor Frank Jackson said, "If you look at the end result of organized crime activity in our neighborhoods, cities and individual lives, sucking equity out of the homes, you see right here in Cleveland" I would add that it's also here in Canton. And thank you. But I wanted to make certain that we put this forward because if they are able to recover their losses in Cleveland as a result of a class action suit, then maybe we need to jump onboard and also take care of this matter here in Canton.

(APPLAUSE)

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: You may want to ask....oh, Law Director Martuccio, would you like to respond to that?

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Yes, thank you Mr. President. Um...Member West, thank you for that communication. I believe that the issue of foreclosures and sub prime lending will be the defining issue of this first decade of the new century. We have ah...been asked by you to do something that is worth pursuing, I think it was ah...brilliant strategy to utilize the public nuisance approach that is allowed by Ohio State Law for Cities to pursue if they think there's a health....a threat to health safety or welfare. However, in...in doing so, we will contact the Law Director, Mr. Triozzi of...of Cleveland. I have not seen the pleadings but my understanding is that it is based on a public nuisance theory and that they're utilizing the help of a private law firm. Not unlike what we were involved in with the lead paint pigment, on a larger basis being led by a Rhode Island firm. I will announce to you now, we have ah...withdrawn from that litigation temporarily. The...the case was dismissed or...we were....dismissed without prejudice, meaning it can be re-filed while we wait to see what the Attorney General does at the request of our liaison attorney...um...Mr. Ferruccio. Now back to your issue, um...several members of Council and Administration have asked us to look at different aspects of the adverse effects of foreclosures and the houses they leave behind. Member Cirelli for example has asked us to look into ah...some sort of accountability for landlords and an Ordinance recently out of California in which vacant...owners of vacant homes leave deposits with the City. Ah...the money of which then is used by independent contractors to take out weeds and board up homes and so on. Cleveland is also experimenting with a low growing, slow growing kind of grass that they cover, demo....demolished lots with. Um...we're also looking ah...at the request of Mr. Bernabei at some other issues that have to do with weeds and refuse. I'm happy to say that your new Health Commissioner, James Adams, ah...has informed me that Mark Adams, no relation, ah...is actively working on...on collecting information on dealing with weeds and refuse. So, it's a multifaceted approach we intend to take. I'm also told by the Administration that Carmen West is looking at the idea of mediating, no relation to Mr. West, Member West, ah...is looking at the idea of...of mediating with those businesses that are local and are accountable to us ah...to see if there can be a meeting of the minds between the debtors and...and the lenders. Ah....that has had some success in Summit County, I spoke with Mediator, Frank Motz, ah...Judge James Bo....ah...Jane Bond, sorry Jane Bond, not James...um..started a program in Summit County's some years ago that is achieving some level of 60% of success or better. So thank you for that, we are looking at in a Multi Faceted approach. The brief answer to your question is, we will try to get back to you with an accounting of how much ah...it will involve in terms of expenses for experts and whether or not we'll need to look to outside help to pursue such a lawsuit. Thank you.

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MEMBER SMITH: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Thank you Law Director Martuccio...ah...

MEMBER SMITH: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Ms....Ms. Smith.

MEMBER SMITH: Thank you. Ah...first of all Mr. Ken, I'd like to thank you so much for coming down. I'd like to also meet with you if possible right after Council meeting and I would like to share some plans that we have in communicating with residents and Council. Also tomorrow there will be a meeting of the neighborhood association at Bethel CME Church at 5:30 to address some of these concerns and um...getting communication out to the residents. Thank you so much for coming down with your concern. I sympathize with you and apologize for all of the inconvenience that you've had...um..in the past. Thank you.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I'd like to also add ah...this is a very important subject about um...the banks and the institutions but I know that ah...I had called a meeting with all the banks and institutions...ah..and one showed up and the person they sent couldn't answer the questions. So it doesn't seem like they really care. Maybe it's time we do...ah...contact ah...maybe....ah...like you say, Cleveland. And ah..I would like, along with ah...the rest of us and Mr. West that ah...you investigate this and um....and see if there's something legally that we can do, not just shoot out there right now.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Mr. President. Mr. Pres...ah...ah...I'd like to ask the Safety Director or ask him a question in regards to the ah...the Weed and Seed Police Station at the corner of ah...12th and Shorb. I drive by there about everyday, every evening I should say and I think we should get some type of lamination around. It's kind of dark and dismal looking and I think for a Police Station, it should be light illuminated where it'd be like a safe house, not a place where we could hide. It's...it's just very dingy and I'd like to see us get some lighting in that area if we could.

SAFETY DIRECTOR NESBITT: Yes sir, I'd...I will look into that...ah..I wasn't aware there wasn't lighting around...I haven't...I was around it during the day one time. I have not been by it in the evening so I'll, I will ah...review that and work through that.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: I also would like to congratulate the new ah...Health Commissioner, is he still here? Is Jim still here? Jim Adams, ah....he was ah...just elected by the board this morning. Let's give him a round of applause.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Are there any other remarks?

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MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Yes, Member West.

MEMBER WEST: I...I failed to mention. I learned something valuable today about one of our police officers, John Miller, I understand that he won the Martin Luther King award..um...at the State level, which I thought was ah...something I wanted to bring up tonight.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: Thank you. Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Seconded

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. If not, roll call.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM CASAR: (GAVEL FALLS) This meeting is adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:08 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CYNTHIA TIMBERLAKE
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DON CASAR
PRESIDENT PRO TEM