

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2006

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Councilmembers, please take your seats. The Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK VANCKUNAS:

12 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DONALD E. CASAR, JOE CARBENIA, MARY M. CIRELLI, BILL SMUCKLER, THOMAS E. WEST, JAMES GRIFFIN, KELLY ZACHARY, TERRY PRATER, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART, & KARL "BUTCH" KRAUS)

1 COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT (HAWK)

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, March 27, 2006, at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council Debra Vanckunas. The invocation was given by Richard D. Hart, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President of Council Denczak.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you Member Hart. Agenda corrections and changes. You're being asked to suspend Rule 24B to add Information Resolutions 32 through 34. The Chair will recognize that motion.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 32B.. 34.. 24B and add Resolutions 22, 32, 33, and 34 to this evening's agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you suspend Rule 24B to add Information Resolutions 32 to 34. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 24B is suspended and Resolutions 32, 33 and 34 are a legal part of your agenda. You're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add second readings of Ordinances 0-13. The Chair will recognize that motion, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinance #2, back on the, Ordinance #13 back on this evening's agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add the second reading of Ordinance #13 to the agenda. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 22A suspension is passed and Ordinance #13 is a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No one signed up for Public Speaks for Resolutions or Ordinances for adoption.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS #31 THROUGH 42 BY AGENDA TITLE. THE INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS WHICH FOLLOW ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Information Resolutions excusing Members. Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move that Member Hawk be suspended, be excused from this evening's meeting; seconded.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let the journal show that Member Hawk has been excused. Resolution #31 please.

31. COUNCIL-OF-THE-WHOLE: COMMENDING RETIRING CLERK OF COUNCIL DEBBIE VANCKUNAS. - ADOPTED

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

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

MEMBER CASAR: Would you please have the Legislative Assistant read that Resolution please.

(Administrative Assistant Cindy Timberlake read the following, Resolution #31, aloud)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Bring that Resolution here.

RE#31. WHEREAS, Debbie Vanckunas has earned the respect and admiration from the City of Canton, the City Council and the Community. Debbie is a consummate professional. A leader who has been a vital contributor to the daily workings of the Clerk of Council office. Her length of service spans over 30 years with the City of Canton. WHEREAS, Debbie was hired in the City Council office in November 1973 as an Administrative Assistant V. She also served as a Legislative Assistant to the Council office. Debbie became Clerk of Council in May of 1996 and has served the City very well in that capacity. WHEREAS, during Debbie's tenure working for the City she has served 4 Mayors, 3 Presidents of Council, Clerk of Council Al Artimez who Debbie deeply respected and admired, 58 Council-At-Large Members and 78 Councilmembers. WHEREAS, Debbie was instrumental in helping the Council perform well because she performed well. Thousands of Agendas,

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Ordinances, Communications, Resolutions, Annexations and Zone Changes have passed over Debbie's desk during her career with the City of Canton. The City knew that they would be handled competently and correctly in her hands. WHEREAS, Debbie is the proud mother of two children, Christopher and Stephen and they will help fill her retirement hours. As Debbie embarks on her retirement journey, we the members of Canton City Council wish her all the best that life has to offer and thank her for her time. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the Members of the Council of the City of Canton, Ohio, do hereby recognize, give special tribute to, and commend most highly an outstanding City of Canton employee and dedicated member of our Canton Community. Debbie Vanckunas for serving the City of Canton with integrity and dignity. Thank you Debbie for your service to the City of Canton. (*AUDIENCE APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Who's that little guy out there? (*laughter*) Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... If not, I should call roll call on this but, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye; those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION#31 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution #31 is adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All communications are received as read, filed, and properly referred.

NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED MARCH 27, 2006.

175. AUDITOR RICHARD D. MALLONN, CITY OF CANTON: CERTIFICATE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT FROM ALL SOURCES FOR 2006 DATED 3/23/06 - CLERK OF COUNCIL
176. CD & PLANNING DIR. POORMAN: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR &/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR & RECEIVE GRANT MONIES FROM THE OHIO DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENT'S CLEAN OHIO ASSISTANT FUND FOR THE STEIN INDUSTRIAL PARK REMEDIATION PROJECT. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CMTE.
177. DIMARZIO., T. AGT FOR S. RYKOWSKI, 4676 HELMSWORTH DRIVE NE, CANTON, OH: REQUEST TO REZONE 306 STERLING AVE., SE FROM R-2 TO PB-3 FOR DIMARZIO FLOORING BUSINESS. - PLANNING COMMISSION
178. HART, WARD 7 COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF CANTON, OHIO: LETTER TO THE SAFETY DIRECTOR, MAYOR & BUILDING DEPT. REQUESTING A CHANGE IN CITY CODE TO REQUIRE AEP TO DOUBLE-FENCE AROUND THEIR SUBSTATIONS LOCATED IN THE CITY. - RECEIVED & FILED
179. LEWIS, TOM & CAROL, 1825 FERNDAL RD NW, CANTON, OH: REQUEST TO REZONE 1825 FERNDAL NW FR: R-1A TO PB-2 TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX - PLANNING COMMISSION

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180. PRO FOOTBALL HOF FESTIVAL DIRECTOR, JOANN MURRAY & DENNIS SAUNIER, 222 MARKET AVE., N., CANTON, OH 44702: SUBMITTING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING THE 2005 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME FESTIVAL - RECEIVED & FILED
181. SAFETY DIRECTOR BERNARD HUNT, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO PAY \$17,970 MORAL OBLIGATION TO CT CONSULTANTS FOR CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL & PLANS REVIEW DUTIES. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
182. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO NEGOTIATE & PURCHASE 2 PARCELS FOR THE FEDERAL CAMPUS PROJECT OWNED BY ESABEL DUNLAP ON HIGH AVENUE SW - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
183. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS & ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES IN CONNECTION W/APPROVAL OF THE 4502 CAPITAL BUDGET. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances & Formal Resolutions for the first reading; let the journal show that all ordinances are being given their reading as required by State law. Ordinance number 1 please...

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #12 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS.

- #1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF 13TH STREET SE AN UNNAMED 20' ALLEY NORTH OF 13TH STREET SE AND AN UNNAMED 15' ALLEY EAST OF HARTFORD AVENUE SE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #2 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 521.16, DISPLAY OR SALE OF GOODS ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, AND CHAPTER 749, ITINERANT RETAILERS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANTON
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement, Judiciary and Personnel Committees
(*Personnel Committee was deleted from the referrals of this ordnance at the 4/3/06 meeting*)
- #3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 16/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees
- #4 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 218/2004; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

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- #5 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 3012, 42520 AND 42521; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #6 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOT 42547; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #7 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF ALL OF LOTS 22669, 22670 AND 22671; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #8 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PARTS OF LOTS 6259 AND 6260; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #9 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PARTS OF LOTS 32539-32543; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #10 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION, WITH VARIANCE, FOR APPROXIMATELY 1700 FEET OF GREENTREE AVENUE SW; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #11 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,818.00 TO HOWELL RESCUE SYSTEMS, INC; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #12 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO POWER COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,226.62; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

INFORMATION RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We'll now go back to under 'Resolutions' Members of Council. Resolution #35 from Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, that's Casar this year, not Smuckler.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: What'd I say?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Mr. President, I move that Ordinances 35 through and including 42 be adopted....Resolutions; seconded.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Casar, we suspended the rules to add 32, 33, and 34 to the agenda, but you didn't take any action on them. So, the Chair will recognize rule, ah, Resolution #32 first. Motion to adopt Resolution #32.

32. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Confirming the Mayor's reappointment of Jerry Simpson & Sara Strattan to the Income Tax Board of Review effective 3/1/06 - 2/28/10. - ADOPTED

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #32. Are there any remarks under this Resolution? If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye; those opposed no. Resolution 32 is adopted. Thirty-three please.

33. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Confirming the Mayor's reappointment of Jack Hawk to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council effective 3/1/06 - 2/28/09. - ADOPTED

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 33. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor, signify by saying aye; those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #33 ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution 33 is adopted.

34. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Confirming the Mayor's reappointment of Lovie Hailey to the Fair Employment Practices Board effective 3/1/06-2/28/09. - ADOPTED

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 34. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye; those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #34 ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #34 is adopted. Number 35 Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I move we adopt Resolution #35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 and 42; seconded

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded and that you get one vote for Resolutions 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 42. If there's no member objecting to this, a division of the question was asked for. The Chair will consider all as a one unit vote. Are there any remarks under these Resolutions? If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye; those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTIONS #35 THROUGH 42 ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolutions are all adopted.

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MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Mr. President, at this time I would like to ask that we suspend Rule 24B and add Resolution #43 which is the hiring of a new Council Clerk; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 24B to add Resolution 43 to the agenda. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL VOTE: 11 YEAS, NO NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: This is a Resolution from who?

MEMBER CASAR: Can I ask the Clerk a question please?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I'm asking the question now. Who is this Resolution from?

MEMBER CASAR: The Resolution is ah, is ah, ah, from Council-As-A-Whole.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Council As A Whole? Okay. You have a question?

MEMBER CASAR: Yes, I would ask the Clerk if she would just basically, do you have a copy of the Resolution Clerk Van.... would you please read this so that everyone would be familiar with it?

43. COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Whereas, Rule No. 8 of the Rules of Procedure of Canton City Council, entitled "council Office Personnel", prescribes that "the Clerk of Council and other employees of Council shall be elected at the first meeting of the new term of Council upon majority vote of all members of Council by roll call vote. In the event that at a vacancy occurs in any personnel position, Council shall thereafter elect a replacement to such vacancy by a majority roll call vote of Council's members."; and WHEREAS, Pursuant to Communication #108 on Council's February 27, 2006 agenda, Clerk of Council Debra Vanckunas announced her retirement effective end of business day March 31, 2006. Canton City Council wishes to fill the vacancy which will be created in the Clerk of Council position; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Canton City Council hereby nominates and elects: CYNTHIA B TIMBERLAKE as Clerk of Council, effective on Date: April 1, 2006 and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Cynthia B. Timberlake be placed in Step 1 of Grade 6 at an annual salary of \$44,960 in the Council Clerk, Code 005 classification, in Position Group 60CL, Clerk of Council, of the Management/Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel Ordinance effective April 1, 2006.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. May I please ask the Clerk to put in those two blank lines Cynthia B. Timberlake. Mr. President. I move we adopt Resolution #43; seconded

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 43. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #43 ADOPTED 9 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS
(CIRELLI & ZACHARY ABSTAINED)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The new Clerk of Council is Cindy. The Chair has a question to ask the Law Department. Originally, the communication came from the Clerk of Council announcing she was taking her retirement and the matter was referred properly to the Personnel Committee. On several occasions when these issues came before Council, there's been various means of appointing a replacement. Now, it was referred to

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the Personnel Committee. Somehow, this whole thing got outta whack and one member of Council has usurped the authority of Committee Chairman and has taken care of this and how this came in as the Council Of The Whole Resolution, I want to know how that can happen. Law Director.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President. You asked a very good question. I'll try to answer it as best I can. We are a Statutory city and we are controlled largely by the Ohio Revised Code. From it, all authority flows into whatever body is using the law. In this particular case, the Ohio Revised Code Section 705.10 and 731.04 clearly say that it is the legislative authority or Council that chooses it's Clerk and 731.04 makes it very clear that it has to be a majority of the elected Members of Council as our Rule 8 stands parallel, the one that was read into the record just a short time ago. Being that, a majority of the elected members of Council has to make the appointment, that has been legally done tonight. Your question though goes to how it got here, if I understand it correctly. When the communication was referred to you, to the Personnel Committee, it probably appropriately said to the Personnel Committee, we have a vacancy to consider, however, our rules are unclear about how that particular process takes place if it's not a formal ordinance. Informal Resolutions, according to our Rule 24, can be brought forth by any Member or group of Members of Council. So, pursuant to Rule 24, an Informal Resolution did find it's way onto the agenda today, and it, our rules say that it can be used to confirm an appointment and so on. Rule #45 talks about whole Councils, but usually that takes place if it's an ordinance. If there had been an ordinance, I would say that it would, it would have and should have gone to the Personnel Chairperson and been, and would necessarily have been signed out by two of the three or all three of the three to make it to the floor as an Ordinance. Being that, a communication was referred to, the Committee, it may have been within the Chairperson's prerogative to allow the Majority Leader to conduct the process to present a candidate to this Council, because again, it all depends on what a majority of this Council does on the record. I can look at it further if you like, Mr. President, but for now, I believe that you have a valid election of a new Clerk of Council.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yes, I understand that Law Director, but, I wish you would look into it further because that's a dangerous precedent. I want Council to be aware of that. It's a dangerous precedent. I have no problem with Cindy, she's an excellent worker. I have no problem with your decision and I'll abide by your decision, but be very careful of this one-man Council!

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

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

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE #13 FOR THE SECOND TIME BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ORDINANCE #9 WHICH WAS RETAINED IN COMMITTEE.

#13 (2nd RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD & FINAL READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the third and final reading. Ordinance #11 please.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING

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ORDINANCES #14 THROUGH & INCLUDING #20 FOR THE THIRD TIME BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS. ALL THE ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR THIRD READING.

#14 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 48/2006** AN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT THREE PROPERTIES FROM THE STARK METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORIZING AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENTS DOLLAR HOME INITIATIVE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #14. Any there any remarks under this Ordinance? ... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO FURTHER REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #14 is adopted. **#14 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 48/2006**

#15 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO.49/2006** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 17/89, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH THE CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION TO ADMINISTER ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

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

NO FURTHER REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #15 is adopted. **#15 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 49/2006**

#16 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 50/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,000 FOR A COMPREHENSIVE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #16. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #16 is adopted. **#16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO.50/2006**

#17 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 51/2006** 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 SERVICE; DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #17 is adopted. **#17 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 51/2006**

#18 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 52/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.00 FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #18. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance # 18 has been adopted. **#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE 52/2006**

#19 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO.53/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR A CONTRACT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BUT NOT COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, 2006; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #19; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #19. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #19 is adopted. **#19 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #53/2006**

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#20 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO.54/2006** AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A PORTION OF DRYDEN AVENUE NW IN THE CITY OF CANTON 'HARRISON' AVENUE NW

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #20; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #20. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #20 is adopted.

#20 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #54/2006

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Announcement of Committee Meetings please.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President. Community & Economic Development Committee will meet April 3, 2006 at 6:15.

MEMBER KRAUS: Mr. President. Public Safety & Thoroughfare Committee will meet next week April 3rd 2006 6:15pm.

MEMBER PRATER: Mr. President. Personnel Committee will meet April 3rd at 6:15pm.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other committees?

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President. For the Finance Committee also meeting at, on the 3rd at 6:15. Greg Hawk is off and he asked me to call the committee meeting.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other committees?

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President. Public Property Capital Improvement also will meet at 6:15 on the 3rd.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other committees?...

MEMBER WEST: Judicial Committee will meet on.....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member West, go ahead.

MEMBER WEST: The Judicial Committee will meet at the same time with the Public Property Committee. Ours is the same.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks Open Forum, City Business Only. We have one person signed up to speak; Robert Fisher.

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MR. FISHER: Mr. President, Mayor and Members of Council. My name is Robert Fisher. I reside at 2634 Gladiola NE. My business is 20 years old at 1010 Walnut Avenue NE and I come to talk about the public announcement of the community clinic. To give a little bit of historical perspective and ask the Council, and the Administration to go on record of support of keeping it where it is. That clinic wasn't just put there by mistake and Mr. President, I come here with a heavy heart. I very seldom get emotional. I used to, I don't anymore, but I'm here in the spirit of Charles Ede, who really fought for that building and my own emotional feelings about where it is and it's attributions to the community. It didn't start just by Charles Ede, it was started because there was a lack of medical services on the east side of the city and about 30 years ago, there was a committee and I know Ed Cox was Chairman of that committee that the President of Council Mr. Denczak was on that Committee and another 40 people and they tried to determine and made a study of why there needed to be some medical facilities, like a clinic on the east side. It took a long time. It took Councilman Ede with this Council, some of the members of this Council, and Mayor Watkins to realize it a dream and it also took the old Harter Bank, now Key Bank that had sold the building and had given it to the city. So, there's a lot of things that could happen and in recent years, your Council and the Administration years, had given that facility more than \$800,000. It bought property. In fact, one of the properties it bought was from a lady that didn't want to sell it and she was a lady that had been in this city for a long long time and in fact, she just moved to Atlanta, 80 years old and she still walked up and down 19th Street and she said I'll sell this for one reason; for the clinic. Now, yes she probably got a fair market value, but that was a beautiful home. You see some members of family here but that was one building they bought, and then they bought another building. There's never been any problem in that building. And then, the second part of this discussion is just as 4 or 5 community organizations, 501C3s have met with the Mayor, have met with the Councilmen to begin putting together what we call the East Tusc Corridor Improvement. Now why, why was that? Well, there's been certain things going on in that area; public things that now we need to private invest in, private invest in of the family dollar. The fire station at 4th & Belden. The new Belden School. The renovated Hartford School. The new library. Mr. Coon is planning something at, at the corner of East Tusc and Belden, that old castle. In fact, I'm glad to see that house that was torn down next to it so that you do see some vacant property. Habitat. When we talk about East, East Tusc corridor, we went from 4th Street SE.....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mr. Fisher, I'm sorry, but your 3 minutes up, however, because I feel this is a very important issue for the City of Canton, under your new rules, you are allowed another 3 minutes; a total of 6 minutes. It used to be 15 but it's been changed to 6. I'm going to extend you another 3 minutes.

MR. FISHER: Thank you. I'm glad I mentioned that to Councilmember Zachary; it might take a little bit longer because I just feel so important about this city in fact, Habitat has built about 40 homes in that area between 6th Street and 4th Street between Spring Avenue and Belden. There's also been churches that have been improving in the area. This is like an anchor. This is like an asset, and to remove that asset, without a comprehensive study to 30th Street, to somebody's building is totally wrong, particularly when you're not using private people's money and you're doing, you're using taxpayers money both city money that they've used in the past. I don't know if they have any now. Medicare money for people who are getting the services and now, a Federal Grant by the Congressman. I stand here and ask you to do all you can to stop that Board, and I just didn't come here today without trying to talk to them. I talked to 2 Board members today. I called 4, I got 2 of them, and all they did, they tell me they could not talk about it yet because they're having a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 and I'll be there to try again and they already told me it was Executive Session. I didn't want to surprise them, I wanted to be courteous enough and being a former Service Director, one of things that you don't like is surprises. You want somebody to tell you you're comin' and that's what I wanted to do as a courtesy to them. Mr. Riley, I tried getting him Wednesday, he wasn't in office. I tried Thursday, he was not in the office. I would have tried Friday, but I followed the Bulldogs and I went this morning and I haven't been able to see him but I'd asked, I'll answer any questions anybody has but I just think that for what Dave Dougherty is doing in the 6th Ward for the northeast

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end but Kelly's trying to do in the 4th Ward along with these groups that are coming together, yes, we'll be back here for some city money. We've mentioned it to the Mayor. We don't know how much yet, but we have a plan of action, and then, we have one report and, and, we just haven't cleared it up yet because we might think it's a predicated lender that wants to build 14 houses in the same area, not counting the city's plans, so please, go on record opposing this. Do all you can and join with us, in fact, coming from the basketball game on Friday, at the basketball game, whatta we gonna do about the clinic? All the social events and church events, this weekend, what about the clinic? What about the clinic? It ought to stay on East Tusc. I'll answer any questions anybody has. Please do something about it.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President. If I may, let me be very clear. I spoke today with Congressman Regula. I spoke today with former Mayor Richard Watkins and the 3 of us are adamantly opposed to the move to 30th Street. We are distressed that there has been no public discussion. I will tell you that I am further distressed when I called, personally today, to try to obtain the list of the Trustees of the Canton Community Clinic. You should also know that this Body, including the Council and the Administration, does not have any appointees on that Board. We have absolutely no jurisdiction over the Community Clinic other than providing them with a free building, which we have done, through the generosity of this City for the last 10 or 12 years. So, I just want to make it clear that we will fight the move. I do not know what their final intentions are, but I have been troubled that there has been no communication and in fact, I spoke directly with Mr. Cicchini on Wednesday night and a week ago Sunday and he never shared with me that he had resigned. Not that he had to because I don't have that appointment but I find it really disconcerting that they are spending federal dollars and they have taken on no responsibility as far as giving us the reports as we've asked for them.

MR. FISHER: Mr. President. If they had been open, there are some other properties, maybe not there, but in the northeast section and southeast section, that could be seriously considered, and I think that the city owns one of them already beside the Monroe Center but, thank you very much for the time.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. Can I just add something for a moment. I've been working with Eric...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I'm... Member West, again, when we get under Miscellaneous Business, the chair will recognize you first. I'll recognize you first. Thank you Bob.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

MEMBER WEST: As I was saying, I been working with Eric Riley on a project, Minority Health Month, which actually is April 1st which is also one of my misc, under miscellaneous business. But, I've talked with him specifically about the Canton move or the Clinic move, specifically to the 6 different articles that appeared in the paper and why there was no response. Eric will be back from Washington DC from a conference tomorrow where we had several meetings planned for our event on April 4th and subsequently on April 22nd, so he will be here to respond to people's questions and I know that their Board is also gonna meet and discuss this so I think people will get their information soon. As I had indicated into the paper and I will preface my statement because Mr. Fisher also approached me on this, Ward 2 specifically, I have not received any calls to that. My understanding is that there wasn't going to be a move. My, I understand that some people said that there was gonna be a reduced stays, I've never heard that. I did hear that they are considering all options and that they are looking to expand their, their base throughout the community because it becomes a federal clinic and they need

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more space. That's what I did know and I think that I spoke that to Mr. Barent as well. In addition to that, I want everybody to know that, it's not just serving the poor but it's also serving those working poor and all the agencies that are also around it that will expand it. Now, mind you, being a strong advocate, a very strong advocate for minority health and on April 30th, I'm going up to meet with Minority Health Commission at the State level to convince them to bring an office down here to close the gap on disparities for minority health. I think it's crucial that we do have health care clinics, not just, just in one particular area but throughout the whole community. One thing that was stated at the, at the onset, I guess in the paper in reference to people can go to Timken or to Aultman, but what I do understand is that they can't go there for free, and often times, many of the people that are working poor, and everybody's losing their health care coverage left and right, and they're the ones that are actually going to the clinic, not the ones who have Medicaid and Medicare. So, I'm, I'm saying that and referencing a statement, so, please hold your opinions I think at least until you meet with Eric, hopefully next week and that he can get you a final decision because don't think, as of to date, that he went on public record as making statements. But, I believe that they are going to do that and I've also talked to Guy Cicchini on Saturday and he, he can't understand why they are not releasing records and you know, he's all for get, contributing whatever information he can to, as well, but I would just hold our comments and things until we actually hear from the other side. Thank you. OH, I also want to say something. I have to say before Debbie leaves, and, you know, Debbie, words cannot express how I truly feel about you leaving. You, I mean, truly you have been my right hand and I, I thank you so much because these last 2 years, being on Council, I couldn't have made it through, truly without you. You have, you brought your experience, and you gave me probably all the areas, you gave me some of Peel, you gave me some of Charles Ede, those people that I looked up to and respected and would have liked to be here to help me through this way, but you stood in the gap and I appreciate that. Thank you.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Yeah I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you Debbie for the last 16 years. I know you had to put up with a lot from me, and, and I'm not easy to work for, some times, however, I would appreciate if you don't tell Cindy any of those things before you leave. Let her base her decision about me on her own. *(Laughter)* But, truly, I've really enjoyed the last 16 years, we had a lot of fun and got a lot of work done and you, you always got things done and that's what we need and I never had to call you twice for anything and you got things done and I'm gonna miss you. Good luck.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Members of Council, the Chair wishes to remind you now, I've always been an advocate of 3 people in that office and now we only have 2 people again, so you're going to have to hire another person. We've got to have 3 people and I want to further, just take a second of your time, I know you've got something to do tonight. In, what Bob Fisher said. I want to tell you how I got involved with that East side Medical center. When my wife was gonna bear a child, a daughter, I was awakened at 2:00 in the morning. It was so foggy, I called for a police escort and they said that there wasn't any cruisers on the street, so I had to drive up East Tusc from Cornelia Avenue. I got to the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing. A crossing notorious for blocking the traffic on East Tusc.; 2:00 in the morning the gates came down and I had to get my wife to the hospital. I got out to see if I could hear the whistle by the tracks or somewhere where the train is at so, I took a chance. I had to make a decision. I ran around the gate and got to the hospital. They took her into the hospital, I drove home, still foggy, I wound up driving on the sidewalk, thought I'd stop to see where I am at, almost hit a metal pole and I finally got home to my son who was home by himself and the telephone rang and it was my wife telling me we had a baby daughter. So, that made me interested in getting the medical facility out there because of that damn railroad and that facility should stay there for that purpose. Not only for the needy, but for the fact that they need medical attention, east of that railroad track. Thanks Councilmembers. Anybody else have anything to say?

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President. I would just like to, first of all, thank Mr. Fisher for coming down.

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We've talked quite a bit about the clinic move and unlike some other council members, I have received a ton of phone calls since the article came out in the paper, and these phone calls are from constituents who are concerned, concerned that the clinic would move with the, with the exit of resources out of the 4th ward for whatever reasons. This is one of the last things that we can afford to see leave and I'm sure that Mr. Riley has the best intentions in the world and wants to service a larger number of people but, we really can't afford to have the clinic move and I heard it with my own ears in talking with him several weeks ago, he pretty much told me that the clinic would not close, but it would not have limited hours. I don't think that's something we can support either. It's just so necessary to the community at this point so, whatever assistance I can be to anybody in the community, Mr. Fisher, thank you. We're gonna fight the good fight on this one, I hope. Also, just real quickly, Debbie, it has only been a little over 2 years, but, I think the first time I met you guys I told you I wouldn't ask you to do anything that I couldn't do for myself and for the most part, I've stuck to that. But, you've pulled my rear end out of fire on more than one occasion, resolutions and, and just pulling things together and the amount of dedication and research you even put into things that I didn't even ask you to do, I have to say thank you. Cindy, you have some really big shoes to fill and I'm sure you will. Bear with us as we conge in this second term of mine but, Debbie, I just really want to say thank you for everything that you've done in the past 2 years. You've always been the picture of professionalism and I have to just say, I appreciate everything you've ever done, for me. Thank you.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Mr. President, I too would like to offer my wishes to Debbie and her family. I would be remiss if I didn't do so for the record. I'd like to think that I was a little part of Debbie's success here. I, I had the opportunity to vote for her back in 73 when we hired her as a legislative assistant and I think that was one of the better moves that Council has ever made. Debbie has proven through coming up through the ranks as a legislative assistant and then on to Clerk, how good she is, how qualified she is and how proficient she is at what she does. I know that Cindy will be a good person, I know that Cindy will have a hard time at first, but I feel very confident with Debbie's training that she's been given her already for the past 3 months in her position as legislative assistant, will carry on and thank God that we have a person like Deb that we're able to work for, for as many years as I've been around here, she's been more than my right hand man and I respect her for everything that she's done and I will continue and I'd like to say that she's been my friend and will continue to be my friend. Thank you very much and good luck to you and your family.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: On behalf of my former and current colleagues, many of whom worked closely with this office and with Debbie Vanckunas, we want to thank you for over 3 decades of quiet dignity and efficient service and lots of patience on many hundreds of Friday deadlines. It is said that a court speaks through its journal entries, it can also be said that a Council does most of City's business through its ordinances. Those ordinances have been efficiently and well done for many years because of the fact that we have a doer. Most people can be classified as a talker or doers or some kind of combination of those 2. We have a doer and we've been fortunate to work with you and appreciated your efforts and our efforts as we jointly helped our city. I want to thank you for that service and congratulate Cindy Timberlake and wish you the best. You've had an opportunity to begin to apprentice under someone who I'm sure you can emulate.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Debbie, I'd like to thank you for what you did for me, okay. Thank you very much and enjoy your children, and the best of luck.

MEMBER PRATER: Mr. President. I too would like to take this opportunity to thank you Debbie for all your help and support over the years and wish you the best of luck in your retirement and hope that you and your family find lots of interesting things to do. For the life of me, I can't understand what would be more fun than dealing with the complex liquor permits that we had to deal with and sort through over the last 2 years, but, I guess you don't share my enthusiasm there so, thank you for your help in that, and best of luck!

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President. As one of the few former Majority Leaders around here, there was a lot of time when I was Majority Leader that I interacted with Debbie a lot. Debbie, it's tough to get through some days but I appreciated you being there and doing a heck of a job and making sure that the office did perform and I apologize to my 8 resolutions that always showed up a week in advance but you always managed to crank them out and Cindy, if you want to find out how Dave Dougherty is, don't ask me but ask the current and all former Service Directors and they'll tell you about Dave Dougherty. *(Laughter)*

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President. Debbie, on behalf of the Cabinet, and the former Mayor's, we thank you very much for your 33 years of dedicated service to our great city but, I have to say, anyone that is dealt with 78 council members, 4 former Mayors and I lost track of how many council-at-large, you must be one saint! *(Applause)*

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Anybody else?

MEMBER HART: Mr. President. Just again, a quick question. Last week there was an article in the newspaper concerning the Ritz and moving up some tenants to 1700 Fulton. I want to thank the Safety Director and also the Law Director because I was given a letter today that those properties of which there are 5 to be vacated, I want to thank you for all of your due-diligence and please thank all of your staff. There are some concerns because right across from 1700 Fulton was a day care center and I didn't want to see those problems from the Ritz going up there to 1700 Fulton. Also, speaking for the minority and as the minority, that's as good as it gets from me. I want to thank you Debbie, for everything that you have done. You know, you've always been, you know, an efficient, well done, doesn't even begin to describe you. I've seen you in action with some people with so much less fortunate and you've always handled them with the greatest kindness, respect and love. You've done the same with at least me, as a Councilperson, because, I know as disorganized as I am, you've always been able to decipher my letters. You've always been able to make me look really good, and again, more than anything else, I want to thank you for all these years of friendship. You've always been super and one door closes and another one opens for you and I wish you only the best. You've been a super super person and a great public servant. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: And also the fact that she made you look good, I don't think you look.

MEMBER HART: I look better than you Ray. That's all.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Everybody does. Anybody else.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President. I would like to say that Debbie, first off, I'd like to wish you a very good and long retirement. I'd like to thank you for everything you've done for me since I've been a Councilman. I've known you longer than when I was a Councilman. I remember when I used to come, come in here and ask for little things and you used to get them. I just think that you changed that whole job, where it used to be more, you know, just an office manager, to somebody that actually is a working person, types, does, done everything. You actually caused a lot of trouble for this committee I think. *(Laughter)* Because of you doing such a good job Debbie, and, I, I mean, I'm talking' from the heart, I, you know, I don't want to tell this in front of my wife, but I love you too, you know. I just think that we're gonna miss you more than we know. I know that things have happened over the past couple of years that maybe shouldn't have, but dog gone it, you done a good job. I know that you've always taken care of me and wrote my resolutions and done all my little sidewalk things and took care of me all of the time. Just like today, um, thank you and have a great retirement!

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Anyone else? Member Kraus.

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MEMBER KRAUS: Debbie, though our term, my term on Council's been short, as Joe, I have dealt with you in the past and it's always been professional. Good luck.

CLERK VANCKUNAS: Mr. President. I would just like to say that I am really glad that I ordered these nice plaques. I've given so many of these things out and I really was beginning to despair if I would ever get one myself, but, I, I want to thank you very much for that. Congratulations and special thanks to Cindy Timberlake. Four days from now, after 32 years of service to our City, I will pass on the responsibilities of the Clerk. I believe I've taken those responsibilities seriously, since walking through that door 32 years ago, I've learned much, grown as an individual, faced many challenges, I've aged, I've been betrayed, I gave birth to 2 wonderful children and I lost my best friend. When I look back on my time with Council, ultimately, I'm sure it will be with fondness. One of my funniest recollections, and I'm sure President Denczak remembers this was many years ago, when a Councilmember was remarking about being approached while driving through a non-prostitute area and how he wondered, did they know it was his payday. Although I cannot remember the most stressful, I, I certainly remember my longest council meeting 2:05am, that was in large part to Art Cirelli. The saddest experience was attending the funeral of our former Clerk Al Artimez. To all the members of Council who voted for my appointment, I thank you for the many opportunities you have given me for public service. I hope in that service, you found some worthy things. We've been through many challenges in city government that bind us together. A bond that can never be torn apart. As I come to you with my message of farewell, I would like to share a final thought and a quote with you. "May you be ever unswerving and devotion to principal, confident but humble with power and diligent in pursuit of the city's goals." I like the way Steven Lee Koch described retirement. Have you ever been out for a late autumn walk in the closing part of the afternoon and suddenly looked up to realize the leaves have practically all gone and the sun has set and the day gone before you knew it; and with that, a cold wind blows across the landscape: That's retirement. The years pass all too quickly and there is much to do. To all of you, I wish you Godspeed and hope that the coming years will be blessed with cooperation and accomplishment for everyone. I thank you all; and to this Council and particularly Don Casar, I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Thank you. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I would have hoped that she would have talked for 22 more seconds and I could have told her that her 3 minutes were up. Not only that but she's leaving the day before the first, April 1st so I won't be able to play a April first trick on her. I had a good one in mind. Are there any other remarks?

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

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: This meeting is adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:45 P.M.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

DEBRA VANCKUNAS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RAY DENCZAK
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL