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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: (*SOUND OF GAVEL*) Good evening. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please, Madame Clerk.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK TIMBERLAKE:

11 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, JOE CARBENIA, MARY CIRELLI, GREG HAWK, THOMAS WEST, JAMES GRIFFIN, KELLY ZACHARY, TERRY PRATER, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART, & KARL "BUTCH" KRAUS)

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven present, one absent Mr. President. (SMUCKLER ABSENT)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. We'll have the invocation tonight given by Member Terry Prater. If you'd all remain standing for the pledge of allegiance please.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council Cynthia Timberlake. The invocation was given by Councilmember Terry Prater, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Schulman.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under agenda corrections and changes. Members of Council, you're going to be asked to suspend Rule 22A to add the second reading of Ordinances #9 through and including #12. Member Casar, the Chair will recognize that motion.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Mr. President. I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinances #9 through and including #12 on this evening's agenda.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to second reading Ordinances #9 through and including #12 to this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Rule 22A is suspended and the Ordinances are a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Public Hearings. There are no public hearings this evening.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under public speaks on Ordinances and Resolutions for adoption. We have no speakers signed up this evening.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Informal Resolutions. Member Casar, I will recognize a motion to excuse Member Smuckler.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move that ah, Member Smuckler be excused from this evening's meeting.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to excuse Member Smuckler from this evening's meeting. Are there any other remarks?... If not, Madame Clerk roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. We're now under ah, Infor.. In....Resolution ah, #74 by title. Sorry, I got a little confused there, but it's ah, we're very pleased to have this Resolution read and I know we have our Firefighters here this evening. So, Madame Clerk, if you'll read that Resolution please.

#74 COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: COMMENDING CANTON FIREFIGHTERS OF THE YEAR, CAPTAIN VINCE HARRIS, ERIC DYRLUND, RAY BITTING, BRIAN BYERS & LARRY GEORGE. - ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize a motion to adopt ah, Resolution #74. Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I move we adopt Resolution #74.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution #74. Are there any remarks? Member ah, Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President. I'd like it read in it's entirety please.

RESOLUTION #74: AN INFORMAL RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE ON THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2007. WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 22, 2007, Firefighters from the second battalion of Station #9 located at Market Avenue North and 19th Street NE were summoned to 2706 Rowland Avenue NE at 3:26 a.m. to find heavy smoke billowing from a three-story, 12 unit apartment. Upon arrival, not only did Firefighters see heavy smoke, but also found several people hanging out of the windows trying to escape the smoke and flames; and WHEREAS, With undue haste, ladders were set up and Firefighters began helping remove victims from the windows. Before water hoses were set in place, Firefighters Eric Dyrland and Ray Bitting impulsively rushed into the burning building to the third floor. Captain Vince Harris climbed the ladder five times bringing down an infant, two toddlers, a teenager and an elderly woman to safety from the burning inferno. Firefighters Brian Byers and Larry George also helped three other

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people down the ladders to safety. Two Children and an adult were treated and released from Aultman Hospital; and WHEREAS, We commend Captain Vince Harris and Firefighters Eric Dyrlund, Ray Bitting, Brian Byers and Larry George for their quick, selfless actions and heroism for saving the lives of 14 people from a burning building; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Council of the City of Canton, Ohio, do hereby go on public record as commending and saluting CANTON FIREFIGHTERS OF THE YEAR CAPTAIN VINCE HARRIS, ERIC DYRLUND, RAY BITTING, BRIAN BYERS AND LARRY GEORGE, for their quick thinking, impulsive reactions and unselfish heroism. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work and your hard work and dedication to the citizens of Canton. You truly are our "CANTON HEROES"! (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Yes, I'd like to present the awards.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Please do.

MEMBER CARBENIA: We didn't vote yet either.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Do you wanna do the voice vote?... By voice vote, all those in favor of our Resolution, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. Resolution #74 has been adopted.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #74 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Well, I'd just like to say..... is this workin'?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I'd just like to say that I'm very proud to be the one presenting you with this award. Yeah (*referencing to people wanting to take pictures*) so people could take pictures. All I have to say is, ah, I know that ah, I know all of you personally. I know most of the Firefighters. I know what you go through. Ah, a lotta people don't know that ah, just because this is a smaller town than New York is in, we still have, we have one of the greatest Fire Department's there is, and I wanna congratulate all you guys for saving those 14 people. Ah, first off, they were in my ward (*laughter*) and ah, second off, there's a lot I could say, but, I'm not gonna say too much ah, because I'm ah, a little shaky too, as you must be. Ah, you guys just like to go ahead and do your work and not worry about awards and things, but you all deserve it and if you'd like to say something, anybody can. And, I'd like to give each one of you your plaque and I have 2 for the others and there's 1 for the station. So, if any of you would like to say anything.

CAPTAIN VINCE HARRIS: The only thing I'd like to say is ah, there's two people sitting here, Chief Whitlatch and Chief Rich that have caused a, a passion to come across the Fire Department since they took charge, and you guys outta be really proud of what they're doing to the Fire Department cuz, everybody's got a passion for the Fire Department now, and it's.... it's a spreading like wildfire. These are 2 great leaders. (APPLAUSE) Thank you very much. Thank you.

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MEMBER CARBENIA: Larry.... Vince..... (*Councilmember Carbenia presented the plaques to each Firefighter*) Congratulations. You make me proud.... Eric. Here ya go... and then, we have the other ones you can take. This is the one for the station and these are for all of you. Those are all personal ones.

MEMBER KRAUS: You want me to get a dolly from Maintenance Joe? (*Laughter*)

MEMBER CARBENIA: Once again, I'd like to thank you and I want everybody to also acknowledge the Chief and the Assistant Chief. Because of their leadership, the teachin' and the schoolin' that goes on for Firefighters is above and beyond. Thank you. (*APPLAUSE*)

MEMBER WEST: Could they please stand? (*Fire Chiefs stood up for and were acknowledge by applause from everyone present*)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Carbenia, and I think we all echo the fact that we do have the best Fire Department in the United States. Great job. Thank you very much gentlemen and family members.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Communications. Let the Journal show that all communications are received as read.

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 OCTOBER 22, 2007.

- 551. AUDITOR MALLONN (CITY): CERTIFICATE OF TOTAL AMT FR: 2007 ALL SOURCES. - RECEIVED & FILED
- 552. C&ED DIRECTOR, POORMAN: AUTHORIZE MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO AGMT W/QUARRY GOLF CLUB LLC FOR NEW JOB CREATION INCENTIVE PROG & NET PROFITS INCENTIVE PROG. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
- 553. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION (OH): NOTICE OF APPEAL HRG SET FOR 11/15/07 @ 11:30 A.M. RE: DBA CAROUSEL LOUNGE @ 3012 ATLANTIC BLVD NE. - RECEIVED & FILED
- 554. PLANNING COMMISSION: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLAT OF PART OF OUT LOTS 325, 327 & 328 & THE DEDICATION OF A 0.517 ACRE PORTION OF CLEVELAND AVE SW; WARD 5. - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

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

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #1

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- #1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 241/2006, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #2 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 241/2006, AS AMENDED BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 40/2000, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Personnel Committee
- #4 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING & ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF ALL OF LOT 1410 & PARTS OF LOTS 1411 & 1412; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #5 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR & ACCEPT A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,347.69 FROM THE STATE FOR A SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #6 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS & ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF CANTON AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #7 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAREMARK LLC FKA CAREMARK INC. THROUGH THE EMPLOYERS HEALTH PURCHASING CORP OF OHIO, INC FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

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- #8 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO CONVEY CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, TO THE CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Ordinances for their second reading. Madame Clerk would you please read Ordinance #9 through #12 by title please.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #9 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #12 BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS.

- #9 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FAIR MARKET 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
- #10 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT A 2008 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, 2008 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND 2008 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM; RATIFYING SUBMISSION AND FILING OF SAID PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE US DEPT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR THE THREE PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #11 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH OHIO BILLING, INC. FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF USER FEES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #12 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION (D) OF ORDINANCE NO 177/2006; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. We're now under Ordinances for their third and final reading. Madame Clerk, please read Ordinance #13 by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #13 THROUGH #18 FOR THEIR THIRD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS.

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#13 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #200/2007** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 241/2006, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #13.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #13. Are there any remarks?.. If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #13 is adopted. Ordinance #14 please, Madame Clerk.

ORDINANCE #13 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #200/2007

#14 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #201/2007** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO CANTON TOWNSHIP; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

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

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #14. Are there any remarks? Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I'd like to ask the Service Director a question, if I may please.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Go right ahead.

MEMBER CASAR: Service Director Concatto. Ah, last week at the committee meetings you said you're gonna give us an idea or try and find out how many employees were gonna be at this company. Were you able to do that, or..... how many?

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Member Casar, this ah, this building is being done by Cansome LLC would be the owner of the building. The occupant of the building on the long term lease would be North Canton Medical Foundation. Ah, they'll have a, they'll have a long term lease. It's situated next to Canton South High School and approximately 8 to 10 jobs now and it will provide some medical service to the high school but also be an arm of the North Canton Medical Foundation, ah, um, and provide service in ah, on Glenwood and ah.....

MEMBER CASAR: And, how far will we have to extend this line to that property?

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: It's approximately 700 feet. It's a, it's approximately 7,700 feet outside the city and I think the extension of the water line is 700 feet. Ah, understand, I believe that we provide water to ah, Canton South High School.

MEMBER CASAR: So, in other wards, our lines are already out there, 7,000 feet ah, being utilized ah, by outside the citizens of Canton, correct?

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Right. Um, also they would sign a covenant that if they became contiguous, with the City of Canton, they must annex into the city.

MEMBER CASAR: All I wanted to say, I'll make it briefly, that ah, you know, over the years, we continuously ah, you know, let our water lines out, supplied water to the non-residents to the City of Canton ah, which I don't feel is a good ide.... a good thing. I think we should be using it for a tool for annexation and also for industry reasons and businesses and if you all read in the paper over the weekend where Georgia's having a ah, drought and, and, who's to say it couldn't happen in our area and who's to say the Federal Government wouldn't come in and tap our lines and ship our water to Georgia. I think we have to be more conscience of it. I don't think, I think we should, we should stop doing this. I been preaching this for years and once it's gone, it's gone and and water is a very ah, ah, valuable commodity and we should treat it that way and not worry about making a few dollars on selling our water. I think we should look out for the citizens of Canton and, and get out of selling the water.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you member Casar. Are there any other remarks?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. Just, just briefly.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: How close are we ah, contiguous for them to come, for us to annex. How close are they? How close are we to Canton South, or to this park?

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director Concatto.

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Seven thousand, seven hundred feet. Approximately a mile. It's, it's a, it's, you can measure it from um, ah, where our city limits is south, from Canton South High School, right at ah, I forget

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the name of the street.

MEMBER WEST: Are we looking at annexation in that area at all, currently?

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Well, we're always looking for annexation. Ah, they have to basically come to us also if they are, are willing to annex into the city. Some of those areas prior to this Administration and prior to other Administrations already have water that's been extended out there. Um, water in this, in this location is a business and um, when we lose customers here in the City of Canton we try to gain customers outside. I think that, myself, and I believe this Administration, I won't speak for the Mayor, ah, would love to annex as much as we can, ah, and, you have to be contiguous and you have to have a willingness, and if those who things don't happen, we cannot annex.

MEMBER WEST: Can you also remind me of the benefit for the City of Canton?

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Water charges are 2 and a half percent, or 250 percent of the charge of local water. Basically, that's the benefit. So, they pay, if you, if your water bill's \$100, their water bill is \$250, so that's basically a , that's a financial benefit for extending the water lines and they pay for all installation of the water lines and then we just take 'em over.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: On, question to Service Director Concatto. I believe, if I'm correct, ah, the area that, to make them contiguous is mostly residential. Is that sir.... is that correct?

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director.

DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Member Cirelli, I believe on Cleveland Avenue there's some commercial properties but probably the neighborhoods behind is probably residential, ah, just from, I've been out there a couple times um, I can't name the businesses but I believe, I believe Cleveland Avenue is probably zoned business and those further, deeper into the neighborhoods are residential.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Cirelli. Any other questions or remarks?... If not, ah, Ordinance #13 has been moved and seconded for adoption. Fourteen, sorry. Must be the Tribe losing that's gotten me very upset. I'm still thinking about first and third with one out. (LAUGHTER) In fact, I may never forget that. Ordinance #14 has been moved for adoption and seconded. Are there any other remarks?... If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 7 YEAS, 4 NAYS
(CASAR, CARBENIA, CIRELLI, GRIFFIN)

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CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Seven yeas, four nays.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: And the motion therefore, is adopted. Ordinance #15 please, Madame Clerk.

ORDINANCE #14 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #201/2007

#15 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #202/2007** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH A RECYCLING FACILITY FOR THE CITY OF CANTON'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ah, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we adopt Ordinance #15.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #15. Are there any remarks?.. If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #15 is adopted. Ordinance #16 please.

ORDINANCE #15 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #202/2007

#16 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #203/2007** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A FEE MODIFICATION WITH COOPER & ASSOCIATES, LLP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,900.00 FOR THE STEIN INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we adopt Ordinance #16.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #16. Are there any remarks?.. If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Ordinance #16 has been adopted. Ordinance #17 please, Madame Clerk.

ORDINANCE #16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #203/2007

#17 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #204/2007** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we adopt Ordinance # 17.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #17. Are there any remarks?.. If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #17 is adopted. Ordinance #18 please, Madame Clerk.

ORDINANCE #17 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #204/2007

#18 (3RD RDG) **AMENDED AS ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #205/2007** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF PART 11, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANTON.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

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

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #18. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we amend Ordinance #18 per the copy that all Councilpersons have in front of them.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to amend Ordinance #18 per the copy before each of you. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. Motion carries. Member Casar.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

AMENDMENT: Pursuant to Rule 36, I move to amend Agenda Item No. 18 by the deletion of Section 7 and renumbering currently existing sections 8 through 19 as sections 7 through 18. (*See Ordinance 205/2007 as amended and corrected*)

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #18 as amended.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #18 as amended. Are there any remarks?... If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #18, as amended, is adopted.

ORDINANCE #18 AMENDED AS ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #205/2007

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Announcement of Committee Meetings. Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President. Finance Committee will meet 6:30 October 29th.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Community and Economic Committee will meet at 6:30 on, what date was that again.... the 29th.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Carbenia.

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MEMBER PRATER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Prater.

MEMBER PRATER: Personnel Committee will meet October 29th at 6:30.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Any other committees?

MEMBER KRAUS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Kraus.

MEMBER KRAUS: Public Safety and Thoroughfares will meet 10/29th, 6:30.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

(Member Carbenia called a meeting re: the discussion of vacant lots & repossession of properties to be held 10/31 @ 2:00 in the afternoon in Canton City Council Chambers which he announced under "Public Speaks")

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Public Speaks, open forum. We have 6 speakers this evening. Ah, for those of you who have not spoken, or have not attended our council meetings, I just want you to know that City Council has adopted a rule that restricts the amount of time that you have to give your public speak to 3 minutes and, I just want you to understand, we're not trying to cut off your public speaks portion. All of us will be here after the meeting, the Mayor, her Administration, to talk further with you if there are any concerns or problems that you, that you may have. But, I will...

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN:but I will ask that, excuse me, but I will ask that you restrict your ah, public speaks portion to 3 minutes please. Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I'm sorry Mr. President. I did forget to mention that on 10/31 at 2:00 in the afternoon, we're having a meeting with ah, both the Administration, the bankers and insti.... and lending institutions to discuss vacant lots and ah, repossession of properties and things like that.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: And, I hope we all have that on the calendar because I know that's going to be a very important meeting. Where is it going to be Member Carbenia?

MEMBER CARBENIA: Right here in Council Chambers.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It should be easy for us to remember that. Ah, our first speaker tonight is Matthew Fox. Mr. Fox, if you'll come forward. Good evening. Welcome. If you'll do us a favor, we need your name and your residential address and do me a favor, Member Kraus is really good, we want to make sure we can hear you so, if you'll pull that microphone up, that's fine.

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MR. FOX: My name's Matthew Fox. I live at 2818 Rosewood Place NW, 44708. I wanted to address the problem of, we have a lot of rental properties and, the people who are moving into these rental properties, and I live right next to one, are known drug dealers. I talked to Mr. Griffin about it. They have ah, some of them have violent felonies and we go through this process over and over. We fight, get 'em out and a new group comes in and something has to be done because I can't keep going through this and I'm sure anybody else who's ah, been through the same problem, it's just a negative cycle that goes over, over and over and that's not good for the city and it, I, I feel that something else can be done because what's bein' done now, is the, the same negative cycle over and over and we're not getting anywhere with it. So, does anybody have any ideas or anything we can do?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: And, ah, Mr. Fox, we'll be able to respond to that next. But, we'll ah, no one, ah, we're not speaking now, you're just, we're listening to what you have to say.

MR. FOX: Okay. That's all I have to say. I just want something else done beside the traditional, you fill out a report with the police, you talk with the public officials, you get told we'll work on it, something will get done and then, maybe, the person gets evicted then a new group comes in and then you gotta go through this over and over so.... I'm, I'm open up for any ideas. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Thank you very much sir and as I say, we'll all be here after the meeting to discuss this with you.

MR. FOX: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Our next speaker is Patricia Kirk. I know that Ms. Kirk knows the rules but, ah, welcome. Good evening. If you'll give us your name and your residential address please.

MS. KIRK: Yes. My name is Patricia Kirk. I live at 131 5th Street NE in Canton and this is going to be short. It's going to be a reminder. As you probably already know, Canton is developing a tree ordinance for the law books which is one step closer to developing a much-needed tree plan for the City of Canton. Hopefully this will include an Urban Forester for the city. This coming Tuesday, October the 30th, at 6:30, there will be a meeting at Church of the Savior, at the corner of Cleveland and Tusc with Bill Hahn, the Urban Forester of Akron, Ohio. This is the first time he's been to Canton. He's been with the Engineering Department of Akron for many years. I hope the City of Canton will be able to be represented at this meeting. There is a flier for each of you. I'll just leave this with you. A few extra are in the back on the back table. Thank you very much. This could be important for Canton. Yes....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Would you give us the date and time and place please just one more time.

MS. KIRK: October 30th, the last Tuesday in October, 6:30, at Church of the Savior United Methodist, that's the big stone church on the corner of Cleveland and Tusc, right across the street from here.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Okay. Thank you very much.

MS. KIRK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: And, thank you for all that you do and your hard work. Ah, our next speaker,

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because she knows me, gets to go out of order, simply because she's gonna to introduce some of the people. Diane Wissuchek, if you'll come up, give us your name and your residential address please and good evening again.

MS. WISSUCHEK: Thank you Mr. President. I am Diane Wissuchek. I live at 2029 Franklin Place NW in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood, and I am a member of Neighborhood Leadership Council. Mr. President, Madame Mayor, Councilmembers, tonight I am speaking on behalf of NAVE, Neighborhood Associates Votes Empower and this is the second of our bi-annual visits to Council this year. As you know, we represent over 40 active neighborhood associations in this city and therefore, thousands of residents. NAVE is a sub-committee of Neighborhood Leadership Council, which was developed by the Stark Community Foundation. At this time, I would like to recognize the members of our group. Would everyone with NAVE please stand. *(Several members in the audience were recognized with applause as they stood for recognition)*

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Welcome.

MS. WISSUCHECK: Thank you. As a group, we visit Council twice a year to demonstrate our support of the city and its officials. We would like to thank all of you who continue to commit yourselves to being involved with the city, with the neighborhoods of the city and especially with our neighborhood organizations. We appreciate what the city and this Council does for our neighborhoods and your concern for us but, as you are well aware, all of the neighborhoods still have issues and concerns from crime on, in all of its forms to jobs and recreations for youth and families and affordable housing to the maintenance and the support systems of the infrastructure of this city and our neighborhoods. All of the neighborhoods are affected and have their needs. We know these issues require work on both the part of the city and Council, and our residents. We hope we can continue the open line of communications to facilitate the many improvements and changes needed so everyone can say, without any doubt, the motto of the Neighborhood Leadership Council, you don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood. We, as a city, are starting to approach the 21st century with the impending implementation of curbside recycling and talk of making Canton a tree city. But, there are many other things that we feel could be done to improve the life in the city and showcase Canton. For example, what plans does the Council have to develop a green zone in the city? Would the housing and businesses use green technology to show everyone what can be done and are there plans to encourage green development, and alternative forms of fuel and energy? We, the city government and neighborhoods, must continue to find new ways to reach people in need, educate everyone on how they can contribute to the improvement of their neighborhoods and the city and keep the lines of communication open so that everyone is aware of the problems, concerns and issues and these can be addressed in a reasonable and timely manner. It is no longer what can you do for us, but, we are all in this together, so, how can we make it happen? There's a lot to do but together, it can be accomplished. Thank you. *(APPLAUSE)*

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much. Nicely done.....and, I know when we get to Miscellaneous Business, we, you might be surprised and certainly ah, pleased as to what of this Council and this Administration are going to do about those problems. Our next speaker is Samuel Lee. Mr. Lee, good evening. If you could give us your name and your residential address please.

MR. LEE: My name is Samuel Lee. Oh.... my name is Samuel Lee. I live at 5361 Foxhill Circle NE. I just wanna thank the Mayor and the Police Department for their allowing the Police Department to have a more presence around the Monroe Community Center in that area. Ah, since they been going up and down the streets every now and then, it really has curved some of the activity that's been going around the city, I mean around the

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center and I just wanna thank 'em for that. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much sir. Ah, our next speaker is Sharon, I hope I, I'm pronouncing this right... Skelly. Ms. Skelly, did I pronounce that correctly? If you'll step forward and give us your name please and your residential address...address.

MS. SKELLY: My name is.....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Good evening.

MS SKELLY: Good evening. My name is Sharon Skelly. I live at 1010 16th Street NW and, I'm a, I'm a secretary of the NAVE Committee and active in the North Lehman Neighborhood Association and, what, that's what I wanted to talk about is, we just had one of the BAN clean-ups this past week in our neighborhood and Mr. Concatto sen...sent us a wonderful troupe of city workers to help, and they did a wonderful job. I just wanted to say thank you. We had a good time, we, we, had a nice lunch, it was fun meeting those guys, they were great to work with and our neighborhood looks absolutely lovely. Drive by. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Good. Thank you very much. Our last speaker tonight is Don Singer. Don, would you come forward and give us your ah, name and your residential address please.... and, good evening.

MR. SINGER: Good evening. Mr. President. Council. Madame Mayor. My name's Don Singer. I live at 4909 Logan Avenue NW here in Canton. I witnessed a, a dialogue this morning and I asked, come on down and ask Council. I said fine, so here I am. This is the first time I've ever been here in terms of this podium so, forgive me. Um, but, I was listening to the conversation on the Ron Ponder show this morning with Mr. Mandwel Patterson and I almost drove off the road. A questioner had called in and was discussing some of the fine accomplishments of the Economic Development Department, some of the jobs and so forth and retention of jobs and investment and some of them pretty good, but, the questioner asked about the Helio Company and whether or not the individual, that is Mr. Patterson, had worked at the Helio Company, and the answer was yes, and he quickly answered sure, I worked there. Then questioner asked whether he had worked at the company before or after the grant was given, and he said that he started after the grant was given. So, that led to further questions. Did he or the Ma... or the Administration let that grant to the company whereby he then went and worked for that company. And, the answer again was yes, that he worked 7 months and then came back to the city in his old job. I wanted to call in, I didn't, but I wanted to call in, the question then becomes one of ethics and at least a conflict of interest and, and, and the questioner then asked, and someone else called in later..a, a, a, lady called in, she said that it sounded like the Taft Administration all over again..... and, I'm curious about both the con... conflict of interest and the ethics involved. I haven't read about it, I followed the campaigns and I've done all this. I haven't heard from the Canton Repository or the, or the news media about the issue and if it's not an issue, fine. But, it seems to me that someone ought to look into this or at least ask the question, get it answered and move on. But, that's a serious issue. It's a serious issue. It's a lot of money and it does come back on the Administration so I would expect that the issue would be answered and, and, and left. Mr. President, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President, I would like to answer that question.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Madame Mayor. Go ahead.

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MAYOR CREIGHTON: Thank you. Thank you for the question. I appreciate that and I'd love to clear up anything that might look ah, less than ethical. First of all, Mandwel Patterson is in indeed employed by, as an independent contractor. He is not a city employee and Don, when he originally worked for us, when I came into the Administration, he was not a city employee. He's a contract employee. He runs this Community Improvement Corporation. He does not receive city benefits. The Helios Corporation did indeed get a grant from the Community Improvement Corporation, which is the non-profit arm of the City of Canton. There are 7 individuals that sit on that Board, Mr. Casar, Mr. Carbenia, Mr. Concatto, Steve Katz, Deloris Angeli and Sam Dordo. All are there by appointment and they, they fill a specific position along with the Mayor. I serve as the President of the CCIC. Mandwel then decided to leave, to sever his tie as an independent contractor with the city and he did indeed take a job with Helios Corporation. He worked for them for a number of months. He did not like the private sector. He asked if he could have his job back and we indeed did hire Mandwel Patterson back. He is an outstanding individual that is well schooled in economic development having lived in this area and then at one time worked for the City of Dayton, and I think if you would ask anyone on the CCIC, that they would give Mandwel high marks. So, I appreciate the question and I'm glad to be able to clear up any conflict that may have existed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Mayor.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Griffin.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Um, I just hope that the Mayor and the Safety Director Hunt listened to Mr. Fox in his message. It's a very serious message. It's one throughout ward 3. This is not an isolated ah, incident nor a location. I can give you 3 other locations and you know I can because I've written you on them. We need help in ward 3. Please take us seriously. Here we have a young man that bought his house 4 years ago. He's ready to move. He's tired of these people coming in next door to him, causing all kinds of problems, they tear him away, and, the next guy comes in. We gotta do, we have these landlords bringing people in, they tear down the neighborhoods, they leave and then we have to, you know, build them up again. Please help us! Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Griffin. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER ZACHARY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Zachary.

MEMBER ZACHARY: It's only me Kelly Zachary. Really quickly, I'm, I'm gonna ask a question and I had Michelle pull the Council Rules for me last week because over time, it seems that we have transformed from allowing people to have their concerns addressed on the floor during their 3 minutes and if someone asked a question, they got another 3 minutes. It seems ah, that now is a 6 minute time frame. But, I personally, appreciated being able to hear everyone's response because that's how I learned how to solve problems. Um, I'm not saying the way it's going about right now is wrong, per say, but I do believe when people come to Council to put their concerns at our feet, so to speak, that they really do wanna response and I was interestingly enough reading that on-line comments, which, believe it or not guys, we do from time to time, and someone had made

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a comment I read the Council minutes on line. If we don't address concerns on the public record, then, it gives us the, well, it gives people the impression that we're not resolving complaints and that's what, that's exactly what someone had said. I read the minutes on line. Those Council people never do anything. We all know that's not true, so I don't know how things transformed or changed. I know that sometimes people come down and, and we could spend quite a bit of time here just addressing concerns on the floor, but to me, I think that's important because, like I said, I learned from that, being a new Councilmember coming in. And, learned how to help people resolve their problems and appreciated knowing what was going on in other parts of the city as well. So, to me, it seems important that we try to get back to that at least, and I know that sometimes we may give the impression that we don't want to hear what people want to say, and that is the furthest thing from the truth and, and not addressing concerns on the floor, to me sends that message.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Zachary. Ah, I know that the Mayor wanted to say something about our Thursday meeting with the Canton Sustainability Collaborative, which I think addresses one of our speakers tonight which would be in response to ah, Member Zachary's statement that we don't respond and I think also what the Mayor will say will respond to some of the problems that property owners have in the City of Canton and so, Madame Mayor.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Well thank you Mr. President. I'm not gonna get quite that lengthy tonight but on Thursday at 10:00, at the Regional Chamber of Commerce, we will be entertaining Tim and Charlene from Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be back in town to, ah, present to us their final presentation on sustainability for the City of Canton. Many of the issues that we've heard about tonight, vacant property, um, boarded up homes, green space, trees, ah, recycling, ah, geeze, I know there's many many more and we're going to um, what, we will have those reviewed and the city will be adopting a few of those to get started. So, it is a pretty lengthy, a pretty thick, um, presentation that they have ah, forwarded to the city so we look forward to be able to roll that out to all of our citizens.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Mayor. Any other ah, remarks?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Yes. This week I had an opportunity to go by Schreiber School. The Principal called me over and ah, we had a chance to dialogue and many of my constituent's kids go for, go to Schreiber. But, what I learned was kinda appalling that they playground there, in that Schreiber School, although they got a lot of renovations done, the playground is so outdated it's rusty. Ah, and then today, I went to the YMCA and learned that many of the playgrounds within the city have problems, that they would not even pass the ODJFS State Standards and from what I understood, um, during the day, the kids can play in the playground but they can't playing during after school programs because it wouldn't pass State Standards and I'm wondering as a City Council, I know that's under the School Board, but a lot of our kids go to some of the schools and play on the playgrounds. I'm wondering if there should be some type of partnership between this City Council and the School Board to make certain that those playgrounds are one, up to standards and that they're open and kept open for our children to play. Um, I don't know if anybody else has that same issue, but I think that's one issue that we need to address.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West. Any other remarks?

MEMBER HART: Ah, Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Hart.

MEMBER HART: Um, I can speak for a few schools here while as a teacher down at Lathrop Elementary ah, Mrs. Hopkins and the staff raised about \$350,000.00 and put in a handicap accessible playground that at the time was state of the art. Um, again, I can speak for Harter Elementary where I teach now is that last spring, ah, parents and staff were out there with augers installing equipment and with many of the schools, PTA's have raised money and again, I, I, I cannot, you know, again speak for Schreiber or ah, you know, any of the other, just ones that I am acquainted with ah, but, ah, you know many times it's gotten to be in a financial crisis of schools where, you know, PTA's have resulted ah, had to ah, raise their own funds and, and again, you know sometimes these are issues that need to be, really do need to be taken up with ah, you know, the school system and the Administration, because, I mean, they're, they, you know, they, there are funds that are available but many times, they have to knock on doors.

MEMBER WEST: And I appreciate that Member Hart, but this was the second time, I know, I talked to ah, Majority Leader that took care of an issue in my ward ah, and I, ah, in the early childhood and they had mulched that was kinda moldy and they ended up puttin' new mulch down ah, thanks to Member Casar reaching out to the School Board and making some things happen but I'm thinking that's an issue that we're gonna have to address because our children are at these playgrounds and, I just believe that's an issue we gotta deal with.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West. Thank you Member Hart. Any other remarks?... Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Before I make a motion to adjourn, ah, for anyone in the audience or knows of anybody that might like to work ah, poll worker, they're looking for poll workers and if you are interested or if you know somebody that might be, contact the Board of Elections. I think they need like 80, 80 ah, individuals yet, which have to be trained between now and the election. So, if you know anybody, please contact the Board of Elections. Mr. President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn. Ah, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Eleven yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Meeting is adjourned. (*Gavel falls*) Thank you all for coming down.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:21 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CYNTHIA TIMBERLAKE
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ALLEN SCHULMAN
PRESIDENT