

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 14, 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, March 14, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was then taken (as follows) by Clerk of Council Debbie Vanckunas. The invocation was given by Ward 2 Councilmember Thomas West followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President of Council Denczak.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK OF COUNCIL VANCKUNAS:

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

1 COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: (JOE CARBENIA)

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Agenda corrections and changes, Members of Council. You're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add second readings of Ordinances 4 through and including #13. Member Casar, the Chair will recognize that motion at this time.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinances #4 through 13 on this evening's agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances 4 through and including #13 to the agenda. Are there any remarks...? If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 22A has been suspended and the Ordinances are a legal part of your agenda. Furthermore, you're being asked to suspend Rule 24B to add Resolutions 31 through 35 to the agenda. The Chair will recognize that.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we susp--

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I don't have that on -- wait a minute. I don't have that on my agenda here. What is this? (*SPEAKS WITH CLERK IN SOTTO VOCE*) Which one is it, #37?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Yes, Mr. President. I was gonna make that announcement. You had left the room. We'll be also adding Resolution #37.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: And what is the title and who's the author?

MEMBER CASAR: It's from Member Hart and it's titled, "Council to approve Recycling Program for the City of Canton."

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. And that will require a vote. Alright, Member Casar, the Chair will recognize Rule 24B suspension for 31 to #37...

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MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: ...#36 is -- go ahead.

MEMBER CASAR: ...24B, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 37; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Resolutions 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 37 be added to the agenda. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 24B is suspended and the Resolutions are a legal part of your agenda. This brings your agenda up to date, Members of Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There is no public hearing scheduled at this time.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION ONLY):

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks, Ordinances and Resolutions for Adoption Only. We have several people signed up for that portion. The first speaker is Darlene Leghart.

MS. LEGHART: Good evening. My name is Darlene Leghart and I live at 1333 Woodward Place NW, Canton. I am co-owner of Leghart and Associates and also Executive Director of Hammer and Nails and President of Summit United Neighbors, all located at 906 12th Street NW in the Summit neighborhood. Tonight I am here as a representative of Summit United Neighbors, a grassroots neighborhood association established in 1995. We are in support of the ordinances that will allow for new condos to be built in the 800 block of Monument Road NW, and new single family market value homes to be built on 10th, 11th and Cato Court NW. These homes will be across from the new Summit School that is now under construction. We believe that as the old structures come down and new are being built, that we will see a ripple effect throughout the Summit neighborhood as existing property owners and stake holders decide to improve their properties. We believe that other investors will also take a risk and join in the efforts to enhance the living conditions in the Summit neighborhood and throughout Canton City. We also believe that new homeowners will also bring new students to be enrolled in Summit School. This will not only increase the enrollment but also generate taxes for the City and the school system. For the past ten years, hundreds of residents and stake holders in the Summit neighborhood have diligently been working toward and laying the ground work to bring about positive change. We have promoted beauty, safety and harmony in our neighborhood. We have taken many risks and have addressed a multitude of housing and safety issues and social issues. We are working to halt the decay and the decline of our City. We are ready to move to the next level, and that is for new housing in the Summit neighborhood. Councilmembers, we encourage you to make this happen. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Tad Ellsworth.

MR. ELLSWORTH: Good evening. Tad Ellsworth, 1612 28th Street NW, Canton. Mr. President and Honorable Members of Canton City Council, I'm here tonight representing Canton City Schools. Tonight you may consider an ordinance to finance the building of brand new market rate housing in the Summit School neighborhood in the very heart of the City of Canton. This bold legislation has generated significant public debate, and rightfully so.

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It is an issue that has spawned vigorous and thoughtful consideration of the true nature of Canton's long decline and has inspired all those involved to give due weight to the way we spend our precious tax dollars. As a result of this debate, tonight you are faced with the rare opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the future of our City. The City of Canton is truly at a crossroads. One in five of Canton's residents live in poverty. Unemployment rates continue to hover at nearly twice the national average. Income levels and home values pale in comparison to our suburban competitors. Canton's population is increasingly transient with less than 60% of the available housing in Canton being owner occupied. Half of the homes in the City were built before 1945, and since that time more than 35,000 have left the City for good. For the Canton City School District, these problems are particularly evident. When the voters of Canton approved our \$170 million building program in 1999, there were over 13,000 students in Canton City Schools. Today, there are just over 10,000. Of the nearly 3,000 students lost, more than half have moved out of the district altogether. Our biggest losses have been in the Summit neighborhood. In 1996, Summit School had 573 students. This year there are just 255. We believe that new housing is crucial to the success of our City. However, no one here tonight is naive enough to believe that this project by itself will save Canton City Schools or the City of Canton. The district has a responsibility to provide a safe, clean learning environment for every child, and we are doing exactly that. Canton students' test scores have made dramatic improvements each of the last three years in spite of large staff reductions. This year we implemented a new student bill of rights and responsibilities which addresses discipline and safety in our schools. And, of course, we are building brand new schools in every neighborhood providing a face lift to our neighborhoods and a learning environment that benefits every child. In spite of three years in a row of improved test scores, we continue to lose enrollment. We have surveyed the parents who have left our district. We know that a lack of newer market rate housing is one of the factors in why parents are leaving. Obviously, the rules have changed and the practices of the past 30 years just don't work anymore. The Canton City school district is thinking differently taking bold steps in an effort to save public education in Canton. The fates of the Canton City School District and the City of Canton are inexorably intertwined, and the City must also think a little differently to try something new in an effort to halt decades of decline. A few weeks ago, we broke ground for the building of the new Summit School right across the street from the proposed housing development. I won't lie to you...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mr. Ellsworth, you're three minutes are up. Bring your remarks to a close please.

MR. ELLSWORTH: Fifteen seconds. That ground breaking almost didn't happen. Many ask why build a school where there are no kids. It's a good question. The answer is that the Canton City School District could not just abandon that neighborhood. Neither can the City. We must join together if we are going to save our City, one neighborhood at a time. I'm asking you tonight to take a bold step toward the future, to take a chance on our neighborhoods and to vote for the Summit Neighborhood Housing Initiative. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I don't really like to speak under Public Speaks, but I feel I must. Mr. Ellsworth, you are here representing the Canton City School Board, correct?... Or administration?

MR. ELLSWORTH: That's correct.

MEMBER CASAR: And your concerned with 11 or 12 homes that could be built in the Summit area, correct?

MR. ELLSWORTH: Right. I see it as a start.

MEMBER CASAR: I have a concern that we had about three years ago where myself as a councilman-at-large, the ward councilman and all the people in the Lehman area fought vigorously to keep Lehman High School, to have the new school built where it was at. My question is where was the school administration then when they decided to build the building on Broad Avenue, the far extent of the City of Canton where kids can-- that's not

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safe to go in that area, and they abandoned the neighborhood where we could have made that neighborhood livable, good housing stock for the people that wanted to be near a new school, but no, the school board built it out in the middle of nowhere. You abandoned the City of Canton. Now you come before this Council and ask us to consider 13 homes. Where were you when this-- I know you weren't a part of it, but where was the administration and the school board three years ago when members of the Lehman area and almost everyone in the community wanted that school built where it's presently at or near there, and why did they go out there? And now you come here and you want us, or you want this Council to approve 13 homes and that's gonna bring children back to our city schools. I don't think it will. I think, but what they did by moving Lehman out there had allot to do why we lost allot of our children at Summit. And I just had to bring that up because it's bothered me ever since. We worked so diligently in the neighborhood, which I live in, to try to have that school built there. But they just turned their heads on us and built it where -- the people out there didn't want it, and Lehman people wanted it there, and they just said no to both of us.

MR. ELLSWORTH: Member Casar, I can't speak for what was done three years ago by a previous administration in the district by a previous school board in the district. I can only speak for what we do now, and what we do now is very important because we are at a crossroads, all of us here together. And we can all talk about the history and past mistakes that both the City has made and the school district has made. There's no question those mistakes are there, but we have an obligation to try to fix what's gone wrong in our City, and we've got to start somewhere. I believe that this is a valuable project. By itself it won't fix anything. We all have to do our part. The district has to do a better job. The City has to do a better job. But you've got to start somewhere and we can't just abandon our neighborhoods to the decades of decline that they've suffered, and we have to find new ways of thinking. You know, there's been allot of talk about whether or not we should use capital improvement dollars. In my previous life as a Service Director, you relished those dollars for those storm sewer projects and for the road improvement projects. But the fact is that I think we need to start looking at those dollars a little differently. Those storm sewers may only benefit a few residents. Many of the storm sewers that we spent millions of dollars on only benefitted a few residents. This is a project that has the potential to benefit the City as a whole and to light a fire under people for the first time in the City for new housing in the core of our City, not on the outskirts. So I think it's very important. I don't know why the previous school board did the things it did. I don't know why previous city administrations and previous city councils have done some of the things that they did. But, we're here now looking to the future and that's my focus. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER BERNABEI: Mr. President. Mr. Ellsworth, is it correct that approximately 3,000 students have left the school system within the last three years...

MR. ELLSWORTH: In 1999 are district enrollment was 13,270 something thereabouts. This year it's about 10,400 and something. So it's nearly 3,000, not quite.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Has the school board conducted a comprehensive survey of all 3,000 families determining all the various reasons why they have left the school system?

MR. ELLSWORTH: Not all 3,000. In the last two years, we've conducted two different surveys of parents who have left us. Some of the reasons they've left us include housing. They also include safety and security, discipline in our schools. They also include individual attention for students. There's allot of different reasons. Housing is a major component of that. I can speak antidotally from personal experience. There are diff...

MEMBER BERNABEI: Please answer my question. Of the two surveys, how many parents or families were surveyed?

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MR. ELLSWORTH: Approximately 500 is my understanding.

MEMBER BERNABEI: In combination in both?

MR. ELLSWORTH: Uh-mmm.

MEMBER BERNABEI: And could you provide to me copies of those surveys?

MR. ELLSWORTH: I certainly can.

MEMBER BERNABEI: (*INAUDIBLE*) ...the information?

MR. ELLSWORTH: Not tonight, but...

MEMBER BERNABEI: That's all. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Anybody else? I must explain to the audience, ladies and gentlemen, the council rule says that people who sign up for public speaks have three minutes to speak, and if they get into a discussion with any member of the Council or the Administration, the Chair must extend their time another 12 minutes for a total time of 15 minutes. So if you hear people talking longer than other people, you know that's because there's a discussion going on between that person and a member of Council or the Administration. The next speaker is Michael King.

MR. KING: Good evening. My name is Michael King. I live at 5434 Peninsula Drive NW in Canton. I am a past resident of 20 years, the last 25 years in Canton. Many of you know me as active with the downtown revitalization efforts, but I was actually asked to be a part of that because Special Improvement District wanted a housing representative, someone with a background in housing, and so I was a part of that back in the early formation. My father was a homebuilder. I built homes for many years with him, and I've rehabilitated housing in the City of Canton for 28 years. Most important, I've tried to learn along the way how to improve neighborhoods and I'd like to commend Council on a couple recent actions they've taken to do that, and that's expanding the CRA with the tax incentives and agreeing to acquire tax delinquent properties. But as everyone knows, all of you I'm sure, we need to do more. And one other thing I think is very important, we need to learn from other cities. And one successful program that's been going on for some time is Akron's program. Akron formed an urban neighborhood development corporation, and I've been trying to pass these out for months now for anybody that would take one, but it explains their program. And part of it is that they provide homebuilders with new land to build homes on. Back in 2003 I got involved with the BIA, and early 2004 I was asked to chair the Home to Canton Group. I think there's four or five of you that have been a part of that committee. That's a committee that has looked to see the opportunities that are available to build new homes in Canton, and through that committee I've gotten to know the BIA members very well, Joe Race, Ray Shanabruch, and I've gained a great deal of respect for them. I think that they can provide the leadership that this is gonna take. It is a risk and that's why I mention the individuals, but through the Urban Housing Foundation and Home to Canton Group, many of you, and the Administration, I believe that we can make this a successful project. I believe strongly that it will stimulate the housing market, spur home improvements by owner occupants in the areas, but most importantly I believe it will spur housing rehabilitations in the area. I think that that very well will provide the largest impact on the improvements to the area. We have several rehab contractors currently interested in becoming a part of this project, but we need a catalyst project, something like this with new homes for them to take part. When this gets publicity as I believe it will when it starts, there's gonna be many others, many other housing rehabbers interested in this area, and I believe that that will ultimately have the largest impact on this area

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to improve it. Many of you have stated that the neighborhoods should be a priority. I believe this is an opportunity to show that they are, and I urge you to vote yes for these two catalyst housing projects. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Bruce Schorsten.

MR. SCHORSTEN: Good evening, Mr. President, Chamber. My name is Bruce Schorsten, and I am the President of the Stark County Associations of Realtors, and I'm here to endorse the Summit School project as a first step in the revitalization of Canton. Now what I mean by first step is if you look at this only as this project, 10, 15 homes, and not beyond that, then I'm not so sure that we are really going to revitalize Canton. This has to be a model of what a brand new school and a brand new housing development next to the brand new school can do for one area, but then you're going to have to do it over perhaps in the Gibbs School area. And perhaps then you're gonna have to move it down and move it into another Baxter School area. You're going to have to multiply this effort throughout your City, and if this is a success, and I have every confidence in the world in the BIA of Stark County, that if this is a success, we're going to have to do it again and again and again, and by doing it again all over the City of Canton, then we will revitalize our fair City. Doing it one time, one time only, is not gonna do it. I have not heard a commitment from this Council as to yes, we're gonna not only do this, but we're gonna revitalize the streets, we're gonna build new sidewalks, we're gonna build new curbs, we're gonna do different types of landscaping, trees, etc., utility poles. We want to make this look like a new neighborhood, not like new homes in an old neighborhood, but let's make this project work, work well, and be proud of it. Because it's gonna happen again and again and again, and then your City will be revitalized. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Joe Race.

MR. RACE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Joe Race and I am the Executive Director of the Building Industry Association of Stark County. We formed the not-for-profit Stark County Urban Housing Foundation with the hopes of building homes near the central core of the City of Canton. I want to first off apologize to all of you for our being a bit naive in terms of how to deal with the City and how to actually get the project off the ground. The people that I work for, this is new to us as well and trying to establish something like this is a little bit of a ground breaking thing, and if we stepped on anyone's toes in the initial process of this thing, I'm very sorry about that. I also want to apologize to all the Council people if this is a matter that you don't think concerns your ward too much. Certainly you probably have what you think to be more pressing matters within your ward that you think would take precedence over this, and in some cases I'm sure you could get me to agree to that. I will not, however, apologize for the merit and the validity of this project. It's something that you need to do as Council people. I urge you to think back when you first wanted to be an elected official. In your heart and in your mind you wanted to make a change, you wanted to make a difference, and this allows you that opportunity. No matter how long you've been on the Council, you can vote tonight, we hope, to make a difference in the housing stock within this City, and I urge you to do it. I've heard talk tonight that you're thinking about tabling this thing for another week or who knows how long. I've heard talk tonight that you're gonna try to eliminate the Monument Road condo part of this thing. I've heard talk that you're gonna try to split the Summit area part of this thing. I urge you to dually put them both together and vote yes on them tonight for the good of the City. I'm sure you were paying attention to people that have spoke previously before me. Everything they say is valid and true. Please give it a chance. I don't know if you read The Beacon Journal over the weekend, but here's yet another article about how the City of Akron is putting 4.5 million into a housing project downtown, and it's something that we should be doing more of. If you give us the chance, I promise you, although it requires a leap of faith, we'll jump with you and we'll make sure that you land softly. Thanks for your time. (APPLAUSE)

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Mike Rukavina.

MR. RUKAVINA: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Mike Rukavina. I live at 1706 Neimans Ave SE in East Canton. I'm here to speak to you tonight in support of the funding of the request for the two Summit neighborhood housing projects as proposed by the BIA and the Urban Housing Foundation. Though I currently live in Osnaburg Township, I was born and raised in Canton and still consider myself to be a part of the greater Canton community. I'm a retired City of Canton police officer and detective. I'm a three term past president and current Executive Director of Stark County Real Estate Investors Association. A past president of Ohio Real Estate Investors Association and the owner operator of Marbec Properties, a real estate investment company that on an annual basis routinely invests in excess of a half million dollars in the City of Canton in the acquisition, renovation and subsequent conveyance of single family homes. I am a professional real estate investor holding the designations of certified professional landlord and Ohio professional housing provider. I'm a member of the Canton Neighborhood Planning Coalition, I've just been appointed to the Mayor's Housing Advisory Board, and I'm actively involved with neighborhood associations such as NEAR. My colleagues and I share the same vision as you. We want to see healthy, vibrant and self-reliant neighborhoods which in turn make for a strong, healthy and vibrant Canton whereby we all will be winners. The first step to that end is to work in a collaborative effort to provide clean, safe, healthy and affordable housing to those that are seeking it and to assist those that we can in making the transition from renter to homeowner. In an investor friendly environment with a BIA initiative serving as the catalyst and a new housing cluster acting as the nucleus, many other real estate investors, renovators and rehabbers may well be drawn to this area thereby exponentially multiplying the number of new and newly renovated homes in this historic area of Canton. With the impact of such critical mass, self-perpetuating projects should continue throughout the balance of this neighborhood as well as be more readily replicated throughout the City. The scope and nature of this project has been planned by industry experts to maximize the chances of its success. Any reduction or alteration in this proposal could adversely affect its overall impact and jeopardize the project's success. The venture proposed by the BIA is not without risk, but it is a calculated risk and not just a gamble. If you wish to reach the sweetest fruit, you must go out on a limb. As you make your decision and rely on your fiscal prudence as you should, I would ask that you rely on the experience of these industry experts and share their vision of boldness. And if not here, then when? If not now, then when? As a native of Canton, as a businessman with a vested interest in the viability of the City of Canton and its surrounding area, as a self-appointed spokesman for my association and the real estate investment industry, I offer my overwhelming support of this project and I encourage all members of Council to calculate and deliberate and then act with vision, purpose and boldness as you reach for that sweetest fruit and cast your vote in the affirmative. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Dave Roberts, is that correct?

MR. ROBERTS: Good evening, Mr. President, Members of Council. I'm Dave Roberts. I'm the housing coordinator of Multi-Development Services. We're a non-profit social service agency headquartered in the heart of the Summit district. With me tonight is my Executive Director Betty Smith, and if it's okay with the President and Members of Council, as long as we don't go over our three minutes, I'd like to defer to her for the balance of our remarks.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Well, she did not sign up to speak, sir, and I have to go by Council rules.

MR. ROBERTS: Okay. That's fine. We drew up the statement and I'm gonna tell you how Multi-Development feels about this project. We've been actively involved in this community for the past five years. In 2002 our agency formed the Summit Neighborhood Enrichment Team that has been successful identifying and helping to correct many of the housing problems in the community. Summit has been identified by many groups including

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the City of Canton as an area that can be enhanced by innovative programs including the projects you are voting on tonight. We want to make you aware that we, along with many of the stake holders some of you already have heard from tonight, have been involved in numerous meetings and discussions that arrived at the housing concept involving the building of the new homes by the BIA. We want to assure you that after the legislation is passed, our agency and others will continue to be involved in the process that includes identifying possible buyers for these homes. We are asking that you vote favorably for this much need project. Thank you for your consideration. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Leon Cote (*PRONOUNCED COAT*), is that correct?

CLERK VANCKUNAS: Cote (*PRONOUNCED COTY*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Cote (*PRONOUNCED COTY*), oh.

MR. COTE: My name is Leon M. Cote. I live at 1225 41st Street NW in Canton. Madam Mayor, Mr. President, Members of the Council, I have been attending City Council meetings for the past three years and the one thing that I see most troubling to our legislators is the allocation scarce resources, and that's money. For the past week I have been reading letters to the editor and news stories taking some councilors to task requesting the City's allocation of \$1.4 million for the construction of a dozen condos and a dozen homes in the northwest section of our City. The gentleman who referred to three of our councilors as dinosaurs and suggested they come into the 21st century was obviously not in the council chambers when the elderly woman from Market Street while in tears talked about the flooding of her home with the water running across Market Street from the Montabella Estates causing between 15 and 20,000 dollars worth of damage and a loss of family heirlooms that insurance did not cover. He also was not there when the people from my neighborhood, 41st Street NW, came and told our horror stories about our flooding problems. He wasn't here when many families from Georgetown Estates located in the

northeast section of our City told how they had just built their 130 to 200,000 dollar homes, and even though the builder followed the City Codes, they still had tremendous flooding problems affecting the 40 newly built homes. He wasn't at a meeting a few weeks ago when people on Field Street NW talked about having to brick up their back doors to keep the water from rushing into their homes. I wonder if the thought going through these councilors' minds may have been with the \$1.4 million, we could solve some of these people's flooding problems. We are too quick to condemn when our agenda is not met or taken care of, but each of us is just one small issue that this body has to deal with on a weekly basis. Maybe it is time for the City to take out a 10 to 20 million dollar bond issue to address the need for new storm drains throughout our City. I would hope with that kind of commitment by the City, that the State and Federal government would contribute also. The band aids, duct tape and bailing wire is not working. It is time to address this problem. As you can see, many of us have different agendas in which the Mayor and City Councilors must sift through and decide what is best for the greatest number of citizens in our City. I'm glad I do not have to make that decision. If I had to, I would allocate the \$1.4 million for the Georgetown Estates new storm drain project to take care of the 40 new houses that have just been built within the last five years. I want to thank you for listening, and I just want to say, in our neighborhood Mr. O'Brien wants to build 15 new houses, market rate homes, at his expense. We're opposed to it because he wants to build it right where the biggest amount of flooding comes, so I realize you have some major decisions to make, I hope you'll make them wisely, and I thank you for your time. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Ray Shanabruach.

MR. SHANABRUCH: Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Ray Shanabruach. I live at 809 Lucille SW, North Canton. I'm here because I'm a retired past president of the

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Builders Association. I'm a long time life resident of Stark County, other than some military service time in college, and one business transfer. My grandfather grew up in this town. He lived at 4th and Newton. He lived on 18th Street. My father was born and raised in this community and lived here his first 40 odd years, and I was born in this town. My uncle and my father had a business downtown, the Arcade Market, where I worked all through high school and college, so I'm very familiar with the community although I live up the road so to speak. I worked here 19 years with Diebold, Inc. as a financial and marketing executive and then I later ran a building company. I am subsequently retired. I'm very interested in what happens in our community and in our county, and I am four square behind this project. I believe that we have a rare opportunity. Canton over the last 30 years has lost a third of its population, the school system has lost probably closer to half of its, and now we have a rare opportunity that will probably not come again in our lifetime, and that is with the new schools being built we have an opportunity to combine that with new modern housing in an attempt to lift the entire area around that school and create a model for future growth of new housing in this community. As I say, this opportunity may not come again. It's the only one I've seen in my lifetime in this town. I doubt that I will live long enough to see another such opportunity. This initiative we're proposing was a couple years in the making. We visited with Akron and talked to their people. We visited with Cleveland Heights and talked with theirs. My brother's a developer in the City of Chicago, and I'm very aware of some of the things that they were doing, some of the hospitals were doing there. We've talked to other builders around the country and we looked at what could we do as an association to help in this. And our self-interest is involved too. If we create a good market in this community for housing, we too will benefit as will the rest of Stark County, and that's my interest. So I guess we recognize allot of risk here. This is not a slam dunk. I've said it many times. It's possible we could build these and they won't come. You get hurt, our builders get hurt and we lose an opportunity. The other side is in this world you've got to have vision, you have to seize the moment, and the timing is right because this time is not gonna come again. So, I guess we're faced with asking you to balance the long term view here against what I see as business as usual in this community, and it's time to set business as usual aside. We, as the BIA, and our members are here, we can be a tool for you to positive change and we'd like to do that. But it's your vote. You will go the way you will. But as a citizen of Stark County, I plead with you to have the vision and the courage to take a step out and make some changes. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The final speaker is Chris Ketler.

MR. KETLER: In case you want to know, they're pictures of my young boys. (AS HE LAYS THE PICTURES ON THE TABLE) My name is Chris Ketler. I live at 1302 9th Street NW, Canton, and I'm here representing these two young men.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Did they sign up to speak? (LAUGHTER)

MR. KETLER: Pardon me, sir?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Did they sign up to speak?

MR. KETLER: No, sir, I'm speaking on their behalf because of their age, okay? We resided on the northwest side of town for six years. I tell you I live about as close as you can live to this project as anyone could. I live less than two blocks from the new Summit school, and less than two blocks from my front door is where the proposed site for the condominiums are gonna be built on 8th Street NW and Monument. I'm gonna go fast cause I have allot to say. I'm here tonight to show my support for Greg Hawk, my ward rep, and all that he's done to have a dream that's come to be this much of a reality, and hope and pray for this issue tonight to pass. I'm also here to show my support for the BIA and Mr. Joe Race. They're the ones taking the risk here tonight and I'll discuss this in a moment with you. As well tonight I'm here to thank everyone who's showing support for this

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issue and believe that it's time for Canton to come back to life. Let me tell you about myself. I'm the kind of person that would and could purchase a home that's gonna be built in the Summit area. It will be built in the Summit area. I'm a husband and a father of two. I'm a college graduate. I hold a job in the same field of business for over 20 years. My family and I regularly attend church. I'm active in my community and church. I serve in the Summit United Neighbors Board. I often attend Council and Zoning Board meetings. You might recognize me. I'm currently enrolled with neighborhood leadership training sponsored by the Stark Community Foundation. Why do I live in Canton? I get that every so often asked to me. Why do I live in Canton when I could most definitely live elsewhere in some of our fine suburbs. Let me tell you why. One reason my family and I have a purpose here. We believe the good Lord has put us here for a reason. My wife is able to be a stay at home mom and stay at home with my two children, with our two children. And we're close to many cultural and community opportunities such as museums, large libraries, parks and numerous cultural and community events which we take full advantage of. We as a family are able to take two or three vacations a year to enrich our family ties. We can afford to have two nice vehicles and not be debt heavy. Now I have siblings that opt to live in the suburbs, okay. And they have-- Christmas comes and it take six months for them to pay off their Christmas with two working incomes, okay. I choose to live in the City. I don't have to live here. The matter here tonight is a simple one that a few members of the board are attempting to make difficult. I don't -- now, don't get me wrong. I encourage debate, but I do not see where a bias political knowledge is deliberately used to throw out the opportunity to make something so important and so needed to our City. Let me address a couple of these issues quickly, Councilmembers. Unions do not build homes. You should know this. Never does a City use 100% union labor on anything, on any of its previous construction projects. Why now? Union only presents 50% of labor used on any city projects. Why the precedent to use such union labor now. I've spoken with union laborers, workers that are part of the union, and they've stated if the homes built in the summit community were built with a majority of union labor, the union workers themselves would not be able to afford to live in the homes themselves. These are the people that we would want to be living in our community. We are building new schools. Where was the concern about prevailing wages, union workers or even contracts, or even benefits for the contractors, or even contractors coming from Stark County. A much bigger financial project than this. When we've built anything in the City, have we ever questioned the need for prevailing wages or the employee benefits provided for the labor force? No. A free market will provide an economic growth and it should not be legislated by a City Council.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mr. Ketler, I'm sorry, but your three minutes are up. Bring your remarks to a close.

MR. KETLER: Okay. I'll finish up real quickly here, okay? Looking for -- let's see -- the \$1.4 million that's being asked for I understand is for clearing away 14 lots in the Summit area and a commercial site. This money of \$1.4 million to do this clearing of homes should have already been spent to do this or will be spent to do this or is currently being spent to do this. We are clearing away homes throughout the City at a growing rate, and we're already spending this money for it with no provision what to do with the empty lots. I have an empty lot adjacent to my property. I mow it, I shovel the snow, I pick up the trash that blows throughout it, I maintain the sidewalks for the kids to walk to the school at no risk to the City. Guys, this is the opportunity. If you guys miss it, we'll never have it again. Everybody's here for you. These are the people right here. That's what it's all about. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, you left your pictures up here.

MR. KETLER: I'd like to leave them if that's alright, sir.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Oh, that's perfectly fine with me. Just make sure that when they grow up, that they register as Democrats, okay? (LAUGHTER) Okay, we're going on with the rest of the orders of the day.

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Sorry, Mayor, you lost two votes there.

(MAYOR'S COMMENTS INAUDIBLE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. Let's go back to the orders of the day here.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, could I ask you as the-- your prerogative to move the ordinances now so we could, with all these people to be out here, facilitate them and move on.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sure. You want me to exercise the prerogative here to go to the ordinances.

MEMBER CASAR: Yes.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. First of all, Member Casar, I want to have a roll call vote here to excuse members.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Informal Resolutions, Madam Clerk. Member Casar, excusing members, please.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we excuse Member Carbenia. Member Carbenia is in the hospital. He's been in since Sunday and hopefully he'll be released by Wednesday; seconded.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let the Journal show that member Carbenia is excused.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: At this time at the request of the Majority Leader, the Chair is gonna go to Ordinances, Third and Final Reading. At this time the Chair will announce that all Ordinances are being given their reading tonight-- are being given their reading as required by State Law. Ordinance #14, please.

NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ ORDINANCES #14 AND #15 FOR THE THIRD & FINAL TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS.

#14 (3RD RDG) **POSTPONED TO 3/21/05** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REIMBURSE THE URBAN HOUSING FOUNDATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00 FOR MONEYS EXPENDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 808 MONUMENT ROAD NW., CANTON, OHIO; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 1/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #14; seconded

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #14. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move that we postpone this Ordinance to next Monday, March 21st; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to postpone this Ordinance until March 21st, year 2005. Are there any remarks?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, as I stated a few minutes ago when we excused Member Carbenia, Member Carbenia is in the hospital with a quite serious ailment at this particular time, and he was unable to attend this evening. As you know, Member Carbenia is Chairman of the Community Development Committee, Economic Community Development Committee. He's spent allot of time and effort on these two projects that will be up for adoption tonight. I visited him in the hospital this afternoon and he's very concerned about this program which he should be, and that is why I'm asking that this Council consider postponing this as a professional courtesy to the Chairman of the Committee who's done allot of leg work on this. He would like to participate in the final vote, and I'm asking that Members of Council consider postponing this Ordinance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks?... The Chair sensing the controversial nature of these two Ordinances, this normally calls for a voice vote, but the Chair's gonna call for a roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 6 YEAS, 5 NAYS
(BABCOCK, HAWK, DOUGHERTY, HART & DIAMOND)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Six yeas. It requires the majority of Councilmembers present, so the postponement stands. The Ordinance is postponed till March 21st, year 2005. **#14 POSTPONED TO 3/21/05**

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#15 (3RD RDG) **POSTPONED TO 3/21/05** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REIMBURSE THE URBAN HOUSING FOUNDATION IN A GRANT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,066,000.00 FOR MONEYS EXPENDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHTEEN (18) LOTS LOCATED NEAR SUMMIT SCHOOL, CANTON, OHIO; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 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?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, for the same reasons I gave on the last Ordinance, I move we postpone Ordinance #15 to next week, March 21st, '05; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to postpone this Ordinance #15 until March 21st, year 2005. Are there any remarks under this postponement?... Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 6 YEAS, 5 NAYS
(BABCOCK, HAWK, DOUGHERTY, HART & DIAMOND)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Requiring the majority of members present, the motion to postpone has passed. Ordinance #15 will be heard again on March 21st.

#15 POSTPONED TO 3/21/05

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We'll now go back to the original place on the agenda.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK OF COUNCIL VANCKUNAS TO READ RESOLUTIONS #30, 33, 34, 36 & 37 BY TITLE, AS SHOWN BELOW. RESOLUTIONS #31 & 32 WERE POSTPONED TO 3/21/05. RESOLUTION #35 WAS RETAINED IN COMMITTEE. THE RESOLUTIONS ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS DATED MARCH 14, 2005.

#30 DOUGHERTY, DAVID R., WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER- CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED STARK COUNTY OUT OF POVERTY PARTNERSHIP'S WILLOW PARK SINGLE FAMILY HOMES PROJECT LOCATED EAST OF 30TH STREET NE IN WARD 6. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #30; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #30. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #30 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is adopted.

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#31 ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDING COUNCIL TAKE NO ACTION & ALLOW THE AUTOMATIC SEWER RATE INCREASE OF 3.3% TO TAKE EFFECT ON 7/1/2005. - **POSTPONED TO 3/21/05**

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #31; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #31. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?...

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, by voting no, that means that we are not for the rate increase, is that correct?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: That's correct. Any further remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, could I ask for a roll call vote please?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sure.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, may I ask the Law Department to clarify that because I don't think a no vote-- I think a no vote would cause you to then bring an ordinance to the table. I don't think a no vote automatically cancels the 3.3, and I would ask the Law Department for clarification. Am I right?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let's get this straight.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Mr. President, may I inquire of the Service Director and ask, is there a need even to vote on 31 and 32 this evening as opposed to considering them next week.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, the ordinance states that Council has to act by March 31st, either by ordinance -- if you do not act by March 31st, the 3.3% will automatically go into effect, but you must pass -- I think you need to pass an ordinance if you do not want the 3.3% to go into effect. I don't know that a no vote here would do that. I think a no vote would just mean that you'd have to go back and pass the ordinance, but you do have till March 31st.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Again, in the same manner that we looked at the resolution last week concerning the issue of the interim step increase for the assistant civil engineer, I think there's some ambiguity about both of these resolutions. From the conversation that occurred in Caucus, there's also some question in my mind as to whether it was fully reviewed by the appropriate personnel in the Law Department, and if no one has an objection, if there's no need to consider these matters tonight, I would ask that both 31 and 32, because they're of a similar nature, one dealing with sanitation, one dealing with sewer rates, be postponed for one week in order that the Law Department can review these and come back to us either with appropriate formats for it or tell us whether or not there's even a need to vote on these.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Put that in the form of a motion.

MEMBER BERNABEI: And I would so move; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded-- we're referring now only to Resolution #31. Moved and

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seconded that 31 Resolution be postponed until March 21st, year 2005. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote all those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #31 POSTPONED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #31 is postponed. Resolution #32, please.

#32 ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDING AN ORDINANCE BE ADOPTED WHICH WOULD WAIVE THE AUTOMATIC SANITATION RATE INCREASE OF 3.3% WHICH WOULD TAKE EFFECT 7/1/2005. - **POSTPONED TO 3/21/05**

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #32; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #32. Are there any remarks?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, for the same remarks that Member Bernabei said, I move that we postpone this until next week also; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that this Resolution be postponed until March 21st, year 2005. Are there remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #32 POSTPONED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #32 is postponed.

#33 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF CURTIS BUNGARD IN STEP 3 OF GRADE 2 @ \$66,633 ANNUAL SALARY RETROACTIVE TO 2/1/05 DURING HIS TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT AS CIVIL ENGINEER. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #33; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #33. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... If not, roll call vote please... I'm sorry. By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #33 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #33 is adopted.

#34 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: APPROVING MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. FREDERICK WHITTIER TO THE CANTON CITY HEALTH BOARD EFFECTIVE 4/1/05 THRU 3/31/10. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #34; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #34. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed

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no.

NO REMARKS RESOLUTION #34 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #34 is adopted.

#35 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: APPROVING MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LISA SIMS TO THE CANTON CONSTRUCTION BOARD FILLING THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MIKE KING THRU 12/31/06. - **RETAINED IN COMMITTEE**

#36 ZACHARY, KELLY, WARD 4 COUNCILMEMBER: CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED CANTON SENIOR APARTMENTS I, LLC DEVELOPMENT OF RENAISSANCE VILLAGE LOCATED WEST OF 25TH & DONALD AVE SW IN WARD 4. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #36; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #36. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS RESOLUTION #36 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #36 is adopted.

#37 HART, RICHARD, WARD 7 COUNCILMEMBER: COUNCIL SUPPORTS CURBSIDE RECYCLING FUNDED THROUGH THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #37; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #37. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS RESOLUTION #37 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #37 is adopted.

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 MARCH 14, 2005.

153. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR MARGY POORMAN, CITY OF

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CANTON: REQUEST LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP TO PROVIDE \$900,000 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE CMTE

154. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR MARGY POORMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO SELL 11 PARCELS OF LAND AT FAIR REUSE VALUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.190/97 LAND DISPOSITION PROGRAM TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CANTON, INC. TO CONSTRUCT 5 NEW HOMES FOR LOW & MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CMTE
155. HEALTH BENEFITS ADM. ROSE BRESSON, CITY OF CANTON: FEBRUARY 2005 MONTHLY COMPARATIVE REPORT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS, & JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2005 PAID CLAIMS & COMPARATIVE REPORT. - RECEIVED & FILED
156. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG OHIO 43068-9005: REQUEST BY SPEE D FOODS, INC., dba SPEE D FOODS #26 @ 1735 CLEVELAND AVE NW FOR A NEW C1,C2,D6 LIQUOR PERMIT. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE CMTE
157. MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH, 701 WALNUT NE, CANTON OH 44702: SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING IN THE SUMMIT SCHOOL AREA. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CMTE
158. MAYOR JANET CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF LISA SIMS TO THE CANTON CONSTRUCTION BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MIKE KING EFFECTIVE THRU 12/31/06. - PERSONNEL CMTE
(See Re#35)
159. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY RAYMON HUMPRIES TO VACATE PORTIONS OF WOODROW CT NE, E. OF YOUNG AVE NE, N. OF 2ND STR NE - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
160. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY RALPH COWAN TO REZONE 1934 NAVARRE RD SW, LOTS 5928-5932, 40138-40140, 4418& 4419 FROM B3 TO PI-1 PLANNED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO PERMIT A WHOLESALE BAKERY & RETAIN SALES. - JUDICIARY
PUB HRG 4/25/05, 7:30 PM
161. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO REPLAT PARTS OF LOTS 1664,1665&1666 ON 6TH ST NE W. OF SPRING AVE NE TO BUILD SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
162. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO REPLAT PARTS OF LOTS 1043&1044 ON 2ND ST NE W. OF JOBE CT TO BUILD SINGLE FAMILY

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HOMES. - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE

163. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY:
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY SCOTT BINKLEY TO REPLAT LOTS 35342,
35340 & 35339 INTO 2 LOTS ON THE E. SIDE OF FRAZER AVE NW IN THE 3700 BLOCK. -
PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
164. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY:
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY SHERRICK ROAD CORRIDOR LLP TO
REPLAT OUTLOT 304 IN THE 1000 BLOCK OF SHERRICK RD SE. - PUBLIC SAFETY &
THOROUGHFARES CMTE
165. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY:
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY MORRIS BROTHERS INC. TO VACATE
ESTEP PL SW BETWEEN CLEVELAND AVE S & DEWALT AVE. - PUBLIC SAFETY &
THOROUGHFARES CMTE
166. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY:
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY CITY OF CANTON TO REZONE NW
CORNER OF 9TH & MCKINLEY SW FROM R-1a TO B-3; OL #869 ON 55TH ST NE FROM R-1
TO CS; OUTLOTS 970, 971 & PARTS OF LOTS 41649&41653 FROM P-R4 TO OS; LOTS 751,
39089, 40791-40794, 2238-2245, 2630-2637, OUTLOT 129, 2625&2624 FROM B-3 TO B-5. -
JUDICIARY CMTE **PUB HRG 4/25/05, 7:31 PM**
167. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO WAIVE
ANNUAL INCREASE IN SANITATION RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE 2004 CPI,
PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 975.08(a)(4). - ENV & PUB UTIL CMTE (See Re#32)
168. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR SERVICE
& SAFETY DIRECTORS TO EXECUTE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR ATC ASSOCIATES ON
BEHALF OF CANTON AUTO REPAIR & TOWING TO INSTALL PRIVATE MONITORING
WELLS IN CLEVELAND AVE NW & 37TH ST NW. - ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES
CMTE
169. TREASURER ROBERT C. SCHIRACK, CITY OF CANTON: REPORT OF BANK
RECONCILIATIONS & OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 2/28/05. - RECEIVED & FILED
170. WEST, THOMAS E. WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER: REQUEST LEGISLATION TO PROCEED
WITH SALE OF UNUSED CITY PROPERTY TO FOREST CITY RESIDENTIAL MGT, INC. TO
BE USED AS HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES FOR CANTON TOWERS FOR THE SUM OF
\$2,000.00. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CMTE
171. WILLIAMS, J.D., WATER DEPT SUPERINTENDENT, CITY OF CANTON.: SUBMITTING 2004
ANNUAL REPORT FOR CANTON WATER DEPT. - RECEIVED & FILED

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

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

NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #3 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRALS, AS FOLLOWS.

- #1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE SECOND STREET NW CUT-THRU, WEST OF FULTON NW, AND NORTH OF WEST TUSCARAWAS STREET; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY **PUB HRG 3/28/05 @ 7:30 PM**
Referred to the Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #2 (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 45/2005** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 21 BUILDINGS TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF SAID BUILDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF CANTON CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY THE COSTS OF DEMOLITION TO THE STARK COUNTY AUDITOR; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Community & Economic Dev and Finance Committees
- #3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER AKRON ATHLETIC CLUB; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Parks & Recreation & Public Property Capital Improvement Committees

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

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, request a committee meeting on Ordinance #2, demolition of homes.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You want to pass that tonight?

MEMBER CASAR: Yes, Mr. President, we usually do. (*AFTER A SLIGHT PAUSE*) Mr. President, I think because of the nature of our committee meetings this evening and we ran out of time, that's probably why you weren't told of this and I apologize.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: By the way, I have to fine you \$25.00 for that. Okay. The Chair declares an in-house recess now for the Community Economic Development and the Finance Committees to meet and discuss Ordinance #2. You're now in recess.

COUNCIL RECESSED FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET ON THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE #2 AT 8:45 PM. THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED BY PRESIDENT DENCZAK AT 8:49 PM.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Alright, Council's reconvening after the recess. Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinance #1 back on this evening's agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance # -- wait a minute. It's Ordinance #2.

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MEMBER CASAR: Ordinance #2, I'm sorry. That'd be Ordinance #2 to add on this evening's agenda. I was looking at first reading. Excuse me.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Is there a second?

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinance #2 back to the agenda. Are there any remarks...? If not, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #2 is a legal part of your agenda, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinance #2; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a moved to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #2. Are there any remarks...? If not, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #2; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #2. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance...? Very well, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #2 is adopted

#2 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO.45/2005

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

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

NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #4 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #13 FOR THE SECOND TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCE #6 WAS ADOPTED FOLLOWING ITS SECOND READING.

#4 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH PRECISION POWDER COATINGS, INC DBA PPC, INC TO PROVIDE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE CANTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED TO BE PAID PURSUANT TO SECTION 5709.82 (C) AND (D) OF THE REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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- #5 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CANTON TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #6 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 46/2005** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FAIR REUSE OR FAIR MARKET VALUE OF 17 PARCELS OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #7 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 164/2001, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND GENERAL SALARIES FOR ALL MANAGEMENT AND NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CANTON; AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 164/2001, AS AMENDED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #8 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANTON AND LOCAL 3449 AND OHIO COUNCIL 8, AFSCME; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #9 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CO-APPLY FOR A BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT, AND TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STARK COUNTY, OHIO, CONCERNING REALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS OF THE GRANT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #10 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TAPPING AND LINE STOPPING SYSTEM AND A VALVE INSERTION SYSTEM FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #11 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE PLEASANT VIEW/EASTRIDGE ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 42.3072 ACRES; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 6 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY **PUB HRG 3/21/05 @ 7:30 PM**
- #12 (2ND 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 (MALONE COLLEGE, 515 25TH ST. NW) **PUB HRG 3/21/05 @ 7:31 PM**
- #13 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55/77 AS AMENDED, KNOWN

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AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (VIENNA WAY, DANUBE SW)

PUB HRG 3/21/05 @ 7:32 PM

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Now we're under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the third and final reading. Ordinance #14 and 15 have been postponed for one week. Ordinance #16.

NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE REMAINING ORDINANCES #16 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #18 FOR THE THIRD & FINAL TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCES #14 & #15 WERE POSTPONED TO 3/21/05.

#16 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 47/2005** AN ORDINANCE NAMING AN UNNAMED ALLEY IN THE CITY OF CANTON , H. CARSON COURT

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #16; seconded

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #16. Are there any remarks?... This alley is being named H. Carson Court, and I understand Julia Condit is in the audience. Will you stand? This alley is being named for your father, is that...? Okay, alright. Okay.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, just to piggyback on that a little bit if I may. Julia's lived in the home that Mr. Carson built many years ago. Mr. Carson was a U.S. Congressman for two terms, a Republican U.S. Congressman I might add. Mr. Woofter who lives caddy corner across the street from the alley that we're gonna be naming H. Carson Court came to me with this proposal, another Republican I might add, and we would like to see this in memory of Mr. Carson and for his daughter Julia, and I appreciate your support.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: This H stands for Henderson then. Henderson Carson, oh yes. Okay. I tried to make him a Democrat, but he wouldn't listen to me.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, the only member here that can remember that far back. (LAUGHTER)

MAYOR CREIGHTON: A Democrat said that, not a Republican. (LAUGHTER)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mayor, I don't know what kind of a bug you got crawling on you, but you got some big one there. (LAUGHTER) When did I lose control? Okay. The question before Council now is Ordinance #16. Are there any further remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #16 is adopted.

#16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 47/2005

#17 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 48/2005** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 30910, 30909, AND PART OF LOT 30908; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #17; seconded

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #17. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance...? Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #17 is adopted.

#17 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 48/2005

#18 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 49/2005** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,134.00 TO 3-D SERVICE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #18; seconded

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #18. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?...

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, I'd like to correct something I told Member Casar I believe it was in the committee meeting about Hannon Electric. I think you asked was they able to bid and I think I said they weren't able to do this job. I was incorrect. They are capable of doing the work. However, out of the three bidders, they were not a low bidder. 3-D was low bidder. And they were not able to get the City preference because they're not in the City, but I misspoke. They are able to do it. They were asked to bid. They just were not the low bidder.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Thank you, Service Director, I appreciate your comments.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any further remarks?... The question you are voting on now is Ordinance #18. Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #18 is adopted.

#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 49/2005

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Announcement of Committee Meetings please.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, Public Safety & Thoroughfares will meet next Monday evening at 6:15.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: What time?

MEMBER BABCOCK: 6:15.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, Parks & Recreation, 6:15.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, Public Property Capital Improvement will also meet that evening at 6:15.

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MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Thank you, Service Director Concatto. I mentioned that in committee tonight that at 5:30 Margy Poorman, Community Economic and Development committee director, will be presenting information with regards to tax abatement so that Council will be able to thoroughly understand it with all the ones we have coming down, so she's gonna make this presentation along with Mandwal Patterson at 5:30, and then hopefully that half hour she can do it. It gives us another 15 minutes before we have to go into committees.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, we'll change the meeting time to 5:30 then. The committee meeting.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Wait a minute. I'm getting...

MEMBER BERNABEI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Carbenia. (*LAUGHTER*)

MEMBER BERNABEI: Thank you. May I ask the Clerk of Council on Ordinance #6, did we give that only a second reading or did we adopt #6 tonight?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Which one?

MEMBER BERNABEI: #6.

CLERK VANCKUNAS: Mr. President, I gave that a second reading.

MEMBER WEST: We need to adopt that.

MEMBER BERNABEI: That is the Ordinance, point of order that was discussed in committee meetings this evening that it was indicated that there was a deadline of I think this coming Thursday that required adoption of that tonight, and this issue by the way was not pointed out by me but it was pointed out by Member West.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. First of all, thank you, Member West, and thank you, Member Bernabei. Yes, as Member Zachary told us in committee tonight this is important because the ABCD Homes has to have this legislation to them by Thursday, so I would move that we'd refer back to Ordinances for Second Reading, Ordinance #6.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Chair will exercise the prerogative, Member Casar, and go back for expediency.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're back under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the Second Reading. Ordinance #6.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, it already had its second reading, so, Mr. President, I move we suspend the statutory rules on Ordinance #6; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance#6. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #6; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #6. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #6 is adopted.

#6 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 46/2005**PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're back on the original place on the agenda. Public Speaks, Open Forum, City Business. We have one person signed up to speak, Veronica Callahan.

MS. CALLAHAN: Good evening, Mr. President, Mayor Creighton, and all the Councilmembers. I'm standing tonight with a new title. Usually I say I'm just Veronica Callahan and give my address, so let me do the address before I forget, 3406 34th St NE, Canton 44705. But this year I'm the new president of NAVE, our subcommittee that comes to see you twice a year, and we wanted to make a statement to you and then give you an invitation and I'll be out your way. We want to commend the Mayor and the staff and all the Council people on what you've been doing this year. We would also like to let you know that we will be here twice annually again this year viewing our concerns and making sure that you know that you not only have our support, but we're holding you accountable. We would also like the Council to know, because there's some very, very, very important issues that are coming up, to keep us in mind. Don't forget that your neighborhood organizations are made up of your faith based community, your grass root communities and your other small non profits who make a valuable difference in the City of Canton. And we just urge you that as you continue to have your meetings, as you continue to grow the City of Canton and to develop our City, that you keep us in mind because without our programs and service, no matter how many millions of dollars we put into this City, it will be destroyed. We urge you that as you continue to build, as you continue to grow, that you remember us. And with that we're gonna invite you-- now, many of you are going home to a voice message from me. I'll stay for five minutes if you want to let me know your RSVP. If not, you can give me a call. But, we took into consideration your concerns. We're not having our quadrant meetings this year. We are going to have one big Meet the Candidates night at the Canton Memorial Civic Center in the McKinley Room. And more information, like I say, will follow in the mail. It will be on Wednesday, April 27th from 6:00 to 8:00. We encourage you to come out. As you know, there is 54 neighborhood organizations in the City of Canton that represent thousands of people, and we also would like you to know that voter registration and participation has increased since NAVE came on the scene and has been pushing. So, we appreciate your participation thus far and we hope to hear from you soon. And, thank you, keep up the good work. (APPLAUSE)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, I would also like to extend an invitation to Council to earmark your

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calendar for Wednesday, April 12th. I'm involved in a collaboration actually of a couple different groups, Sisters of Charity, Mercy Medical, and there's a group out of Cleveland that we've been working on a project called Building Healthy Communities. You all will get an invitation in the mail shortly, but I just want you to earmark your calendars. We're gonna hold the open community portion of this project on that day at 6:00 PM at St. Anthony's Church and we'd like to have your support there. Thanks.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Mr. President, Members of Council, I'd like to invite Council to St. John's Baptist Church on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 12:10 mass. We're gonna recognize a firefighter, a Canton police officer, and a Sheriff's deputy in what we call the blue mass, representing the safety forces. Member Zachary's husband was recognized last year, so you're welcome.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other miscellaneous business?...

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President, yesterday we had the experience once again to greet the young college students from Minnesota that chose to come to Canton, Ohio and they were hosted by Councilman West in his ward, and we want to especially thank Leadership Stark County, Rice's Nursery, Keep Canton Clean. It was another effort to go into a neighborhood, to go into Nimisilla Park to help us and we really appreciate it. They gave up their Spring vacation to come to Canton, so that was really commendable. Also, just two other quick things. Save April the 5th, that's clean up Canton day, and that's the day we like to see everyone come out and help us clean up our City, and the last thing I'd like to say are go Bulldogs and bring home that State championship trophy! Come on, let's-- I think all Council.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I thought you were a cheerleader for Lincoln. (*LAUGHTER*)

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, on April 1st, once again we have Minority Health Month kick off event. It will be hosted at the Oldtimers Club. There will be a luncheon, so please be advised and you're all welcome to come.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other miscellaneous business?...

MEMBER HART: Ye, Mr. President. Just to notify Councilmembers... (*INAUDIBLE COMMENTS BY MEMBER DOUGHERTY*) ...no, it doesn't have anything to do with recycling, Member Dougherty. On April 12th through the 14th there's going to be a statewide conference for Heritage Ohio. It's preservation and revitalization, a winning team, and it's going to be held at the Marriott McKinley Grand Hotel. There's going to be 20 educational sessions, four tours set up, and two receptions, and if any Councilmembers would like any information pertaining to that, you know, please see me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Is there any other miscellaneous business?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I'd just like to thank the six members of Council that voted to support my request to postpone Ordinance #s 14 and 15. Professional courtesy that this Council has done for the many years I've been around here, if a Councilmember or a Council chairman could not make the meeting and requested the Majority Leader to ask for this privilege to be here to be able to cast his vote and give his thoughts on a particular ordinance, I want to thank the six members that took this into heed, and hopefully if you was for or against the ordinance, you did something that I feel is respectable regards to your fellow Council person who requested this, and I'm sure someday if you request it, I'm sure this Council will do the same. Thank you. Mr. President, I move we adjourn; seconded.

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

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NO REMARKS PERMITTED ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

DEBRA VANCKUNAS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RAY DENCZAK
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

