

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 9, 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, May 9, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was then taken (as follows) by Clerk of Council Debra Vanckunas. The invocation was given by Ward 9 Councilmember Joe Carbenia followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President of Council Denczak.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK VANCKUNAS:

ALL 12 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, JOE CARBENIA, 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)

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you, Member Carbenia (*referring to invocation*). Agenda corrections and changes, Members of Council. You're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add the second reading of Ordinances 14 through and including #24. The Chair will recognize that motion now, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinances for the second reading #14 through and including #24; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with Rule 22A to add second reading of Ordinances 14 through and including #24. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 22A is suspended and Ordinances #14 through and including #24 are a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

PUBLIC SPEAKS (ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION ONLY):

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks under Ordinances or Resolutions for Adoption Only. We have several people signed up for that this evening. The Chair opens up the public speaks portion. The first speaker is Chris Smith.

MS. SMITH: Good evening, President Denczak, Mayor, and other Councilmembers. I'm here once again to speak in relationship to the changing of the name Mahoning Road to The O'Jays Boulevard. I spoke on last meeting and also I had an article in the paper on yesterday. And I also had a personal conversation today with Councilman West, and I really felt that some of the things that he told me about as far as rehabilitating the area that the name change would be of great significance, and I felt like if we went around for the significance of changing names and rehabilitating an area, then there are allot of names and streets we should be renaming if

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that's the case. I also feel that it is, to me, and not anything personal against Councilman West, but he sorta inherited the knowledge of the O'Jays. I feel like if the O'Jays were going to support the community - like on the last meeting someone brought up the fact that the pool was closed, the store was closed - these are things that if they felt that they was concerned about our city and our community, these are things that they should have done to fix up in order to deserve the name to be changed. I feel that if you go around changing street names because it's gonna help the area, then it's allot of names that we need to change. My understanding of a councilman was to fix up the community, see to it that community is safe. There's allot of things on Mahoning Road that needs to be done way before changing of the name. And as I also stated in the papers, where's our Martin Luther King Boulevard? Where's our Martin Luther King Street? Because when you think about going around changing names, we need to think about the significance of changing that name. Is this changing of names-- what does it have to do with the City? Is it gonna help the City? And I feel like the O'Jays spent tax dollars in Cleveland, and Cleveland hasn't even considered naming a street after them. And I just can't see why it took them 30, 40 years to even come forth now and want to support us, and that is my theory on that. And like I say, I don't have anything against the O'Jays. I love them as a group, but I feel like they earn where they got and being in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, that was an honor coming from New York. It just so happened that the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is in Cleveland. And to me, things that-- when you get to want to be deserved for something, you need to earn that, and you need to deserve to have a street named after you, and I just feel that, and I feel strongly against it and I am still against renaming Mahoning Road after the O'Jays. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Jermaine Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS: Good evening, everybody, and especially to the City Council. My name is Jermaine Walter Williams. I am the brother of Walter Williams of the O'Jays and I just first of all would like to say that I'm here to clear up just a couple of things...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your address, please.

MR. WILLIAMS: I'm here to clear up a couple of things...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, state your address please.

MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, I'm sorry. 1933 Penn Place NE...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay.

MR. WILLIAMS: Canton, Ohio 44704. I'm just here to basically say that I don't believe the O'Jays ever asked to have the street named after them. However that came to be I'm sure that they appreciate the thought, they appreciate all of the thinking and the way and manners that went into making that decision for them. It would be an honor for us as being members of not only the City of Canton, but also the O'Jay family and the Williams family to have that done. But if it's not done, it will not make or break us. There was some things that were in the paper yesterday. The O'Jays were here eight years ago, and I don't know if any of you know that the O'Jays-- back at that time they were paid \$50,000 to \$60,000 for concerts that they would do. They gave Canton, Ohio, their hometown, a break, \$25,000. I read here that they didn't come on stage because the money wasn't right, but no one knew that there were two brown bags, you know the ole' switch-er-oo. \$4,000 was in another bag, \$21,000 was in one bag, one bag was stolen. When the manager went to go count the money, obviously the \$25,000 wasn't there. Now them being under contract, they could not come on stage until later on, until they found the money and they found the person that took the money. I wanted to dispel that. Let me see, I feel like a preacher here. I'm looking here at this paper. As far as the diplomas, these honorary diplomas, they didn't get

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honorary diplomas, they were something liken to a proclamation. The O'Jays couldn't be there that time because they were on tour in Florida, but I was selected to go and receive those for the O'Jays. That never made the paper. I went on up to Cleveland, I believe it was nine years ago, presented those things to the O'Jays. I wanted to dispel that. Also, Eric Snow and Jamar Martin, I went to school with Eric Snow. He's a great young man, and I'm sure Jamar Martin is also. These guys have been in their professions for maybe ten years for maybe Eric and maybe two or three for Jamar. The O'Jays have been doing this 45 years. Do I believe that they deserve a street named after them? Yes. Does my family, does certain friends and even foes believe that? Yes and no. But we just wanted to come here in support of the renaming of the street. And like we said, we should not be so much concerned about things that are happening as far as the street being named, because you're not gonna stop driving down that street whether if it's Mahoning Road or The O'Jays or Jermaine Boulevard. You're not gonna stop driving down that street, and I believe that there's other things that we could probably agree upon or disagree upon that's really gonna change the outcome of every citizen here in Canton, Ohio, so...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, your three minutes are up. Bring your remarks to a close.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Dwan Gordon St. John.

MS. GORDON: Good evening, everyone. I am not here to talk about the O'Jays. I'm here concerning an issue on 10th Street. I have been a resident at 510...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Your name and address please.

MS. GORDON: Dwan Gordon St. John. I have been a resident on 10th Street for 14 years. While I am truly grateful...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your address please.

MS. GORDON: 510 10th Street NW.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. Proceed.

MS. GORDON: While I have been a resident there for 14 years, and I do appreciate the activities that are currently going on at the Civic Center and the revenue that it is bringing to the City, it has certainly become a nuisance. Residents on 10th Street, we are forced to park on the street, and when these activities are going on at the Civic Center, many of us are without parking having to park a half a mile up the road if you will. That to me has become an issue because I have two small children, and it is a problem and safety issue in terms of carting children back and forth up the street and carting in groceries or what have you in the house and just traveling that far up the street to get to my home at late hours of the night. While-- like I said, I have been there 14 years, it has never been a problem the way that it has been within the last eight months. So we have requested with Mr. West, who is our current councilperson, some type of parking restriction to accommodate the residents which is approximately eight families and one activity center between DeWalt Avenue and McKinley. Just have some type of restricted parking in that vicinity. And the second issue that I would like to address is the pot holes. There are several, and they are huge. And almost to the point where it's also a safety concern. Because we're forced to park on the street, vehicles turning off of McKinley onto 10th Street are trying to not only duck and dodge pot holes, but vehicles that are parked as well. There was just a four car pile up in that area, if I'm not mistaken, it was either Friday or Saturday, and not only that, because they are dodging and darting pot holes, they tend to run

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up on the curbs where my children play. I have a 10 year old and a 15 year old, and that truly is-- I'm sorry, 15 month old. And I don't even allow my children to play on the sidewalk with these circumstances that we as residents are currently faced with. So there again, I would appreciate if we could have some type of resolution, ordinance, on that street for the residents, as well as getting the pot holes fixed. Thank you.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. Yes, we had forwarded that to the Service Director in reference to the street where the Civic Center is, parking in front of their homes, and I think Debbie did that in writing.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, just a comment on the parking situation. We have added additional signage in front of the Civic Center. I don't know if you saw the placards that we have on the sidewalk, but we have added those to let folks know that there is additional parking in the Nationwide lot, and of course, in the deck. Hopefully, this summer, we have been investigating the use or possible use of shuttle buses to take folks who want to park further down to our decks downtown. Not only that, but I will be working with Councilmember West to make sure that people park where they're supposed to park and they do not park in those areas that parking is not allowed lawfully, and we will also increase our police patrols in that area to make sure that only lawful parking is allowed.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Prosper Altieri.

MR. ALTIERI: Mayor, President of Council and Councilmembers, my name is Prosper Altieri and I live at 925 Mahoning Road. I was born at 933 Mahoning Road and raised my family at my current address for a total of 74 years. As a lifetime resident, I urge Council to please vote no on renaming of Mahoning Road to O'Jay Parkway. We object to any street renaming concerning this, the oldest original part of Mahoning Road. In my family, five brothers were in the military service, two in the Navy in the Second World War and three in the Army that served in the Korean Conflict. And we all came home alive to Mahoning Road. Others did not. In our city, some who didn't return alive and others who had serving their country, we honor with a dedication place in Canton such as Don Scott Field near the Hall of Fame, which was a Second World War veteran. And overall, we were immortalized with Westbrook Park Veterans Memorial and bricks to remember who all served. Mahoning is part of our City bicentennial. This area is the first settled in Stark County and Canton by James Leonard. This is where he lived along with the noted Revolutionary War veteran James Culbertson, who is buried close by. As years went by, some people have forgotten our history and others did not. As a gentleman who spoke about living on the corner of Mahoning Road, that there was only nothing left but an empty lot, obviously, he didn't stay very long because I know who lived in that house for 60 years and died. And the house has been rented, but only a short time, and the City of Canton demolished it. Mr. West is a junior councilmember who as not being from the Canton area, cannot be blamed for his uneducated and local history, and particularly Mahoning Road. And because of this, we feel more appropriate to perhaps have temporary banners for the festivities when the O'Jays have their concert at the Civic Center. I do feel that the concert should be free for all proceeds going to overtime for the police officers embarked in this area that the crime ridden. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Betty Bradley.

MS. BRADLEY: I'd like to thank everyone for letting me come and speak. My name is Betty Bradley and I have a letter here from one of the ladies who lives up on Mahoning, and her name-- oh, I'm sorry, I live at 1438 9th Street NE, approximately about 500 feet from Mahoning Road. And this is her letter, and her name is Tammy Greenbaum and she lives at 871 and also 873 Mahoning Road NE, which is a duplex. She occupies both. She objects to the renaming of Mahoning Road and renaming of-- I'm sorry, she objects to the renaming of Mahoning Road to O'Jays Boulevard and other renaming of it. She has lived there at that address 65 years. She raised her family there, and she wanted it to continue to stay Mahoning Road and also she votes in that ward cause she's

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a property owner and a resident. And that's all from Ms. Greenbaum. But I would like to say to Councilman Tom West, at this present time I would like for you to, for the ward and the people who live in the ward, at the end of the month I will be losing a very, very good neighbor which I am quite sure everyone would like to have next door to them due to the cause of the illegal activities that go on in that area. Now I'm hearing that we only have seven police cars on duty at all times. Why should Canton people have to put up with that when some of us love that neighborhood. I, myself, have lived in that neighborhood for over 45 years. I have no intention of moving. Due to this wonderful neighbor who always kept her eyes out on one side of the house for me, and I kept my eye on one side of the house for her, I am losing her because of the illegal activities going on. Now, it's gonna put me in debt to put up a fence because all the way around my property. Will the City offer me any funds to do this for the illegal activities to keep the people from walking, throwing paper up on my property? Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Kathy Altieri Bucher.

MS. BUCHER: Good evening, Mayor, Councilmembers, and President of Council. My name is Kathy Altieri Bucher. I reside at 927 Mahoning Road NE, and I also own property abutting my property, which is my residence, which is 919 Mahoning, 921 Mahoning and 933 Mahoning Road. I'm here to address the rename of Mahoning Road NE to O'Jays Parkway. And last time we were here for the second reading when it went to committee and was spoken of that time, we have presented a petition. This petition was allot of people that lived around the area. We got a little carried away when we were passing it around, but some of these people live on Mahoning Road, and I do have a map highlighting where they do live. Some had objected for allot of reasons and primarily they had personal reasons, but mostly because they lived there for the length of time that they had and they complained about not being notified about this originally. We did poll this and we found out that most of the people weren't. What we are here for and the people that are speaking, and some of these people live like, such as Betty Hooten, at 948 Mahoning Road NE, and her son Rich Hooten has the property beside her at 952 Mahoning Road NE, as well as myself, Prosper Altieri, Tammy Greenbaum, and several others that were a little afraid to sign a petition for fear they wouldn't get city services as they told me. We object for this reason. We choose to keep Mahoning as it has been for almost 140 years. The Mahoning Road, as I told you about the history on it, means Saltlick. This is an Indian trail tracing from New York through Pennsylvania through Youngstown which is Mahoning County, and straight in as far west as Canton, right there in that northeast area. It's the glaciated Allegheny Plateau. It was very important for the Delaware Indians predominantly all the other trails and the people that come here including the first settled and first founded area of Canton in Stark County which is right where we live adjacent and on parts of Mahoning Road. James Leonard, and it's called Leonards Station, and I have this material I'm gonna pass around so you can look at it. These are from the original atlases which I own, as well as Betty Hooten is a noted scholar in this area with numbers of volumes of Stark County history books. So yes, we all are familiar with our area. You don't live there, I guess you might not. But I am a historian. Here's another one with the highlighted areas of the people that I addressed and their properties. Some of those that aren't closest to that property of Nimisilla Park are vacant, some of lots. So there's really not-- those are the primary areas that we've addressed. Nimisilla Park in itself was named after-- it's created a City of Lakes and Mahoning was involved in this as well. And we had charged back in the 70's to stop Nimisilla Park from being turned into a debacle of government housing.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Your three minutes are up. Bring your remarks to a close.

MS. BUCHER: It's the same core group of people we have now that fought this then and the same core group of people have fought many other issues and street renames. In the current light of the Bicentennial of the City of Canton, I don't see how we can eliminate the original history of the City of Canton as easily as that goes. And I do have one question. Is there a proper protocol for a street rename in the City of Canton? Can anyone answer

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that? Such as Planning Commission, anything as such?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Can anybody respond to that?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, what I do know is when I had inquired about the street process, what I was given was the street that you vacated or that you renamed which was Ira Turpin, or Marion Motley Way, and they said that you have to send a communication up to the Law Department which I did and followed. And then I also, after it came back down, they checked, they sent it to all the traffic, the engineers, so on and so forth, police, fire, and it was the same process that you followed when you changed Marion Motley.

MS. BUCHER: So, even if there's objections, the same process goes for only one or two buildings...

MEMBER CARBENIA: Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your point of order.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I thought you said that she should bring her remarks to an end.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yes, ma'am. You cannot continue this any longer. You know the Council rules. Your three minutes are up.

MS. BUCHER: Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker-- I hope I pronounce this last name correctly, it's Charlotte Mlinac? Is that correct? (INAUDIBLE RESPONSE FROM SPEAKER) I'm getting gooder at this. The Budget Director asked now if you can pronounce my name?

MS. MLINAC: No, but I'd-- oh, yes, of course, Mr. Denczak. I talked with you. There you go.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay.

MS. MLINAC: And mine is a lulu and you did beautifully. Well, President Denczak, Madam Mayor, Members of Council, I wasn't going to speak, I was going to pass...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and address please.

MS. MLINAC: My name is Charlotte Mlinac, 1410 Superior Ave NE, Canton 44705. But I think I need to speak because I was born and raised out there on 13th Street which runs off of Mahoning Road. I'm 72 years old. Many of these people here don't remember the historical background of Mahoning Road nor do they remember Crystal Park which was annexed to the City of Canton many, many years ago. Crystal Park was a vibrant neighborhood. I was born there in my mother's home, the home we still own today. And we were self sufficient there. We had a hospital, we had doctors, we had dentists, we had banks, we had groceries, we had everything we needed. We did not have to leave Crystal Park. So it disturbs me greatly that they want to change the name of Mahoning Road to The O'Jays Boulevard, and the fact of the matter is it's not even a boulevard. I always understood a boulevard had to have a strip running down the middle of it. That's neither here nor there, but I want to say that I object to changing the name of Mahoning Road to The O'Jays. I urge Council to do so. And it's really based on the historical value and importance of our City. Preservation of history today and anything historical should be first and foremost of any city who is trying to get back on their feet. That particular area on out to Fairhope

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is ready for a vibrant renaissance. It will come. There's so many vacant lots out there, you can't believe how many there are. So it's prime land to be sold. Ten years down the road it will be a thriving community. Okay, now that being said, I want Councilman West to understand that I don't object to recognizing The O'Jays. I think it's important that we recognize home boys made good, but I think it can be done other ways. I really do. And I think one thing that would be grand, here's just to throw out a thought. A plaque, bronze plaque there at the Civic Center - we have our musical shows there - on any sort of a foundation. I've seen so many of them, and Councilman West, you know, Chrissie Hynde of Akron was also inducted along with The O'Jays, the same year. I don't know if you're familiar with Chrissie Hynde -- are you hearing me? (*NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE*) Okay. Chrissie Hynde was inducted into the Hall of Fame. She's an Akronite...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ma'am, excuse me. Your three minutes are up.

MS. MLINAC: Okay. Let me just put this out. She made her fortune as a roll & roller on songs that she wrote and sang about Akron, Ohio. Her whole album put her on top. She also gave money to Akron, but Akron's not changing a street. All you have to do is go out and collect some money, put up a monument, anywhere you want it, you know. I thank you all. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The final speaker under this portion of public speaks is Jack Hawk.

MR. HAWK: Mr. President, Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers and staff. My name is Jack Hawk. I live at 217 16th Street NW, Canton 44703. Thank you for those comments. I'm here as an officer of the Preservation Society, and more than that, I am the chairman of the neighborhood committee. And some of you, if you'll just bear with me for a minute, may wonder well what's the Preservation Society got to do with this now. The neighborhood committee is a-- let me first of all tell you, the Preservation Society is not into just buildings, we're into sort of preserving neighborhoods, and that goes into allot of other alternatives other than just singular buildings. I am not also against the tribute to The O'Jays, but I would encourage you not to dispose of one heritage for another heritage, and I do believe that Mahoning Road has a heritage. I speak as an architect because there are major thoroughfares I think throughout this county, throughout the city, people know the name Mahoning. Now you may not know the name of Young or Lawrence, but Mahoning is a name you do know. And as it was said here, it does have a history going back to an Indian, just like the word Tuscarawas. And this is something that goes beyond the city, out into the county and beyond that into the region. The city map that you publish, if you look at the major thoroughfares, Mahoning is clearly one of the major roads on here. So I think that a change like this, of this magnitude, means that there was a significant contribution made. I don't know if that contribution was made to warrant changing a significant road like Mahoning, and again, that is one heritage I don't think that we should sort of dispel. I think there are other ways to do this. I think we can engage in some sort of a collective group that could sort of help figure out what would be an appropriate tribute. I understand that there's the name Parkway being considered. I mean Parkway sort of implies sort of a park setting with a tree line. I mean Mahoning, you're gonna be hard pressed, and I realize that changing a name doesn't significantly mean that you're gonna change the whole area. I also think it's gonna be complex when you add the word The in front of O'Jays. When I pointed this out to some board members, I said, talking about changing Mahoning to O'Jays Boulevard, they said why are we acknowledging that creep, meaning thinking it was O.J. Simpson. So I understand why people are looking at The O'Jays Boulevard or Parkway, but the thing of "the" is sort of to an object more so than to people. And I talked to Heritage Ohio on such short notice because one of things we should have is some sort of communications, not so the Preservation Society can come out here and do it, but such short notice to make sure that there are people that are gonna talk about the preserving of certain heritages. But I talked to Heritage Ohio...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, your three minutes are up. Bring your remarks to a close.

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MR. HAWK: I talked to Heritage Ohio. They also are in a quandary as to why somebody would want to change this, so again, let's not set a precedent to set aside one heritage for another. Thank you again. (APPLAUSE)

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: It will not be necessary to excuse Members. Let the Journal show that all Members of Council are present. We have a postponed matter.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ RESOLUTION #53 BY TITLE, AS SHOWN BELOW. THE RESOLUTION IS ON FILE IN ITS ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS DATED MAY 9, 2005.

53. **POSTPONED FROM APRIL 25, 2005** ZACHARY, KELLY, WARD 4 COUNCILMEMBER: SUPPORTING RECREATION IN WARD 4 AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JACKSON POOL IN 2006 CALENDAR YEAR. - TABLED INDEFINITELY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #53; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #53. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we table Resolution #53 indefinitely; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that this Resolution be tabled indefinitely. Are there any remarks?...

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, we will revisit this issue in the next several months once the Blue Oval studies are complete.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #53 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is postponed indefinitely.

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 MAY 9, 2005.

252. AUDITOR R.A. MALLONN, CITY OF CANTON: MONTHLY REPORT BY FUND FOR 4/1/05 - 4/29/05. - RECEIVED & FILED

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253. AUDITOR R.A. MALLONN, CITY OF CANTON: YEARLY REPORT BY FUND FOR 1/1/05 - 4/29/05. - RECEIVED & FILED
254. AUDITOR R.A. MALLONN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT W/FINANCIAL NETWORK OF AMERICA LTD TO OFFER CITY EMPLOYEES AN ALTERNATIVE 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM AT NO COST TO THE CITY. - PERSONNEL CMTE
255. AUDITOR R.A. MALLONN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE BY INCREASING TOP END OF PAY RANGE OF CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER & DEPUTY AUDITOR III FROM \$59,483 TO \$61,267; DEPUTY INTERNAL AUDITOR FROM \$42,297 TO \$43,566; & DEPUTY AUDITOR FROM \$59,483 TO \$67,956. - PERSONNEL AND FINANCE CMTES
256. CIVIL ENGINEER G. MICHAEL COUTTS, CITY OF CANTON: ANNUAL 2004 REPORT OF CITY CIVIL ENGINEER. - RECEIVED & FILED
257. DIAMOND, ROSEMARY, WARD 8 COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF CANTON: SUBMITTING INFORMATION RE: AMC LAND COMPANY JURY VERDICT TO ADD TO INFO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN THE MAYOR'S REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DAMAGE ON 49TH ST NW. - RECEIVED & FILED
258. GROFFRE INVESTMENTS, 5211 LOUISVILLE ST NE, LOUISVILLE OH 44641: REQUEST TO VACATE PARTS OF WATER CT., RIVERSIDE DR., FORK PL., RAKE CT., & IDA PL. SE IN ORDER TO FENCE AN AREA OFF TO STOP OPEN DUMPING. - PLANNING COMMISSION
259. HEALTH COMMISSIONER ROBERT E. PATTISON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING \$97,000 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE 2328 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUND. - FINANCE CMTE
260. LAW DIRECTOR JOSEPH MARTUCCIO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST 3% WAGE INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO 1/1/05 FOR PROSECUTORS, CHIEF COUNSEL & ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTORS; REQUEST TO INCREASE TOP END OF PAY RANGE FOR CITY PROSECUTOR FROM \$47,500 TO \$48,925, 1ST ASSNT PROSECUTOR FROM \$42,500 TO \$43,775, ASSNT PROSECUTOR FROM \$45,000 TO \$46,350, ASSNT PROSECUTOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM \$42,500 TO \$43,775, CHIEF COUNSEL FROM \$69,900 TO \$71,997, P-T ASSNT LAW DIR FROM \$42,500 TO \$43,775 & ASSNT LAW DIR FROM \$70,348 TO \$72,458. - PERSONNEL AND FINANCE CMTES
261. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068: DESERT INN RESTAURANT & LOUNGE INC. @ 300 12TH ST NW HAS REQUESTED A STOCK TRANSFER RE: D5 LIQUOR PERMIT. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE
262. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068: SELJR INC. DBA WHITE CROWN CAFÉ @ 2528 9TH ST SW HAS REQUESTED TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF D2, D2X, D3, D3A LIQUOR PERMIT FROM RONNIE G & REBECCA L. ESTEP. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE CMTE

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263. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068: : ADVISING THAT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 5/11/05 HAS BEEN CONTINUED RE: RENEWAL OF C-1-2 LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTED BY ID ABBOU, INC., dba HALL OF FAME MKT. @ 704 SHERRICK RD SE. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE CMTE
264. MAGGIORE, CHRIS, MAGG MSCC LTD., 2535 FULTON RD NW, CANTON OH 44718: REQUEST TO VACATE PART OF PARK DRIVE NW AT FULTON ROAD FOR GAS PUMPS/CANOPY AT MAGGIORE'S GAS STATION/CONVENIENCE STORE. - PLANNING COMMISSION (See C#268)
265. MAYOR JANET CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST 3% WAGE INCREASE FOR ALL CITY OF CANTON MANAGEMENT & NON BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES RETROACTIVE TO 1/1/2005. - PERSONNEL & FINANCE CMTES
266. MAYOR JANET CREIGHTON, CITY OF CANTON: SUBMITTING FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND EXPENDITURES. - RECEIVED & FILED
267. OVERDORF, EDWARD S., 618 HIGH AVE NW, CANTON OH 44703: REQUEST TO VACATE PARTS OF 7TH ST & WELLS AVE NW FOR AN APPRENTICE TRAINING CENTER FOR THE IRON WORKERS LOCAL 550. - PLANNING COMMISSION
268. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, BRUCE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO VACATE A PORTION OF PARK DRIVE NW AT FULTON ROAD NW AS REQUESTED BY CHRIS MAGGIORE. - PUB SAF & THRU CMTE (See C#264)
269. PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL RAY DENCZAK, CITY OF CANTON: LETTER OF INFORMATION TO COUNCIL RE: NAMING OF DEDICATED STREETS OR ALLEYS AS "BOULEVARDS". - RECEIVED & FILED
270. SAFETY DIRECTOR BERNARD L. HUNT, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION TO DONATE USED TURNOUT GEAR TO STARK STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, FIRE SCIENCE DEPT., FOR THEIR FIRE TRAINING PRGM. - PUB. PROP. CAP. IMPROVEMENT CMTE
271. SAFETY DIRECTOR BERNARD L. HUNT, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST 23 PROPERTIES BE CERTIFIED FOR DEMOLITION (1132 5TH NW & ETC). - COMM. & ECON. DEV. AND FINANCE CMTES
272. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO PURCHASE \$22,684.44 ORACLE APPLICATION SERVER LICENSE & ORACLE PROCESSOR LICENSE TO UPGRADE UTILITY BILLING CIS SOFTWARE THROUGH STATE CONTRACT FROM MYTICS, INC. - PUB. PROP. CAP. IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCE CMTES
273. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS #3 & 4 IN AN ADDITIONAL TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$69,100 FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL, DEMOLITION & SITE RESTORATION WORK AT THE KRESGE BLOCK. - COMM. & ECON. DEV. AND FINANCE CMTES

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274. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR LAW DEPARTMENT TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STARK-TUSC-WAYNE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 15-YEAR SOLID WASTE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY ORC 3734.53. - INTERGOV. & PUB. SERV. CMTE
275. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO \$23,960 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ATELIER CORP OF WILSON-HAWK, DBA WILSON ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RE: MOVING THE DUNLAP/CARNEY HISTORICAL HOUSES IN CONNECTION W/FEDERAL CAMPUS PRJ. - COMM. & ECON. DEV. AND FINANCE CMTE
276. TREASURER ROBERT C. SCHIRACK, CITY OF CANTON: COMPARATIVE REPORT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR APRIL 2005. - RECEIVED & FILED
277. TREASURER ROBERT C. SCHIRACK, CITY OF CANTON: COMPARATIVE REPORT OF AMBULANCE LOCK BOX ACCOUNT FOR APRIL 2005. - RECEIVED & FILED

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the first reading. Let the journal show that all Ordinances are being read according to State Law. Ordinance #1 please.

NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #13 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCE #12 WAS ADOPTED AFTER ITS FIRST READING.

- #1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FAIR REUSE VALUE OF ONE PARCEL OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- #2 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE SHAWNEE/CANTON TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 15.561 ACRES; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Judiciary Committee **Pub Hrg 5/23/05 @ 7:30 PM**
- #3 (1ST 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
Referred to the Judiciary Committee **Pub Hrg 5/23/05 @ 7:31 PM**
- #4 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE SE, WATER COURT SE, FORK PLACE SE, RAKE COURT SE AND IDA PLACE SE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee **Pub Hrg 5/23/05 @ 7:32 PM**

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- #5 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR THE CHILDREN'S ARTS CONNECTION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees
- #6 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE YMCA OF CENTRAL STARK COUNTY TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Community & Economic Development & Finance Committees
- #7 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR THE 2005 CONCERT IN THE PARK; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Community & Economic Development & Finance Committees
- #8 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ST. PAUL'S SENIOR HOUSING, INC. TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,471 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REFINANCING OF ST. PAUL'S SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Community & Economic Development & Finance Committees
- #9 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Public Property Capital Improvement & Finance Committees
- #10 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Finance Committee
- #11 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH STARK COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH A JOINT PAVING PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Intergovernmental & Public Service & Finance Committees
- #12 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 174/95; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Finance Committee

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- #13 (1ST RDG) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER IN THE GROFFRE/BROADWAY ANNEXATION AREA UPON ITS BEING ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to the Annexation Committee

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 #14 THROUGH #24 FOR THE SECOND TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS.

- #14 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE FREED HOUSING CORPORATION TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$438,480 FOR TWO HOUSING PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #15 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NOVA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 FOR MISCELLANEOUS REPAIR/RENOVATION COSTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #16 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH J R COLEMAN FAMILY SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,650 FOR MISCELLANEOUS RENOVATION COSTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #17 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WESTERN STARK MEDICAL CLINIC, INC. TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL STAFF COSTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #18 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT, INC. TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR MISCELLANEOUS SHORT-TERM HOUSING SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #19 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF ALL OF LOT 324; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #20 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PART OF LOT 7694; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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- #21 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF ALL OF LOTS 29914 - 29950, 29957 - 29975, 35044 AND PART OF OUTLOTS 491 AND 493; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF PART OF ALLEN AVENUE SE AND PART OF MILL STREET SE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #22 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A FEE MODIFICATION WITH CIVIL DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,550 TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #23 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION WITH URS CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,185 TO PREPARE RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANS, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND ASSOCIATED ADDITIONAL PLAN PREPARATION WORK FOR THE TUSCARAWAS STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH ODOT, GP 1064; AMENDING APPROPRIATION O.253/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #24 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SIGNS AT THE CANTON MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM ARTS IN STARK/CULTURAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ARTS IN STARK; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

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

NOTE: PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ ORDINANCES #25 THROUGH #31 FOR THEIR THIRD & FINAL TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS. ALL ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED FOLLOWING THEIR 3RD READINGS. ORDINANCES #25 & 29 WERE AMENDED.

- #25 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 86/2005** AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A PORTION OF MAHONING ROAD NE IN THE CITY OF CANTON, ~~O'JAYS BOULEVARD NE~~ **AMENDED TO: THE O'JAYS PARKWAY** (From Nimisilla Pk to Cook Pk between 12th St & 4th St NE)

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #25; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #25. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?...

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MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move to amend Ordinance #25 per the copy that all Council people have in front of them, and basically for the audience, instead of The O'Jays Boulevard NE, the amendment says it'll be The O'Jays Parkway; seconded.

AMENDMENT: Pursuant to Rule 36, I hereby move to amend the caption, Section 1 and Section 3 to Agenda Item No. 25 to change the street name from "O'Jays Boulevard N.E." to "**The O'Jays Parkway N.E.**"

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to amend this Ordinance per the copy before each of you. The Chair has a question to ask on this amendment. You're changing the name O'Jays Boulevard NE to the O'Jays Parkway. Shouldn't that be O'Jays Parkway NE? Member Casar, will you state your motion again.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, with your correction to it, I move that the O'Jay Boulevard be changed to The O'Jay Parkway NE; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to amend this Ordinance per the copy before each of you. Are there any remarks under this amendment?...

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, that was The O'Jays, plural.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yes.

MEMBER WEST: Yes, I do have a comment.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Go ahead.

MEMBER WEST: I understand all the people's concerns with reference to that area, but one thing that stuck out in my mind when everybody was up there talking. They were talking about crime, they were talking about prostitution, they were talking about revitalization of an area. I heard historical significance. Historical significance has already been established in that area to change names of streets, specifically in that area, and spent many on roads that people live on that are here. When we vacated alleys, that also set the precedent. And I think at this point in time, from my background-- many people called me a junior in Council, but I've been a social worker for 16 years. I have my Masters Degree in social work which deals with community, families and individuals. I do know how to change names. I do know how to change behaviors. My whole concept is not just to change the name O'Jays, although I do believe that they are deserving because they have reached such a claim. The second thing I'd like to make a statement on is this. Once we start to change a name, and right now we don't have the million dollars to pop into that area, but we do have to start somewhere. Changing the name will be significant, and in my way, if you look at the Huff area in Cleveland, although they have \$200,000 and \$300,000 homes there in Cleveland, one of the things you'll see is that when they refer to Huff, they still look at it in a negative kind of a way. I have people that are ready to go down in that area and build new homes, but I want to start in this direction, and this is the way that I see that this is going to happen. As I've shown each Councilmember, I do have the majority of people on that road, over 90% of the people on that road that signed their signature, and I gave everybody a copy of that. Now I'm now talking about Ward 2, and I did not canvas the whole ward 2 nor the whole city. I canvassed just the people that would be affected. I sent letters to each home. I sent letters to each owner, and then I also walked down and talked to the residents as well as called some. So, that's what I have done to date. Now, those who are opposed to it because of historical significance, I must say that I have done allot in that. I sponsored the architectural review board to create that historical significance downtown, but in ward 2, I can't keep the whole ward in a historical connotation. I cannot keep everything in the past, I have to move forward. And everybody's asked me to move forward with this ward, so you have to trust

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my judgment as though you trust everybody else's strategy to change their wards.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks under the amendment?...

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, one more thing. Could you also have-- there was a letter that I wanted read from Virginia Jeffries that could not be here because she was sick, or her mother. (*SLIGHT PAUSE*) Mr. President, and the reason I'm asking for that letter to be read is because I've asked many of the people from that area not to come out and speak based on some people asked to reduce the numbers.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Well, this could be ruled out of order. The Clerk can read this, but not under this. The motion on the floor is the amendment, and that is not germane to the amendment. Are there any further remarks under the amendment?...

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, I hate to see that the young man who spoke earlier left because he made some valid points and he is a family member. I don't really believe that anyone is opposed to honoring The O'Jays with renaming a street, I think it's the particular street that we're renaming that's the issue, and I'm just kinda curious to know if the family would be agreeable or acceptable to having one of the streets that they actually live on renamed The O'Jays Boulevard. To me that would be an honor to be able to turn onto your own street and say, hey, this is, you know, my son, my cousin, my brother, you know, this is our street. Like I said, I don't think anyone's opposed to honoring The O'Jays with renaming the street, but there does seem to be allot of controversy over the particular street that was chosen, and unfortunately, I like to hear both sides of the story and not too many, well, I don't think anyone showed up to support it. Everyone who pretty much spoke about it spoke out against it. I think we need to consider that. Like I said, I don't know if it's such an issue with the particular street to be named...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Zachary, the Chair's gonna ask that you hold your remarks germane to the motion.

MEMBER ZACHARY: Okay. That's pretty much all I have to say then.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any further remarks under this amendment?...

MEMBER BABCOCK: (*INAUDIBLE--MOVED TO POSTPONE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: That's not-- no, this is a motion to amend. You can only postpone the amendments, and that's not-- no, you can't postpone the amendment. The question before you now is the amendment before each of you. Are there any further remarks under the amendment?... If not, the question you're voting on now is the amendment. (*PAUSE*) The Law Department reminds me that after you vote on this amendment, you can still discuss the issue of renaming the street. Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 1 NAY (BABCOCK)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The amendment has passed. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #25 ADOPTED

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The question before you now is the ordinance as amended. Are there any remarks under this ordinance as amended?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I would like-- for the record I would just like to ask Councilman West how

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many residents, homeowners, property owners in that area that he contacted, and of the people that he contacted, what percentages of those persons are in favor of changing the name.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. Yes, sir. On Mahoning Road there is approximately 43 houses that are actually up. I have 37 people that I have contacted, and two people that I guess someone spoke on, I went to their house five times and was not able to get through to them. I have about 90 percentile of the street.

MEMBER CASAR: As a Councilman-at-Large, I would just like to state that, as most members know, if the Councilman of the area that it affects does his homework, does his leg work and does what he has to do and makes a good presentation to this Council, 98% of the time the Council will go for his wishes. It is his ward. We've done this, not necessarily on naming streets, on a couple occasions, but for vacations and so forth, and at this point I think Member West has done his homework, and that's basically what we can rely on. As a Councilman-at-Large, it's not my responsibility to go do the leg work in his ward or for other Councilman to go do the leg work. He, in my opinion, has done this, and I think Council should vote their conscience.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any further remarks under the ordinance as amended?...

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, is it appropriate to read the comment now?... Is it appropriate to read that letter now?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yes.

MEMBER WEST: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Madam Clerk, will you please read the letter.

CLERK VANCKUNAS: Dated May 9, 2005 to Canton City Council regarding street renaming to O'Jay Parkway. Dear Canton City Councilmembers: I am aware that are citizens appear to have mixed emotions concerning the issue you're voting on this evening. I am personally compelled to share some thoughts, although I cannot be present to address you, and Councilmember-at-Large Don Casar has been kind enough to relay my views. As we know, time is responsible for inevitable change. Canton's climate and mentality in the 1950's was different from today. People of color really struggled against the odds for recognition and support. Certainly Cantonians did not understand the ramifications of these three friends singing on our street corners, in our parks and in back yards. We did not understand the importance of how to accept or nurture their aspirations prior to their leaving Canton in 1957 with only their natural talent and a dream of stardom in the entertainment world. Canton is their birthplace. We birthed them. The union of three friends began in Canton. Over the years, the O'Jays story has continued to unfold across the nation. Americans of all ages embrace the O'Jays message. Their message contained elements of decency, respect and love. Our nation has paid tribute to the O'Jays over the years of their career and internationally they are cheered. You, as City Council, occupy the awesome position to send a resounding message to Canton's present and future offsprings...the message of hope. You can make the imprint into their minds...that "Cantonians can make a difference in whatever area they select to contribute for the good of the whole. Canton (your hometown) takes pride in your efforts to persevere and make the world a little better. Canton appreciates your efforts and applauds your outcome. Vision is critical. Of course foresight is not as clear and profound as hindsight. The potential for rippling effects on our young is yet to be realized, but you can make the difference. Please give your resounding 'Yes' vote on renaming the O'Jay Parkway. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Virginia D. Jeffries.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any further remarks under this ordinance as amended?... The question you're

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voting on now is the ordinance as amended. Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 8 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS
(BABCOCK & PRATER VOTED NO)
(HAWK & ZACHARY ABSTAINED)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The ordinance as amended has been adopted.

#25 ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 86/2005

#26 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 87/2005** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR RECIPROCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH STARK STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #26; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #26. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #26 is adopted.

#26 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 86/2005

#27 (3RD RDG) **DEFEATED** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF ONE PARCEL OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO CONVEY SAID PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #27; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #27. Members of Council, the Chair's gonna exercise a prerogative. You're voting on an ordinance this evening up for third reading, and several people have signed up under public speaks in regards to this issue. They signed up on the wrong sheet. I'm gonna ask the Council hold up on the passage of this ordinance until these people have had a chance to speak. So, after the Public Speaks, Open Forum, then we'll come back to this ordinance. I think the people took the time to sign up to speak on this issue, they should be heard before you act on it.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, point of information. Since we're on the ordinance already, why don't you give them the opportunity to speak right now.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: If Council has no objection... I'll recognize the three speakers only on the Monroe Center, and then under the regular Public Speaks, I'll recognize the other two. So at this time, Members of Council, if there is no objection, Samuel Lee.

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MR. LEE: My name is Samuel Lee, 203 Monroe NE, Canton, Ohio. I just had a couple concerns before you make a decision on this. I had heard that some people in Council had thought that it was a burden, that they were spending allot of income going toward the Center, and that they were having a boiler problem. I work at ABCD in which I'm a home inspector, so what I did was, we contacted a few heating contractors to come out and look at the boiler system and they found nothing wrong with it. They even found that it had been sealed and approved by the City already. We had heard that there had been a ballooned figure that it would cost to repair the boiler, and I was just concerned with who did they use to make the evaluation. And, another thing that's come to light was they said there had been allot of renovations in the building, but what renovations had been done since 2003, I don't know of any. The Center provides a comfort to the neighborhood. I live across the street. My kids find themselves at a place of peace when the Center's open. People aren't selling drugs outside, and I just think that it would be a tragedy for you to vote on this issue. I think you should table it until you can re-evaluate it and look at it more clearly instead of making a quick decision on this because what you're gonna do today is gonna affect allot of people on the northeast side of Canton. And, I just wish that you would table the issue till you can further investigate what's really going and what affects this will have on the people of the 4th ward. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Carolynn Ford.

MS. FORD: To the Mayor and the Council, I'm Carolynn Ford of 508 Webster NE, and I am here on petition of this building which was the fire station. We do allot of good there especially for the young people. We need to have something in our area where people can look forward to, can look to and say that's a part of me, and that is what this is all about. When we first started it was the Concerned Citizens to have a place to meet, and this place has given us-- was given to them as a place to meet and to have affairs and things, that the people in the community could come together. We know that this might have historical implications, this building, and we're trying to respect and uphold these ideas of this building, but also we would like to be able to enjoy and have the seniors, as I am one which you can see from this, one of the seniors who enjoy this building. Give us a chance to prove that we can do it. Give us a chance to use it. If you don't need the money so badly, which I'm sure you don't since we've had the building for a few years, and we have strived to keep it up and do the best we can with it. We hope to, in the future, have things that the children and the seniors can enjoy, but right now it's our idea to get the middle age, that generation that's lost between us, where people move out of the community to another area. We're trying to get situated so we can have these people with us, so that we can all do our best to move onto a higher level. So please give us a chance to use this building. If you don't really need it, we do. There is no parking for business, no way. We can walk and park on the street. So please give us a chance to keep up this building. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker and the final speaker under this portion is Joyce Sumlin.

MS. SUMLIN: Councilmembers, let me state my name and my address. My name is Joyce Sumlin and I reside at 1627 Gateway SE. I come here today with a saddened heart because I look at this amendment that you have over here to ask for a five year reciprocal-- for a fire truck to get leased for the next five years, and we have children and elderly that really needs this place. What's more important, a fire truck or some place for these people to come to? Also, I come here as a Canton Police officer, I'm a Canton Police auxiliary officer. Since I've been there and since they know I'm an officer, I've even got comments and phone calls saying, well, since she's there now, we're gonna move our drugs to another area. Not saying that's a good thing, but just knowing an officer is there. And also, with Captain Myers, with his task force, he's even been coming in and they seen

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that, so if we leave and you bring another business in there that doesn't really care, then what? You talk about stuff that you're doing for the building. We just got grants as allot of people seen, and I wrote another grant, so give us a chance. Like the Mayor said, well, we give it to you, you have to pay rent. Well, give us a chance to pay rent. It's not like we're not trying to go out there and trying to get more grants for the building, and I would ask this. Can Councilmembers come out and see before they judge? You guys come out and look at the boiler. We got two people to come out. Give us a chance. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Members of Council, the motion has been made to adopt Ordinance #27, so are there any remarks now under this Ordinance #27?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, basically the same as Ordinance #25, the ward councilperson there happens to be Kelly Zachary. I would like to ask her what's her opinion, what's her recommendation to Council. Has she fulfilled her obligations as a ward councilperson, so she can enlighten this Council and hopefully give us some way to go in regards to how we vote.

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, I would ask Council, each member of Council, to, as Mrs. Ford so eloquently put it, please give them a chance. And, I know this issue has been batted back and forth. It became a political football at one point, but I was just out at the Center last week. Actually, I was demanded to come down to the Center last week, and I'm glad I did because there is allot of good that is going on in that building right now, and I do believe they need a chance, so I'm asking all of my fellow Councilmembers to support giving them another chance, and we can hang onto this building a little while longer it seems because, as Mrs. Ford also stated, we're not bearing anything with it anyway, and I'd rather see it occupied than to have it be an eyesore and falling apart. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Casar, you have any further remarks?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, thank you. For the record, I'd like to ask the Administration a question. Approximately how much money has the City given for repairs or general upkeep of that building since they've taken it over?

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President. Mr. Casar, we have an estimate, I'm not sure that you received it. Our budget in 1998...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, point of order.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your point of order.

MEMBER CASAR: Yes, I received it, but this is for the record.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: That's fine. The cost to convert the building to a community center was paid by the community development fund at a cost of \$45,864.00. Then in 2001, March of 2001, there was meter horn and water meter installation at \$670.00. March 13, 2002, masonry repair to building, \$1,443.00. July 28, 2003, repair to the boiler, \$1,425.00. 12/15/2003, repairs to the boiler, \$2,877.00, and various dates for various repairs came up to about \$950.00 for a total of \$53,229.00 from approximately the year 2000. The estimate that was given to us was from our superintendent of building maintenance who is a boiler inspector who is Dan Milsap, who also gave us an estimate on what the roof would cost. I trust in Dan's opinion. I'm glad to look at it more closely, but those are the expenses that you asked.

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MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, if I may continue. So we're talking basically \$53,000.00 in two years. Mr. President, I've sat on this Council for 20 some years, and I've seen money-- I hate to use this terminology, but wasted in bigger sums than this. And I'm saying if we can provide a little tranquility and a place for the residents of this ward to go and enjoy theirself, I don't think it's asking too much for a little over \$25,000 a year and giving them an opportunity to perform. And I don't like to see the City of Canton be in the betting business neither, but by the same token, if we can provide some state of peace of mind in that area, I think the people of this area are not asking too much for the City to help them out for a little longer and hopefully they'll get on their feet and they'll be able to do and make the repairs to this facility. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks?...

MEMBER HART: Mr. President, just a quick question for the Law Director on this. If the Concerned Citizens of the 4th Ward come in with a bid of, I don't know, \$10.00, and you know, you view that as being the best bid for the building, even though there might be some other bids, is it always the highest or is it just the best bid? I mean, what does the Ohio Revised Code say on that?

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President. Member Hart, to answer your question, Ohio Revised Code Section 721.03 provides that it should be sold to the highest bidder after advertisement once a week for five consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. The board does have the right to reject any bids and re-advertise, but if they are going to sell it, according to the Ohio Revised Code, it does not say highest and best, it simply says highest.

MEMBER HART: Alright. Can the bid be written so that those groups that are non-profits or in a, I don't want to say public service, but I'm having a senior moment here, as my mind went blank.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Community oriented.

MEMBER HART: Ye, thank you, bless you. Community oriented (*CHUCKLES*) group would be able to bid on?

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President. Member Hart, I believe - again, we are in the process of researching this - but I believe that if Council were to articulate a policy favoring the public interest, health, safety, welfare - that is a police power - it would have to be very carefully written to make sure that we didn't give a constitutional argument to an excluded group. We probably could, I'm not saying it's 100%, but we probably could, legally write the specifications to favor a non-profit or a community oriented project bidder.

MEMBER HART: Okay. I guess again, you know, as a member of Canton Preservation and, you know, some of the different things, I taught over 20 years down at Lathrop Elementary, and we ended up raising over - I guess a challenge to the Concerned Citizens of Ward 4 - we raised over, about \$325,000.00 to put in the handicap accessible park and community park. And I guess, you know, when one talks about a focal point for the community, that was a big focal point to bring the community together to make it a little better place, and you know, we have a wonderful law director that's a wonderful attorney and has a wonderful way with words. Again, there's groups and organizations out there that have money, and you know, like you say, you write the grants for it.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Question to the Administration. How much money are you estimating it will cost in the year 2005 in order to maintain that facility?

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, we believe that there needs to be addressed the heating

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system, whether it's repairing the boiler or putting a furnace in. We seriously think that the roof needs repaired. Those are the estimates that we look at for 2005. Now, can the boiler last till 2006? Can the roof last till 2006? I mean, I'm not sure of the extent of it, but we certainly know that there's certain repairs. That building again was built in 1925, and we keep patching it, so sooner or later we need to do some serious work on the roof and the heating system if we're gonna maintain it for over a period of more than a year.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Mr. President, I take it from your comments then that there are less costly ways of addressing at least on a short term basis the immediate problems at that Center, rather than spending for example, as has been represented, \$80,000.00 for a new boiler.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Yes, I would say there's an alternative to that. We asked what it would take to repair the boiler. You asked about a furnace, which was a valid question, and I'm sure it could be done for considerably less than that.

MEMBER BERNABEI: And also, in a similar vein, last year the Administration represented that it would cost several hundred thousand dollars to maintain or open Jackson Pool. In fact-- and we were also told that we should not open it for safety reasons. Upon further inquiry by this Council and per the directive, we requested that it be opened and I think the Administration was able to open it at very small cost. Is that correct?

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: That's correct. Understanding that those small costs were always considered to be not permanent but a band-aid to the problem, and I think the small cost we are looking at here could be a band-aid to the problem. I guess my question would be, how long do you want this to go on? Because if it's Council's wishes for this building to stay open for ten years, then we should-- if that's Council's wishes, then we should go ahead and put a new roof on it and we should go ahead and put a new furnace in it and make it work for ten years.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Well, I think that the only issue in front of us today is the ordinance that was initiated by the Administration with regard to the sale of this property. You have not come to Council and ask Council for it's direction on how long you could keep it. I think that at least some of the consensus, and the ward councilperson has indicated that they would at least like to give this organization another opportunity and a further period of time in order to operate some of the services they are operating there. That is not a directive to the Administration that you continue this for five or ten years.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, the history - and I'm a little bit familiar with the history of it because I negotiated a contract I think two or three years ago under Mayor Watkins' term - was that we would lease the building to the Concerned Citizens of the 4th Ward for \$1.00 a year. That was their rent. That's all they had to pay. However, they had to pay the expenses of the building, including utilities and including any major repairs, or any repairs actually, that had to be done. It is my understanding that the Concerned Citizens of the 4th Ward could not afford the repairs, and I think that's what brought it to the Administration's-- to what we needed to do with it because even if you sell this building for \$10.00, they've only been leasing it for a year for \$1.00. So even if you sell the building to them for \$10.00, which would be fine. Someone still from that organization will have to pay the expense of keeping it up. Now, I don't assume they can do that, maybe they can. Maybe they can find grants to do that, but we're under the impression that they can't, and therefore, we made a decision that if that's the case-- and I think that we have to understand and bring to the table that the City of Canton provides the Southeast Community Center free of charge which is in this ward, and we pay all the expenses for the Southeast Community Center. We've been paying all the expenses for Jackson Pool, and it's all in this ward. And I'm not complaining, I'm just saying that that's other things we do in this ward. They do have the Southeast Community Center available to them for these meetings that they have.

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MEMBER BERNABELI: Mr. President, my last comment. In a vein similar to the manner in which the Administration found a way to keep Jackson Pool open at a low cost, I, myself personally, would like to see the Administration make the same efforts to keep this facility open for at least one more year, and go perhaps on a year to year basis and bring this back if necessary.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks under this ordinance?...

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, I also would like to see us try to delay the selling of this building. We, as a city, have given plenty of people money, and I think that we need to keep this building there. First off, I worked there years ago when I was a firefighter and so is Joe. It was a good building then. It was a little bit old But I think that-- I mean there's gotta be some things that we can do such as-- I mean, there's some organizations that should be able to help. The lady talked about grants. We have grant writers. We should probably try to help them write a grant. We write grants for asbestos removal and everything else. I think that we need to do something. I just-- I don't want to see the building go away. I realize that we do support the Southeast Community Center, but that's a pretty long way for some people to go. Just like the one lady that came up here and talked, that's probably a long way for her to go to go to the Southeast Community Center to, you know, go to whatever organizational things they have. I just think that we should try to extend a little more courtesy to keep them open. It sounds like they're, you know, trying to make the Administration the bad guy. We know you aren't. You're just trying to be frugal with the money, and you've seen the cost over the years, but I think we just have to keep that organization there, those people there, and not make it a political ball.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks?...

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, my understanding that they already got a grant to fix the roof.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, just one final remark if I may. Tonight's agenda alone, ordinances for second reading -- and I realize most of this is CBG grant money from our block grant, but, you know, there's readings tonight-- for second reading, \$438,000, \$75,000, \$48,000, \$20,000 and \$50,000. Now to-- you know, and that provides allot of this to the city organizations that, you know, come back every year. And I don't think it's asking too much to give these good people an opportunity to show that they could run the Center efficiently and have a place for the children to go and also for the seniors to go close to where they reside. After all-- I have another question? What did we spend last year on the Peel Coleman Center?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Can anybody respond to that?

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President, we do not have the answer to that question.

MEMBER CASAR: And, I mean, knowing a little bit about this, it would be 40, 50 times more than we spent on this little neighborhood residential place, so I think if we weigh both aspects, which one's doing better for the community, I'm sure we can't come up and say Peel Coleman Center is doing better than the Monroe Center. I think we've got to look at them both separately and then weight that. You know, we're taking care of a few people in that particular area that wants and desires to have this facility, I think we as legislators of the City of Canton should afford them the opportunity to do so.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. Also, I think one thing that's been overlooked is from what I understand that Center provides allot of recreational activities for youth. In that area there isn't nowhere else to go for recreation.

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When they go out their doors and they go four blocks in every direction, there's nowhere to go. Taking that from them would take away their recreational activities.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other remarks?...

MEMBER HART: Mr. President, just a point. Belden School is, you know, I think relatively close there and I know that's been a concern, you know, as a teacher at Crenshaw, partnering with neighborhood organizations, seeing that the schools are used more so that after the children leave, that there are activities for them whether it be tutoring. Well again, this is something at least was brought to our attention at Crenshaw that that was supposedly one of the goals of the school administration was to make the school more a community centered activity place, and with Belden, you know, it's state of the art.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: One moment please. Member Hart, talk to me and this Council.

MEMBER HART: My apologies, Mr. President. So that was a point that was brought up at Crenshaw about using the schools more as a community based center so they would have greater use of the schools.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, although I understand where Mr. Hart is coming from, anytime you use the facility of a school, you're paying a janitor to be there in the evening especially because they work crazy hours. They work during the day when the children are in school, and at night when they should be cleaning the facility up, they're not there. If you have any extra activities like playing basketball, renting the facility, you pay for those janitorial services. It would be the same thing for the Concerned Citizens of the Southeast or 4th Ward, same thing they would have to pay to have the custodians so they could open the doors and sit there and make their \$15.00 an hour.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks?...

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President, I want to bring this back around full circle because I am asking Council to not support getting rid of this building right now, and I think this is one of the things that we as a Council can do, what we were elected to do, and that is to support the residents who live in this city, and that's just the bottom line. And you have a group of people who are trying to do something good in that part of town and we need to support that. And that's just the bottom line. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks from Council?... Member Casar, I don't know where this came from, this proposal. Why are they even considering repairing the boiler? They should be considering a gas fired furnace and an air conditioner. Now, I think you should lean that way in that expenditure when you consider operating and maintaining a boiler is very expensive, especially in an older building like that. A little bit of Ford Engineering advice.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, you're absolutely correct, but Member Bernabei has already suggested that if indeed we were going to do this, we should not only go to a gas heating system, forced air, but also air conditioning.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Very good. Any other remarks?... If not, the question you're voting on now is Ordinance #27. Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 0 YEAS, 12 NAYS

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #27 is defeated. (APPLAUSE)

#27 DEFEATED

#28 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 88/2005** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO WORK AGREEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MARKET AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #28; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #28. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #28 is adopted.

#28 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 88/2005

#29 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 89/2005** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE UPGRADING OF INTERSECTIONS; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I moved we adopt Ordinance #28; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: 29. 29, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, thank you.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Second.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Make the motion please.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #29. I was looking for my amendment. That's...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: For lack of a second, now I'm not gonna wait here all night.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I did second if you would have waited...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The motion is incorrect.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I seconded 29.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You seconded the 28, and the question is #29. Member Casar changed his motion to #29.

MEMBER CARBENIA: And I seconded it, but you opened your mouth at the same time.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We'll play that one back. Ye, we'll play it back. Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #29. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we amend Ordinance #29 per the copy that all Council people have in front of them; seconded.

AMENDMENT: Pursuant to Rule 36, I hereby move to amend Agenda Item No. 29 as follows:

Amend the fourth "WHEREAS" clause by the insertion of the phrase: "**six of the original**" between the words "for" and "above described intersection upgrades"; and

Amend Section 2 to read:

The City requests the Director of Transportation to initially proceed with the aforesaid improvement which includes the upgrade of six (6) of the originally approved twelve (12) intersections along Fulton Rd NW in project numbers ODOT PID 75470 and Federal Project NO. E035(2430..

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to amend this Ordinance per the copy before each of you. Are there any...

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President, a question has arisen as to what the amendment is about. It was pointed out by Member Bernabei during committee meetings that the original ordinance referred to spoke of 12 intersections that were to be upgraded. In an effort to clarify the ordinance, the Engineer pointed out that six intersection were to be upgraded initially, and then the other six. So this is done to clarify a "whereas" and to amend Section 2 to make it clear that we'll be working with the DOT to do six of the originally approved 12 intersections along Fulton Road and we give the specific state and federal project numbers to which they apply.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: It's moved and seconded to amend per the copy before each of you. Are there any remarks under this amendment?... If not, the question you're voting on now is the amendment. By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The amendment has passed. The question you're voting on now is the ordinance as amended. Are there any remarks under this ordinance as amended?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #29 as amended has been adopted.

#29 ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 89/2005

#30 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 90/2005** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR THE REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DEBRIS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #30. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #30 is adopted. **#30 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 90/2005**

#31 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 91/2005** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 253/2004, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #31. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #31 is adopted. **#31 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 91/2005**

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS - POSTPONED MATTER:

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We have a postponed matter, Members of Council.

#32 **(RECEIVED ALL 3 RDGS; POSTPONED FROM 4/25/05)**
ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 92/2005 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH THE CREDIT BUREAU OF STARK COUNTY INC. **AND CREDIT ADJUSTMENT, INC.** FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT USER FEES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move to amend Ordinance 32 per copy that all Council people have in front of them; seconded.

AMENDMENT: Pursuant to Rule 36, I hereby move to amend Agenda Item No. 32 to include an additional professional services contractor as follows:

The caption and Section 1 are amended by the addition of the phrase **“and Credit Adjustments, Inc.”** immediately following the phrase “Credit Bureau of Stark County, Inc.”

The caption, Section 1 and Section 2 are amended by the addition of the letter **“s”** to the word “contract” and the **deletion** of the letter **“a”** following the word “into.”

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to amend this per the copy before each of you. Are there any remarks?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, it was stated at Democratic caucus this afternoon, or this evening, the Safety Director was not-- he'd already left, but I have a question in regards to the Credit Adjustment, Inc. First of all, where are they located, for the record.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, they are located-- one company is located in North Canton, the other is located in southern Ohio. I don't have their actual address. It's down in Defiance, Defiance, Ohio.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. In other words, Safety Director, you're saying Credit Adjustments is located in Defiance, Ohio?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: That's correct. The Credit Bureau of Stark County is the local one and they're located in North Canton.

MEMBER CASAR: Okay. Second question, why did you choose to have two companies go out for-- to get the money owed to the City of Canton, lack of pain?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, what we initially did was we had nine or ten companies. We reviewed the documentation from those ten companies, we whittled it down to five companies, we interviewed those companies, and we were interested in making sure that there was a local component to any collection services that we did. Therefore, we made sure that one of the companies that we talked to had local input. After reviewing the five companies, both the local company and the other company were both very good, very professional, and as a matter of fact, the company located in Defiance had been referred to us by a couple of the hospitals that did work with them. They were very professional, they were very aggressive, and we felt they could add to your collection services. Therefore, we determined to use two companies, one with a local influence and another that was very professional. After we determined to go with both of these companies, and after a year determine who did the best job. That way we would be able to get the best deal for the citizens of the City of Canton.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, if I may.

MEMBER CASAR: Safety Director Hunt, the two companies, Credit Adjustments, Inc., what is their percentage that they make per dollars collected, and the next part of that question is what is the Credit Bureau of Stark County, who is located in North Canton, not Canton, Ohio, what is their percent?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: The percentage for the Credit Bureau of Stark County is approximately 28 or 29%. The company located in Defiance is about 45%. However, their expenses are much higher in that in the City of Canton, if you are in this area, you do not pay filing fees. So, if you're located in Defiance, that company is paying filing fees versus the local company.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, if I may. First of all, that would be one of the reasons why we shouldn't be even considering Credit Adjustments, Inc. of Defiance, Ohio. You know, if we collect \$1.00, we're gonna get 71 cents. And the other way we're gonna get 52 cents. And to me, I can't see why we would even be considering them. If they're a professional collection agency as the one in North Canton is, and if they do the job, fine, if they don't do the job, we get rid of them and we get somebody else. But to hire a firm not even in this area and pay almost twice as much give back to them, to me is ludicrous and we shouldn't even be considering this

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amendment.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Mr. President, question for Mr. Hunt. I understand the rationale for proposing two companies. I sat in along with Member Carbenia on the interviews of the companies. The proposed company from Defiance, Ohio, in my opinion, was substantially, you know, more professional, more knowledgeable, and in our interview with that particular company, they taught us more about collection than I think all of the other representatives from all the other companies combined did. The proposal was to give half of the contract to the North Canton company who did not interview as well by virtue of their being a Stark County company, allow them each to have half of the contract for an approximate one year period of time to determine how each would perform, and thereafter then, make a further recommendation. To my recollection, however, Mr. Hunt, I thought that we were gonna offer, and I thought that both companies indicated that they would agree to, the same terms with regard to the contract. The answer that you gave to Member Casar and the point of his position is that it sounds as if the two terms are not equivalent.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, the bills-- I mean the collection accounts that we are giving to the company from Defiance are the older accounts. We are giving the fresher accounts to the North Canton company because they are somewhat easier to receive income on. The older the accounts are, the harder it is to follow up and receive cash for them. So, although we're breaking it in half, we are giving the harder accounts to the company from Defiance, Ohio because they have the best expertise in our opinion.

MEMBER BERNABEI: It's your opinion they have the best expertise, but why would you not, in order to judge both companies on equal footing, why would you not divide the companies or divide the accounts that are being given to them, you know, per ratably so that each have the same kind of accounts so that after one year you can in fact determine who is doing the better job of collecting. Because ultimately the reason we have this issue in front of us is that three to four to five years we've had a collection company who has been collecting almost nothing with regard to these accounts. That was the purpose of going out and seeking a new vendor with regard to this account. But it would seem that in order to judge the two, that we would split the accounts in some manner so that both of them have the same number of aged accounts, both would have the same number of current accounts, and then after a period of time you could judge who in fact performs better for the City of Canton.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, that is an option that we may look at in the future, however, at this point in time, we have gone approximately almost a year without collecting on those accounts, and as a result, we have a fairly substantial back log. It is our opinion that the company located in Defiance is a little bit bigger company and are a little bit more aggressive on obtaining payment for these older accounts. We would look at utilizing your suggestions once we got current, but at this point in time, we've been over a year and we have not collected, and we felt that their expertise in collecting these older accounts, and with their aggressiveness, would be better for our situation.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any further remarks under the amendment?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, just a little further on this. Question to the law director. Law Director, as you know, we have a city income tax department and they go out and they collect delinquent taxes. According to-- by the law, could we have in-house do this? In other words, the income tax use their facility already in place, employees already in place, and make more money for the taxpayers in the City of Canton and to keep this government running than to pawn it out to private entities.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President, Member Casar, the income tax personnel are aggressive about collecting income taxes due them. It's part of their job description. It's what their appointing authority, Treasurer

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Schirack, has instructed them to do. To pursue ambulance collections or other safety forces debts would be outside their job description and could probably only be done with the consent of their appointment authority, and it would probably be something outside their expertise. Now, some may be comfortable in the process of collecting money, and I must tell you that the more difficult collections are given to us in the Law Department. It has strained us incredibly some months to pursue those. We don't have anyone currently. As you know, we're below staff right now. We are suffering very...

MEMBER CASAR: You don't have to sell me on that. Mr. President, I totally disagree. I feel that if-- the Law Department I know in the past has gone out and performed the duties on collecting money and so forth. I'm trying to find a way that we can get that-- and by the way, Safety Director Hunt, how much money are we talking that's in arrears right now.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: I don't have that exact figure for you. I can get that, but I don't know what it is right now.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, how can you not have that exact figure for us when you're asking us to vote on two companies to go out and collect that money and we don't even know what it is. It may not be worth even doing this.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: At the period in time that we were reviewing this, when I was interviewing the companies, I had that number. However, that's been several months ago, and I don't have that.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, it just appears to me that in my opinion we should not go forth with this ordinance tonight, and I move we postpone this ordinance until the next meeting which would be May 16...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Casar, the motion on the floor is to amend. Any further remarks on the motion to amend?...

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, I tend to-- I want to support the Safety Director because I know he put a lot of work in this, and I look at it as we're not receiving anything. If we receive-- I'd rather receive the bigger amount of 70 cents, but I'll take 40. I mean that's the just it has to be. We have to get that money, and we need to I guess watch the two companies and see which way we want to go. I personally think you should split up those hard accounts. I don't think they should go all to the one from Defiance because I know they have-- it looks like they have expertise and they did make a good sell, but I thought the people up here knew what they were doing too or I wouldn't agree to vote for them too, so I just hope that maybe you can split that up and maybe - I don't know if you signed a contract yet - suggest that until we make a definite decision, they're both gonna be on probation and we'd like to not pay so much to the Defiance Company, you know, the amount.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, I do have a partial answer to Councilmember Casar. The 2003 revenue collected was \$1,455,380.28. I do not have that figure, but this is what was collected at that time.

MEMBER CASAR: At this point, I don't care what was collected-- Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Go ahead, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, at this time I don't care what we collected cause we have it in-house. I just want to know what you want to try and collect with this amendment with these two other organizations here, the amendment and then the ordinance as a whole.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any further remarks under the motion to amend?... The question before you now is the amendment. By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The amendment has passed. The question before you now is the Ordinance as amended. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance as amended?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 1 NAY (CASAR)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #32 as amended has been adopted.

#32 ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 92/2004

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Announcement of committee meetings please.

MEMBER PRATER: Mr. President, Annexation Committee will meet May 16 at 5:30.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President, Finance Committee will meet May 16 at 5:30.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, Public Safety & Thoroughfares will meet May 16 at 5:30.

MEMBER BERNABEI: Mr. President, Judiciary will meet 5:30 on May 16.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, Public Property Capital Improvement will also meet that day at 5:30.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President, Intergovernmental & Public Service will also meet on the 16th at 5:30.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Community & Economic Development Committee will meet at 5:30 on next Monday too. And that's what, the 16th?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: 16th.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks, Open Forum. We have two people left. Gloria Norris.

MS. NORRIS: My name is Gloria Norris and I live at 2359 East Tusc here in Canton, and I am visitor of Canton, Ohio for 14 years, and you know when you are visitors, you know these things more than you do when you live here. I have a son that got killed July 26, the year 2000. I was very impressed by the clipping on Friday about the big task unit gang, task unit that they have up. Since Saturday I have been calling because my son got jumped at the park. Now I already have a 17 year old dead son, and as you can see, was a two year fuse with this gang member until he killed my son. Now, Dave Jenkins, he's 17 years old now, and he was at the park when-- I don't know if heard of the gang called The Unistakes. Fifteen young people jumped my son. I called the Mayor's Office this morning. I called the police station. I'm still trying to get ahold of Mr. Captain Myers that's supposed to be in charge of this unit that, you know, is a big unit. It looks good in newspaper, but it doesn't look good

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when a parent calls for help and you don't get no response. I'm also very upset when I go by Timken parking lot where my son got shot and killed. When Columbine and all these other schools that killed in the parking lots or in the school, they did a little memorial thing for them. At my son's, where he got shot and killed, there's trash cans. I have pictures of them if you would like to see it. On his birthday which is February 14, that July he got killed, I put a balloon and flowers, and they came and removed it and told me I am not allowed to do on that property. So I am very upset with Canton, Ohio as a guest. Again, I've been here for 14 years, but your task gang unit, I've been hearing it for years, and our gangs are getting worse and my children are getting killed. Not only my children, but other parents' children. Oh, it's great to have all these buildings open, but if there's no kids in it, big deal. Your gonna have to go out there and get your kids into these buildings. You got all these grants, woopy doo. I applaud everybody that won the little grant thing, but our kids are in the street running with guns and parents acknowledge that some of these kids got guns, but they're like this, and like this, and like this (*SPEAKER ALTERNATELY COVERS HER EYES, EARS AND MOUTH*). And I want to see how many parents is gonna stand up. I'm very amazed how many people showed up for the change of name for the street of Mahoning Road to O'Jays. It could be named Puerto Rico Road, being I'm from Puerto Rico, don't matter to me. Yes, changes are taking place and one of the changes that we're gonna have to see is the gangs are here and they're getting worse. So if you want to play this and this and this (*SPEAKER AGAIN ALTERNATELY COVERS HER EYES, EARS AND MOUTH*), that's fine. Well, my son got beat up and his face is all bruised up. I have pictures of that too. And I still haven't heard from Mr. Myers or anyone else. (*APPLAUSE*)

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President. Ms. Norris, I did call you back this afternoon. There should probably be a message on your answering machine. I did get that message from Mr. Jones who's my community liaison who gave me the information and I did return the phone call, and I will be calling you again tomorrow. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The final speaker is Catherine Kimbrough. She left?...

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're now under Miscellaneous Business. Member Casar, before the Chair recognizes you, I'd like to ask the Safety Director a question. Safety Director, where do we stand on the traffic signalization at 5th and South Market and at Hercules?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: (*INAUDIBLE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: That light is a waste of taxpayers' money. It's serving only one business and that's *The Repository*. Now if that's their traffic light, let them pay for it. The City is strapped for funds now, and if they're gonna have their own private traffic signalization to serve themselves, they should pay for that themselves.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, it was felt by the Traffic Engineers that they sight lines were not good enough for individuals to see out into the roadway surface and, therefore, it is better to off have the light to prohibit any accidents at that scene. There was one accident there that they reported last year.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: If the sight line is-- I've sat there and watched cars pull into that T intersection. If there's a traffic line of sight problem, it's *The Repository* building itself. It's built too close to the street. I don't know. We're strapped for funds and we should look at this. Six traffic instruments to control a T intersection, a dead end intersection. I don't know. Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I would personally like to thank Safety Director Hunt, Chief of Police Dean

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McKimm, Captain Myers, and especially the police officers that are heading up and actually doing the work on the Crime Task Force. I think maybe it's a little too late, but it's a start, and I think the success has been well documented. We must take back our neighborhoods, and this is a start in the right direction. And I would like to ask the Safety Director a question if I may.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yes, sir.

MEMBER CASAR: Safety Director Hunt, now that this task force is going about, and I think that it's going to be a deterrent. I really feel that it's gonna help, and maybe someday we'll be able to say the City of Canton is a clean, safe, healthy place to raise our children, but while we're on the subject, I notice in the local newspaper that they opened up an auxiliary police station in the near northwest, which as a Councilmember I knew nothing about, I read it in the local newspaper. Could you give me a little insight to this and what's the hours and how many people are going to staff it and so forth and etcetera, cause to my knowledge, I don't recall receiving anything that this has been done.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President. Councilmember Casar, this was the building that we used when we were actively engaged in the Newton Zone Task Force. This building was provided to us by Betty Smith as an area where individuals can come up and speak to our officers. Presently, Sergeant Mark Fox is there about four hours a day until we can get our whole task force up and running the way we want to. However, he is there four hours a day at this time. He will be changing his hours in the future when the weather gets a little bit warmer. Let me apologize for not contacting you prior to our utilizing this building.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I'd like to follow up on that a little bit.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Go ahead.

MEMBER CASAR: Safety Director Hunt, we're going in the right direction. You know, we have a task force going now. Now you say we have an auxiliary police department in one segment in the City of Canton. We have problems in the whole city, not just one section. If we're gonna do something of this magnitude, it should be a floating type thing, mobile vehicle or something, where the visibility would be all over the city, not just in one segment of the City. And while we're on that, there's two things we're doing, so why don't we take the third and put the bike patrol back on.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: To answer your first question concerning the use of the Gang Task Force in other parts of the city, they will be in other parts of the city. I think The Repository has outlined some of the arrests that they made, and these arrests were across the city, so they will be moving to those particular areas that we have the highest gang activity. Insofar as the bike patrol, I'm in favor of the bike patrol, the Mayor is in favor of the bike patrol. I think we all are in favor of the bike patrol. However, due to monetary constraints the bike patrol has been reduce. However, I am in serious conversations with Chief McKimm. I have asked him to not only find a way to bring some of the bike patrol back, but to bring the officers back downtown. The Mayor has a standing bet out that if they will walk around downtown, she will pay for their coffee. So what we're trying to do is to bring a police presence back downtown, not only officers walking at certain times of the day, but as I say, I'm also in conversation with Chief McKimm to try to find a way - the bikes are still in the basement, so we can still use them - to find a way to do that.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, last comment if I may. You answered two of my questions. You didn't answer the third one regards to the auxiliary police department in the near Summit area, and I said we should be visible throughout the city, and if we're gonna do that in the near northwest, which I live four blocks from, and

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I appreciate it, but I'm talking about the far southeast end, the far northeast end, I'm talking about the entire city. Why are we saying we're putting an auxiliary in this area which is very close to our existing police department?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, when you say auxiliary, Councilmember Casar, are you talking about the building...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, isn't that what you're calling the one police officer at the police department, auxiliary police department?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Sergeant Fox is a City of Canton police officer. He is not an auxiliary officer.

MEMBER CASAR: I didn't call him an auxiliary officer, I said an auxiliary police department. Would you not call that, or what would you call that facility?

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Oh, are you talking about the outpost?

MEMBER CASAR: Thank you, the outpost. I think you knew what I was talking about.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. I guess I misunderstood you. We only utilize that building because we used it when we were in the Newton Zone Task Force and that building was readily available. The use of other buildings has been offered to us in other parts of the city. We are looking at some different locations at this point in time.

MEMBER CASAR: Very good. That was my comment. And one other thing, back to the bike patrols. We pay for those bicycles, very, very expensive. The equipment that the officers wear, the radios for them, and let's utilize them. Another group that's interested in getting them back is this Council.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President, on a positive note, I would like to commend the Canton Fire Department. Last Friday, I think a total of 10 to 14 public officials, media, spent a day doing just a little bit of what every Canton firefighter and paramedic does, and it was an eye opener to say the least. It was exhausting, it was frightening, and it was in a controlled environment where our officers, firefighters, do not have controlled environments. So I commend everyone that put that program together up at Stark State. And I will say also that they firefighters and paramedics that were there were all there on their own time, they all volunteered, they weren't paid at all to try and teach us lay people just a little bit about what they do. So I commend them all. It was an excellent program. Should it be offered again, I would suggest everyone take advantage of it.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other remarks under Miscellaneous Business?...

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President, as a follow-up to Member Bernabei's question, or request, last week or two weeks ago, regarding an update on the meetings that were held with various neighborhood organizations and those that had come before Council, briefly I will report that the Plain Avenue NE meeting was held on Friday, April 22. Attending were five residents from that area. I also invited the Stark County Prosecutor's Crime Watch Program, the Stark Community Foundation Neighborhood Leadership Director Marilyn Thomas-Jones, Canton City School Security Ken Kendal, Gibbs Community worker Rhoda Christ, the Police Chief and Captain Myers, the Chief of Staff and myself were in attendance along with the five residents. I have had continued dialogue with those residents on a regular basis. In fact I received two calls today from them thanking the City for their action. Various concerns at that meeting, quickly, were the map of the area was reviewed and the hot spots were identified. The police noted the addresses and followed up with the drive around the area with some of the

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residents. Building code violations were brought to our attention. As a result, I personally contacted the Building Department for follow up and did call the residents with that information. Crime watch designation and neighborhood development was discussed and we gave them the information to organize. Schools want the names of the delinquent youth, therefore, it is the onus of it's the responsibility of the neighbors to give that information to Ken Kendal. He wanted the names. They wanted the curfew enforced and they wanted better communication. The neighbors met again on May 6, and to the best of my knowledge they seemed to be pleased with the progress. On another note, Mrs. Boyston was here from the Clarendon Ave address. I have called her five times, I have visited with her, and this is the result of those actions. The house with no parental supervision, I called the Department of Job and Family Services and turned the family in. I also found out there was a group home in the area that may have a sexual predator. I traced that sexual predator down and found out that he moved to Massillon. And thirdly, the corner store with zoning violations was turned over to the Zoning Department and Darla Hinderer is following up. (APPLAUSE)

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: Mr. President, just as a follow up, our office received a letter from Dave Stucki, Senior Judge in the Family Court, who pledged the Court's consideration in helping the City fight the delinquent youth problem that we have.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I would just like to comment on the Mayor's remarks. I wholeheartedly support what she's doing in that respect, but I would just like to say for once someone's gone to Massillon. Normally they take jobs from us, now they're taking sexual predators from us. (LAUGHTER)

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President, the meeting you had with Plain Ave where we talked about the neighborhood group, prior to that we had a meeting and we had 27 individuals there. I wasn't certain, did the Council people like Carbenia and I, was that-- we didn't get a message or anything on that.

MEMBER BERNABEI: And if I may continue to ask one question a week, I would ask that the Administration, and I think the Mayor has assigned it to Service Director Concatto, and that would be to provide Council with an update, perhaps next week or within the next two weeks, as to the Summit Housing project and what has occurred with regard to the potential closing of any of those transactions and the status of building designs, and any other issues associated with that.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President, to follow up on that point, Mr. Bernabei, the Housing Advisory Board, which is the necessary prerequisite in this entire equation, commencing with the Summit development, is chaired by Joel Owens and they have met at least twice already. They have been very conscientious. They have expedited the process and are complying as strictly as they can with the guidelines. They're meeting tomorrow to comply with the requirement that they review any agreements for at least 15 days. They've done so. They're gonna take some comments tomorrow and forward a report to the Mayor. I wanted to commend them. And I wanted to echo Member Diamond's praise for the well coordinated effort put together by Chief Scott and the firefighters, Jeff Haley and the union officers, Stark State, Fred Bertram, Jeff McGee. It was an incredibly well coordinated event, and if I could add the words fun, scary and dangerous.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Like a Council meeting. Is there any other Miscellaneous Business?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, Move we adjourn.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I guess I won't say anything. Second.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Roll call vote please.

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NO REMARKS PERMITTED ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 9:47 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

RAY DENCZAK
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL