

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 4, 2013

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Good evening ladies and gentlemen and as always, welcome to Canton City Council. We appreciate all of you being here this 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:

12 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (DAVID DOUGHERTY, JAMES GRIFFIN, JAMES BABCOCK, MARY CIRELLI, JOE COLE, GREG HAWK, THOMAS WEST, CHRIS SMITH, KEVIN FISHER, JOHN MARIOL, EDMOND MACK & FRANK MORRIS)

TWELVE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Tonight invocation will be given by my friend, Ward 8 Council Member Edmond Mack. Will you please all stand and remain standing for our Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on March 4, 2013 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 Ward 8 Council Member, Edmond Mack. The Pledge of Allegiance led by President Schulman.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Agenda Corrections and Changes. Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: I'd like to suspend Rule 22A to add 2nd Reading Ordinances 16 through 20 with 14 and 15 being withdrawn.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to 2nd Reading Ordinances 16 through 20. Ordinance 14 and 15 having been withdrawn. Any remarks? Hearing none, Madame Clerk, roll call please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The motion carries. Rule 22A is suspended and the Ordinances are a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We turn now to Public Hearings. We have no Public Hearings scheduled this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Mayor's Chief of Staff and Director Warren Price has indicated there is no Old Business.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning to Public Speaks. We have eleven speakers this evening. For those of you who have not spoken, I would ask and remind you to remember that Council has a rule of speaking for three minutes and you'll see the time on the screen behind me. You don't have to speak the whole three minutes, we do appreciate and listen to your remarks but you are restricted to three minutes. The Mayor, his Administration and Members of Council will be here after the meeting to discuss anything further with you. So, having said that, we turn to Monique Davis. Ms. Davis, good evening, welcome. If you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address please.

MONIQUE DAVIS: Good afternoon Council. My name is Monique Davis and I reside at 1446 Miami Court NE in Canton, Ohio. It's been about a year since I addressed Council, maybe a little bit more and when I was here, I asked for some programs to be created for our youth. In that time, the death toll has just grown tremendously to the point where I stopped counting. I'm not sure in the time with all the tax cuts and budget cuts going on, what could be done but I know something has to be done, something has to be done because it's at my door and pretty soon, life is one big circle to be at everyone's here door too. That's just how life goes. I really didn't come to beg for anything because they said know your audience and know who you're...who you're pleading to and this is not my audience, it's really not my audience, I'm an outside person with the youth, the ones on the corner that you guys want to call gang bangers or whatever, those are my audience, those are my youth because those are the ones that are going to save Canton, honestly speaking. You're driving away all your talented youth. All of your most talented people are graduating with honors at the top of their classes. The only thing they want to do when they graduate is leave this place, this God forsaken place with nothing to do, no outreach, no kind of anything at all for them to do. What do we do? Everyone in here has children, grandchildren, children on the way, you know there's....life continues as a cycle. What are we going to do as Canton? I've been here three years already and I'm ready to pack my bags and run. The only reason why I'm not running, the cheapest place to live, the cheapest place I thought to raise a family but I was safer in the big City, (*inaudible*) of jungle of all jungles. My children were safer, I felt safer having children there. I'm coming to Council to ask, do something, I don't know what it is. I know my time here is short, once I get my degree, I'm packing my bags and I'm gone if nothing change. I'm telling you, stop running your shining stars out of this City, out of this State and use them. Change the Council, if I was interested in running for politics, I would shake this room but I'm not interested. I have my head down, I came to get my degree and I'm trying to get out of here, as far I can and I'm not just talking about Canton, I'm talking about the United States period....period. Do something with your youth, they're talented, they're smart, they're shining. I speak to them everyday, the ones on the corner that you want to lock up, those are the ones who know everything, those are the ones who know how to change things. You say you have a problem with crime, here's the solution to crime, we have this thing in New Jersey you call stabilize, you know your rep blocks, you know where they're selling at, you put a stabilizer, which means a mobile unit on this corner, you put a barrier on this corner, you put a Police Officer there, I promise you, your drug...your crime rate will go down because if you can't make no money, you got to move somewhere else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Our next speaker is Linda Cottrill. Ms. Cottrill, good evening, welcome as always. If you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address please. And I'm sorry, it's Ms. Cottrill, I should have known that.

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LINDA COTTRILL: Pardon?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ms. Cottrill, I apologize, I mispronounced your name.

LINDA COTTRILL: Oh, it doesn't matter (*inaudible*)...

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It does to me.

LINDA COTTRILL: Okay, I'm Linda Cottrill from Massillon. I'm one of the licensed demolition contractors for the City of Canton.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: May I interrupt just briefly, can you just give us your address in Massillon please, I'm sorry.

LINDA COTTRILL: 3576 Erie Avenue SW in Massillon.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

LINDA COTTRILL: And I've worked for the City of Canton for probably 30 years in demolition work. I believe that with this upcoming massive demolition that we're going to be doing in the City of Canton, thank goodness that we finally have the money for it, there are some issues that I feel that maybe could be corrected or enhanced upon to make it better, bigger bang for the buck so to speak, as well as the integrity of some work that's being done. There's...all bids I feel that (*inaudible*) all bids should be in a sealed envelope and opened at an expected time rather than maybe email or faxed, which maybe the integrity isn't there, let's put it like that. Presently the bids go out for asbestos inspection. Once the bids are received and awarded, then the inspection begins, then at that time the results get sent back into the Building Department. Then once those results are sent back in, the bids go out for all demo contractors to bid on demolition as well as the abatement. Well, at that time all of the demo contractors, we have to go out and find....get bids from the abatement contractors to give us the bids. Well, sometimes they give one contractor a lower bid then another and then when we all go to bidding, we're not all playing with the same ball, so to speak. So, I feel that quite possibly you could look into once the Building Department receives the results of these inspections that they in turn have the awards given out to the licensed abatement contractors. That way there are no outside or somebody that does it on the side or somebody maybe isn't bonded or insured in doing the abatement and the abatement is done to completion, that doesn't leave anybody open for liable. That way when the demo contractors get these bids that they can bid on, the houses are clean, the businesses are clean, we go in we do the demo and we're out of there. I feel that the liability is removed from both the City of Canton and the demo contractors because we know and you know that you've got licensed bonded insured contractors performing the job. And I'm hurrying. Also, quite possibly on demo work, we do not have the trees that are in the tree line...tree lawns that go through utility wires included in demo bid. Demo contractors are not tree trimmers and we don't have the safety equipment for doing this. And my time is up. I thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you for your time.

LINDA COTTRILL: Okay.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thanks for coming down. Our next speaker is Dick Drake. Mr. Drake, good

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evening, as always welcome to City Council.

DICK DRAKE: Hi, my name is Dick Drake, ISA Certified Arborist, I live at 3020 Sycamore Avenue, SE, Canton Township. And the reason why I'm here is trees as always. And I just want to give you guys an update on why trees are so important to all of us. Everyone knows trees are nature's air conditioners. An acre of trees can grow about two tons of wood per year. The same acre removes three tons of carbon dioxide and produces two and a half tons of oxygen per year. A person uses less than one pound of oxygen a day, or about two hundred and seventy eight pounds per year, that's what we need to live and survive. So, every acre of forest produces enough oxygen for eighteen people. At the same time, an acre of forest removes thirteen tons of dust, air pollutants from the surrounding environment and releases eight thousand gallons of water into the air. This results in forest areas being cooler and cleaner than surrounding areas. Now my point is this, we as the City of Canton has got on the map, so to speak, within their selves, starting to get with the cityscapes and planting trees all around our City. Well these trees are called (*inaudible*), in other words, they're never going to grow to maturity to give benefits back. An average tree takes fifteen years before it starts giving back into the environment. So, this is why we need to be critical on our parks, our wood lots and forest areas around town to protect them. Because our air supply, our water supply and our health depends on all of these. So, the more trees that we can get in place or protect what that we have is beneficial to all of us. So, this goes back to the tree Ordinance again. As soon as we get this implicated or implemented, I'm sorry, with the correct people and...and get it in place and get the right protection and rules and guidelines in place, then we're going to ensure our survival for us and future generations. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you as always Mr. Drake. Our next speaker is Bruce Nordman. Mr. Nordman, good evening, welcome. If you'll give us your name and your residential address please.

BRUCE NORDMAN: Good evening...good evening Mr. President, Members of Council. My name is Bruce Nordman. I reside at 1623 Logan Avenue NW. I'm here tonight to talk about bed space in the County jail. Bruce Brewer and I run a conceal carry class and we canvas the neighborhoods in the Gibbs area, Shorb, 19th and Maple, some real trouble spots in town and we talk to at least four hundred residents between our classes. We also distribute our information in various drug stores and pizza shops and what have you. And the major concern that we continuously hear is a concern on part of citizens about crime. Now, our Police Department does an excellent job with the force that they have. But last year we sat in these Council Chambers when Sheriff Swanson and Commissioner Bernabei made a presentation asking for an increase or a renewal I should say of the half percent sales tax on the basis that they were going to open up five hundred bed spaces by December. This was supported by Council and I understand that this is not a solution that Council can resolve by itself but it does affect crime in this City because the Judges have ex number of people that they can put into the County jail and when the beds are not fully authorized, it restricts their ability to do this and it has to be very frustrating to be a Police Officer in this town, not being able to put away the necessary number of criminals. I happen to speak to an officer several weeks ago who said that he happened to pick up someone and took them directly to the County jail, spent two hours booking this individual only to find out that afternoon, they didn't have the space and was put back on the street again. Now, I know it's not only your situation but it also affects the rest of the Cities. Now, I would suggest that you, the City of Canton, get together with Alliance and Massillon and let's apply some pressure to get those bed spaces open so that we can get more criminals off of the street. Now, we're going to appear again in front of the County Commissioners at their next meeting to restate the same situation because we're highly concerned about the shootings and all of the crime that's going on here with the drugs and it really hamstrings the officers' ability

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to do it when they can't put enough people away. And with that, I thank you for your time. And as always, I thank you for your support.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Mr. Nordman very much. Our next speaker is Pete DiGiacomo. Mr. DiGiacomo, as always welcome to Canton City Council. Again, if you'll give us your name and your residential address please.

PETE DIGIACOMO: My name is Pete DiGiacomo, 600 Dent Place SW, Canton, Ohio. And I want to thank Bruce for stealing my thunder. So, I don't know what else I can say but....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Well thank you for coming, we appreciate it. *(Laughter)*

PETE DIGIACOMO: No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. I got a little tap dance, I got two minutes yet.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: I know you do.

PETE DIGIACOMO: Okay, I agree with everything he has said and like I say, I know four or five months ago, they made a nice real raid over in the Newton Zone, arrested a whole bunch of them over there. Within twenty four hours they're back on the street because they didn't have the beds for them. If I've...I've got the...what they put in the Repository about how much money is going to different places, the Sheriff's Department is getting eighteen.....just over eighteen billion dollars. Today I spoke with Janet Creighton-Weir and she's saying that their number one goal is getting the beds open. But they have to get the people in there to manage the jail. She said that Sheriff Swanson had a goal of hiring deputies and jail personnel. Jail personnel cannot be Patrol Officers, Patrol Officers can work in the...in the jail. But the new...I don't know how long he's going to be there, Mr. Mayor or Maier, he wants to hire deputies. That way he can use them...she didn't say this, this is me, that she cou...he could use them in the jail or as Patrol Officers, which is probably going to cost more money and it's going to be harder to find the proper staff to do the jails. Crime is a big thing, everybody talks about it, yo...like I said, Police Officers, they arrest them, they're doing paperwork, they're out on the street with their partners having fun. The cops are still in the, you know, in the office filling out their forms. Get them off the streets, open up the beds, you could put at least another hundred and twenty-five, hundred-fifty hopefully in. If you overcrowd them, you overcrowd them. They ask...they did what they did, now you gotta pay the crime or the time. City Council or the Administration, lean on them...lean on the Commissioners to get this thing done, get it through so they can get the money, get their personnel in place and get the problem off the street. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you...thank you sir. Our next speaker is Harold Friedman. Mr. Friedman, good evening, welcome. If you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address sir.

HAROLD FRIEDMAN: Good evening Council. I'm Harold Friedman, I live at 1108 49th Street NW in Canton in Ward 8. The reason I'm here tonight is we've had a situation for a long time and lately it's getting worse, 49th Street is a speedway between Carlton and the Colony Club Apartments. Now, they come out of those apartments they have only two entrances to go up and they're either from 47th or 49th. But the idea is when they're heading west, there's no stop sign there and the only yield sign that they got is for the people on 48th Street got to yield to them coming out of the apartments. But when they're...when they come out of the apartments down 49th, we can't walk the street, I walk just about everyday unless I'm out shoveling snow.

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Now, it's getting to the point I'm afraid to even shovel the snow in the driveway (*inaudible*) blacktop right there by the street. I had a car yesterday morning at 4:00 in the morning, I knew it was getting bad, the weather, I got to have it...I'm touchy about that driveway, I'm like working snow watch. So, I go out there, clean the driveway, the neighbors don't care because I'm using the shovel. I get out there by the apron, here comes a car, missed me by that much, heading west and almost got me, they had to drive on my side of the street and even when there is an inch or two of snow on the ground, they still go flying through there. Now, we...I even complained to past Mayor's, past Councilman about it, I've written the past Police Chief about it. For awhile we had that digital monitor, it don't mean nothing. I talked to Councilman Mack tonight, the only way to do it is maybe put a three way stop at 49th and Vernon. The neighbors are against cameras and I am too because here's the thing, that camera, it gets the driver...it gets the license plate, it doesn't get the actual driver of the car. So, the best thing to do is have more enforcement out there or do something. When there's an inch of snow or two I would...cause I'm out there...like tomorrow night, I know it's going to be snowing, I'll be out there watching and as soon as I see the cracks in the driveway are covered, I'm out there in there and the neighbors know I'm out there, you see the flood light on but nobody has any complaints because I'm not bothering anybody and they know I'm touchy about that driveway. Some of my repairmen have come up to the house "boy Harold, nobody's got the cleanest driveway but you." I says well it's exercise and I'm touchy about dragging the snow into the garage with the car....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Can you call me and come over to my house by any chance? Is that possible?
(*Laughter*)

HAROLD FRIEDMAN: That's what I had a couple other people, repairmen, sometimes I get a repairman, "hey Harold, you want to come over and clean my driveway?" I used to even be (*inaudible*) when I was working for JB McCoy and Son I would get up at 4:00 in the morning, be out there cleaning and go back and get a little bit of shut eye then head for work. We got to do something gentlemen, it's getting worse. I got to be afraid...I can't even clean that blacktop apron before I...right there by the edge of the street, then there's something wrong. They could almost...they almost get me there even when I'm walking down Vernon....or 49th casually, they could almost take my pants off my legs, that's how close they get to me. I don't have to wear shorts cause I can get the air condition from their car. (*Laughter*) But I thank you for letting me talk.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you sir, very much. I have a feeling you'll get your three way stop. Our next speaker is Patricia Kirk. Ms. Kirk, I haven't seen you in a long time. Welcome, I hope you're feeling better. If you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address.

PATRICIA KIRK: Yes, hello, I'm Patricia Kirk. I live at 131 5th Street NE. And I come to you in pieces. I need peace. (*Laughter*) Although we weren't informed, each person named to the Tree Commission really thanks you for this honor. If you read the membership section of the Tree Ordinance, the Tree Commission shall consist of five Commissioners. We have four, there were five graduates of the ODNR Tree Commission Academy, which was especially made for this purpose. As far as difference of opinion is concerned, a member of ODNR said we don't want everyone to agree, that's how you learn. And by the way, this is for the coming generation. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We do understand, apparently there was a communication sent earlier this afternoon thanks to Madame Clerk and Ms. Clerk, that the fifth has been appointed. So, we do have five or five will be coming down. So, thank you again as always. Our next speaker is James Parker. Mr. Parker, good evening, welcome. If you'll give us your name and your residential address please.

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JAMES PARKER: Well my name is not Phil Davidson. For the record it is James Parker, 630 Penny Street SE, North Canton. Thank you Council Members. First of all my...I'd like to thank Monique Davis, I know that she is an Army veteran, her two sons have just left for the Army and I feel her, if you know what I mean. I've lived in the Virgin Islands for about three years, we have fourteen times the murder rate there then we do here. By the way, guns are outlawed there, no one is allowed to own a gun. I've been a victim of a little bit of it myself and it seems that things happen like that. So, in my opinion, one of the good ideas I've come up with we're trying to entertain for the area would be a snoop bowl. A snoop lion, he's no longer snoop dog, he's a disavowed gangster rap as espoused to like the one love philosophy. That combined with a geese concert in Summit, trying to hash out some plans, I know Mr. Bartos has been briefed and trying to work some things out for 2014 because this year it's in Miami. He was here with his friend Deion Sanders, they played in Cleveland and Akron when Sanders came. But it's a big deal, it has a lot of inner City youth involved and we have to talk with some coaches and things. I would like to also give my respect to Mr. Drake, I know he wants to put cherry trees on...on Cherry Avenue from...from Washington DC, it only makes sense. As well, we'd like to see an Alan Page Foundation get started, a mentoring program for the youth, so much success in the Minneapolis area...in the Minnesota area. The Redflex, simply put, if the door opens on a bus and the camera comes on and the stop sign comes out, that's great for two lanes but what about the State law that doesn't have you have to stop for four lanes like Market Avenue or where there's five lanes like a turn lane. By State law, you're allowed to go around that bus. Is Redflex going to...because the stop sign will come out regardless when the door opens. So, automatically the camera comes on and I'm within my guidelines of State law but I get a ticket in the mail that says that I passed the bus illegally. However, there were four lanes, which was totally legal. How would they filter that? So, I know Councilman West (*inaudible*) Council President, would you ask Mr. West, I know he doesn't like a lot of questions popping up one thing after the other but there are concerns and they should be in the details. Channel 3 had a report about two weeks ago about Redflex and they are not welcome in any City that they've done business with any longer. Why should they be welcome here? Now, this should speak for itself. This is a mockup of what an 18 foot Jim Thorpe statue would look like in Central Plaza. I should just get up here and set this here and not say a word for about three minutes and let you get a good gander at it. Subsequently, we can drop in busts or rather...(*inaudible*) Calac. This year we'd like to see legislation introduced, had Councilman West come to me when he established the Football Hall of Fame Corridor, we could have dropped in Pete Calac Way, Alan Page...Justice Alan Page, etc. sub-designating, not interfering with Google Maps, etc. I have a lot more to say but my time is up. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Mr. Parker. We appreciate it. And we'll give you the photograph back as soon as it goes around. Our next speaker is Dominique Simpson. Dominique, good evening, if you'll ste...

(*INAUDIBLE FROM THE AUDIENCE*)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: If you'll give us...if you step forward sir and give us your name and your residential address please.

DOMINIQUE SIMPSON: My name is Dominique...I am Dominique Simpson. I live in Skyline Terrace, 901 #3. Your Government is corrupt, flat out. Flat out your Government is corrupt. I...I got my car stolen by the Canton P.D. while I was in the bed, got a ticket for driving. Unless I...my car is Kit, I don't think it could drive itself. Being I brought it to Court, I talked to Judge Belden, I talked to Judge Poulos. Judge Bel...Judge Poulos ran it through to a pretrial. Judge Poul...I mean Judge Poulos ran it through to the pretrial. Judge Belden just got off the bench. Now I'm going to a Magistrate. I felt like I was in the '60s with dogs on...on

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me and everything. I got pictures and everything. I can you sue you all for a lot of money, honestly. If...if you look at my paperwork, I charged at...they stole my car at 10:00 that morning but I got charged for 4:30 that evening on a Canton, Ohio drivers license, which has been void for six years. Then I showed them....like I don't have a Cal...I have a California. So, they took my California drivers license and gave me a DUS, driving under suspension. So, it went to the Courts and they knew it was wrong and they changed it in your Courts and gave me a whole nother and I had to pay to get my car out. All because I complained about things that's happening in the community. I got an eviction notice from Skyline Terr...Terrace because I complained and because I'm legal, they used 2010's...you have to renew every year, they used 2010 because 2011, I'm in my proper persona. So, your Government is corrupt and you're letting people come in the City and be more corrupt. You know, they watch you and they will be corrupt too. Would you....America has two Governments. You need to let those people like me that look like me be part of Government cause they must. I am a chalk chew man, I have full rights. I can do anything I want but I do it in...with...with good intentions. I want to help your youth. I have my own City, my grandparents left it to me. I have delegation of authority order by commerce, probably the only person in this room and my daddy started crips. So, I would like to help your youth. But first off, you guys have to become uncorrupt and don't... and they got ma...the police got mad at me cause I told the truth and they just started putting their hands on me, harassing me, and trying to wrestle me and everything. I can't be arrested, I can help you all though. I can help your youth, I can tell them the truth, you know that gang banger life, I grew up in it but I'm not a part of it. I wanted to be a part of it but my dad said no. Here's this, go out and do what you supposed to do. So, I'll give everybody a package and I need you guys to become uncorrupt.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Okay, thank you very much Mr. Simpson, appreciate it. Our next speaker is Tara Nelson. Ms. Nelson, good evening, if you'll give us your name and your residential address please and as always, welcome.

TARA NELSON: Thank you. Tara Nelson, 1226 St Elmo. Mr. President, City Council Members, on February 2, 2013 I came in to speak on the Ordinance #13-2013, it was #19 on the Agenda. When I went to sign in, there was not a signin....a sign in sheet there but it was in...the Council Members were still in Committee so I figured I was just a little bit too early. Before the Cacity...or the City Council Meeting stated tha...that evening, I went back out to sign in and the sheet had already been pulled. Now after...after the meeting closed, I went up and I spoke to Mr. Dougherty and the Clerk of Council and at that time they said the sign in sheet was there and that they would let me know and I still have not heard why I was not able to speak that night. Basically, I mean, if we're going to be able to speak for the op..or the Public Speaks, I need to know what time you guys are putting the sheets out and what time they're going to be pulled so I make sure that I...I double check and check again. And like I said, I still haven't heard any word and if it's been addressed or investigated. Because that was a serious issue that I believed in and I didn't have a chance to speak out against the leachate. Also, on a happier note, the City of Canton is doing its 3rd Cash Mob here in the City. It's going to be at the Amvets on Cleveland Avenue on March 13th. Basically, what a Cash Mob is, it's a...it's a new trend to ignite a passionate crowd throughout the Country where we all come together to support a local business or independent business. What you'll do as a mober, you'll go in and you'll spend \$10.00 at a local establishment and you'll network with three new people that you have never met before. And due to the rising cost of living and running a business, local mom and pop's shops hurt too. So, I'd like to invite all of you guys out on March 13th, it's an all day event. You guys can come at your leisure. Also to let you know that I was able to get Amer...or the Canton Idol's winner, the Scenic Route, they'll be performing at the Amvets from 7 until 8 PM...or I'm sorry, from 8 to 7 but they'll be there...or 8 to 9 but they'll be there from 7 to 9 PM. Thank you guys.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Great, thank you very much.

TARA NELSON: My pleasure.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Our last speaker is Bret Moore. Mr. Moore, good evening. If you'll give us your name and your residential address sir. And welcome to Canton City Council.

BRET MOORE: Good evening to all of you and God bless you all. I appreciate the work that everybody does try to do, especially this side, which I'm most involved with. I'd like to second Bruce Nordman's speech as to the beds being opened up. One thing that I...I'm involved with our neighborhood association, I'm the safe director. Safe standing for safety acceptance from everyone. I called last week on Tuesday to the Fire Prevention Bureau to ask for a speaker to come to our meeting. The person who handles that was not able to speak to me at that time, I got voice mail. The call was returned to me on Friday and on Friday I was told that they do not have people that can come out and speak on fire safety and I want to know is this true that in our City I can't get somebody to come speak to a group of people on fire safety. I...I find that unbelievable. And I'm looking at this picture that's out in the hallway showing the City of Canton being plucked from the ground and floating around, I think it's time we bring this City down to the ground and get busy doing stuff that needs to be done and make it work....make it great again. I love this place, I've been here all my life and I want to see it thrive and go forward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you sir, very much. And that concludes our Public Speaks. I'd like to thank all our speakers this evening.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning now to Informal Resolutions. Madame Clerk, will you please begin with Resolution 16.

#16. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: REQ CONFIRMATION OF RE-APPT OF MICHAEL ABBOTT TO CANTON CONSTRUCTION BD FOR RETRO TERM OF 1/1/13 - 12/31/15. - ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution 16.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 16. Any remarks? Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #16 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The ayes have it. The Motion carries and Informal Resolution 16 is adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We turn now to Communications. Let the journal show that all Communications are received as read.

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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 4, 2013.

101. ANNEXATION CHAIRMAN HAWK: REQ LEGISLATION FOR STATEMENT OF SERVICES FOR TACO BELL ANNEXATION OF APPROX 1.490 ACRES LOCATED IN PLAIN TOWNSHIP. - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE
102. AUDITOR MALLONN: MONTHLY RPT BY FUND 2/1/13 - 2/28/13. - RECEIVED & FILED
103. AUDITOR MALLONN: YEARLY RPT BY FUND 1/1/13 - 2/28/13. - RECEIVED & FILED
104. COMMUNITY DEV DIR WILLIAMS: AMEND O#2/2006, ECONOMIC GROWTH INITIATIVE. - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
105. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): REQ TRANSFER OF D2 D2X D3 D3A D6 LICENSE FROM TONIA HOOVER DBA R & R TAVERN & PATIO @ 3357 MAHONING RD NE 1ST FL TO MARK MILLS DBA MILLS PLACE & PATIO @ 3357 MAHONING RD NE 1ST FL. - RECEIVED & FILED
106. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): REQ NEW C1 C2 LICENSE FOR WAYNE EDWARD MARION DBA MAGGIORES DRIVE THRU @ 1037 DUEBER AVE SW. - RECEIVED & FILED
107. MAYOR HEALY: ADVISING OF APPT OF DREW PELGER TO CANTON PARK COMMISSION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM OF TERRY PRATER FROM 2/22/13 - 12/31/15. - RECEIVED & FILED
108. MAYOR HEALY: AUTHORIZE APPT OF JOHN STONE TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION FOR TERM OF 3/1/13 - 2/28/14. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
109. MAYOR HEALY: AUTHORIZE APPT OF PATRICIA KIRK TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION FOR TERM OF 3/1/13 - 2/28/15. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
110. MAYOR HEALY: AUTHORIZE APPT OF LOIS ELLIS TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION FOR TERM OF 3/1/13 - 2/28/15. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
111. MAYOR HEALY: AUTHORIZE APPT OF MAUREEN AUSTIN TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION FOR TERM OF 3/1/13 - 2/28/15. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
112. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: AUTHORIZE SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO 5 YR RECIPROCAL SERV AGMT WITH STARK STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR USE OF A CITY OWNED 1982 TOWER TRUCK FOR FIRE-FIGHTING TRAINING PURPOSES; AUTHORIZE DONATION OF THIS VEHICLE AT END OF AGMT IN 2018. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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113. SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: REQ WITHDRAW OF COMMUNICATION #75 FROM THE 2/11/13 AGENDA. - RECEIVED & FILED
114. SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: AUTHORIZE MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO A DESIGN CONTRACT FOR FAIRCREST SANITARY SEWER PROJ, GP 1142 WITH CTI ENGINEERS, INC.; AUTHORIZE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH & CREATE THE 5401 FUND (HB 487 SANITARY SEWER PILOT PROGRAM) TO TRACK PROJ REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES; MAKE A \$690,892.16 SUPP APPROP FROM 5410 UNAPPROP BAL (SANITARY SEWER OPERATING FUND) TO 5410-202010 (ENGINEERING DAILY OPERATIONS - OTHER); MAKE A \$690,892.16 INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM 5410-202010 (SANITARY SEWER OPERATING FUND) TO 5401 (HB 487 SANITARY SEWER PILOT PROG); MAKE A \$597,392.74 SUPP APPROP FROM 5401 UNAPPROP BAL (HB 487 SANITARY SEWER PILOT PROG) TO 5401-202010 (ENGINEERING DAILY OPERATIONS - OTHER); MAKE A \$93,499.42 SUPP APPROP FROM 5401 UNAPPROP BAL (HB 487 SANITARY SEWER PILOT PROG) TO 5401-202061 (I-77/FAIRCREST ANNEX SANITARY SEWER PROJ, GP 1142 - OTHER); AUTHORIZE & DIRECT AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS & MAKE PYMTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
115. SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: REQ CREATION OF FUND 1151 - STARK COUNTY/CANTON LAND REUTILIZATION & DEBT FUND; REQ \$1,000,000.00 APPROP FROM UNAPPROP BAL 1151 - LAND REUTILIZATION & DEBT FUND TO 1151 101501 CODE ENFORCEMENT - OTHER. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning to First Reading 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 would you please read the First Reading Ordinance by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #13 FOR ITS FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- #1. (1ST RDG) A RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING CANTON'S OBJECTION TO THE RENEWAL OF A LIQUOR PERMIT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (JOHN LS 704-7TH ST SW)
Referred to Judiciary Committee
- #2. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 209/2012, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (3 APPROPS FIRE ADMIN; 1 APPROP POLICE ADMIN)
Referred to Finance Committee
- #3. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 209/2012; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$30,000.00 - 2317 301001 LOCAL

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HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND ACRED - OTHER)

Referred to Finance Committee

- #4. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 209/2012; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (16 VARIOUS HEALTH FUNDS)
Referred to Finance Committee
- #5. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SHOTSPOTTER FLEX IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$360,000.00; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #6. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO MAKE APPLICATION, ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS GRANT PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #7. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2013 OR NEWER HEAVY DUTY CREW TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000.00 WITH A SEPARATE SERVICE BODY WITH ACCESSORIES AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$16,000.00 TO BE INSTALLED ON THIS TRUCK AND ONE (1) VALVE OPERATING MAINTENANCE TRAILER SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTACT(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 125.04; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- #8. (1ST RDG) A FINAL RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO COOPERATE WITH AND REQUEST THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED WITH THE RESURFACING OF THE PORTION OF HARRISON AVENUE OVER US 30 INCLUDING THE BRIDGE APPROACHES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- #9. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00 FOR LIGHTING REPAIRS AT THURMAN MUNSON MEMORIAL STADIUM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
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- #10. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE VEHICLES FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT OR TO ALTERNATIVELY ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID VEHICLES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- #11. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK ALONG 55TH STREET; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #12. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO MOWING IN VARIOUS SPOTS ON IR 77; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- #13. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO INSTALLING EPOXY PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON US 30 AND IR 77; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning now to Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the Second Reading. Madame Clerk would you please begin with Ordinance #14.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: 14 and 15 are withdrawn at this time.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Oh, I'm sorry.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #16 THROUGH #20 FOR THE SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS (ORDINANCES #14 AND #15 WITHDRAWN):

- #14. (2ND RDG) ***WITHDRAWN*** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REDFLEX TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUTOMATED PHOTO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN LIMITED AREAS OF THE CITY
- #15. (2ND RDG) ***WITHDRAWN*** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH TWO FUNDS RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

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- #16. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 209/2012; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$24,154.83 - 2235 506009 BROWNFIELD JOB TRAINING GRANT - OTHER)
- #17. (2ND RDG) A RESOLUTION CONSIDERING AND APPROVING THE PETITION FOR RENEWAL OF THE OPERATING ASSESSMENT OF THE DOWNTOWN CANTON SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #18. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHIEF STEPHEN RICH AND THE CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DONATE USED FIRE EQUIPMENT TO A HONDURAS FIRE DEPARTMENT
- #19. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY \$333.68 TO LIFE GAS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #20. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR THE REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DEBRIS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk, very much.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning now to Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the Third, Final Reading and vote. Would you begin Ordinance....the only Ordinance 21.

- #21. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 38/2013** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 209/2012; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$30,000.00 - 2760 102001 POLICE ADMIN - PERSONNEL)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance 21.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 21. Any remarks under this Ordinance? Hearing none, Madame Clerk roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas Mr. President.

#21 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 38/2013

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Ordinance 21 is adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning now to Announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER COLE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Chairman Cole.

MEMBER COLE: Finance will meet at 6 PM on March 11th.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Public Safety and Thoroughfares will meet following Finance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Member Griffin.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Mr. President, Personnel will meet at 6:00 on March 11th.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Yes Member West.

MEMBER WEST: (*Inaudible*)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Any other...

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Public Property Capital Improvement will meet on the 11th at 6.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: And turning now to Miscellaneous Business? Is there any?

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: We've all known about the stealing of the pipes and what have you and it just goes on and on and on. But on Sunday's paper this ad was taken by a company, a full page ad in the Canton Repository and they're from Dover. And they literally...streetlight poles and fixtures, traffic directional and control signs, grave markers, they say they're special purchasing articles include all these things. I mean, this is a little bit...it's like they must know to come to Canton to take an ad out here so that people can see to bring these things down to them. Now, I know we don't have any control over Dover but this really upsets, I think, all these people in Council to know they

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take the ad out in the paper so that people can see bring it on down, we'll take whatever you have. I think that's sort of ludicrous and I know we can't prevent it. But it doesn't...it doesn't make any of us I'm sure feel very good about reading something like that.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: I think Law Director Martuccio has a comment Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President, Member Cirelli, I may have misread it but I think the first part of that list is meant to be a public service to generate some advertising for them and that's a list of things they won't accept under the new State law. That's why the...the guy who for example got caught with grass plates from funeral markers, service markers ground them, attempted to grind them down so they wouldn't be recognizable. If you recall, this Council actually passed a prototype of what eventually became State law on things that could not be brought to scrap yards. And this Council passed an Ordinance that required a thumb print for certain things over a certain amount of money and an I.D. State law is...is pretty extensive but I...unless I misread it, I think the first portion are the things they won't accept and the second portion are the things they will. Thank you.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President, thank you very much. The person that brought it to me, I didn't really have time to reread it, I just stuck it in my briefcase and said I'd bring it to Council and make them aware that this was in the paper. So I...so I appreciate that Mr. Law Director Martuccio.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member West.

MEMBER WEST: In advocating for more police and fire and more specifically, as we bring up the minority population, several of us had conversations, Safety Director and I and over the years of course Council People have had this discussion. But when I was checking into it, I looked at our payroll system, our EEO report in February and I learned something really interesting in that currently we have 804 employees based on this report and of that 804 people, we currently have 129 African Americans, 1 Hispanic and 1 Asian. And when I looked at that percentage, it comes out to be like 6% African American. I would like to employ all of our Departments, you know, and we need to look at this. We need to make certain that our employee list are consistent with our community base. And when I seen this report, it kind of threw me for a loop. Service Director, I don't know if this would go to you or the Mayor but somehow we...this is..this is absurd and I hope that we can make sure that we put a special emphasis on trying to make sure our staff reflects community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West. Any other Miscellaneous Business. Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you Mr. President. Question to our Finance Director and I want to thank him for providing Council with all the travel expenses. However, I have never seen any travel expenses for the Mayor. Do those come to you sir if there were any?

FINANCE DIRECTOR DIRUZZA: Anything on that report, the longer spreadsheet shows a breakdown for ever single department and all the Mayor's expenses would be on there. If you have anything specific just call me, I can dig out the details for you.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: And Finance Director DiRuzza, I thank you very much for that. It's my understanding that the Mayor is in China and he's went for 10 days and the general public is under the assumption that he's went on the taxpayer's public dole. Do you have any comment for that?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director.

FINANCE DIRECTOR DIRUZZA: No I don't.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Williams is in the audience, could he maybe enlighten us (*inaudible*) by any Community Development dollars?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: If it was, probably Director Williams would be right in China with him maybe but go ahead Director.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: My understanding the Mayor is in China, there are absolutely no CDBG dollars, no Federal dollars from my department used for travel to China. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you Mr. Williams.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Anything else Member Cirelli?

MEMBER CIRELLI: Then just one question I would ask if maybe Mr. Price would know. Is this is a private vacation for him then or is it on business?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director.

SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: My belief...I...I...don't know who's paying for it. But I do know he's traveling with, it used to be the Summit County Mayor's Association, it has a new name, it's I think Summit, Portage, Stark Mayor's Association but I don't know if the Associa...I don't know who's paying.

MEMBER CIRELLI: (*Inaudible*) in other words more or less, thank you Mr. President....a collaboration of Mayors, would that be correct? Thank you

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Is that all Member Cirelli? Member Cole.

MEMBER COLE: Yes Mr. President, I don't know who to direct this question to but in this past week's paper, there was an article about our former Animal Control Officer filing suit. To my knowledge, I don't believe any City Officials have been named. But it did go on in the article to mention the trap, neuter, release program. And I don't know, I know there was a few Council Members here that were involved in that, I just wanted to get a status update to the trap, neuter, release program if we could.

MEMBER MORRIS: Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: I can take care of that. The trap, neuter, release program started out in a big flurry, we probably had about 20 or 25 people in the room. The organizations working together who came in and rallied against Council to change our policy could not get along. The organiza...the group that was put together was able to come up with a policy for...an animal control policy which the City of Canton does not have. At that point we could not take it to the Administration because we were advised that A. It would have to be by executive order. By creating that executive order, it would incur a cost and since we're not paying for it now, why shake the tree. So, the TNR committee, we do have an animal control policy if the City of Canton at sometime would reinstate an Animal Control Officer, we have been advised to submit that as an amendment to the contract. And it was..there were some people that were really great to work with but all in all, they were actually a very hateful group of people that did not like each other. One on one they were great to deal with but you stuck them in a room and it was more like cats and dogs.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cole, any other questions?

MEMBER COLE: Safety Director, we still don't have any movement on...we just don't have an Animal Control Officer.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: No we do not.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Law Director Martuccio.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Thank you Mr. President. Member West, I wanted to ask you about those figures again. Did you say one hundred and twenty something out of eight hundred employees?

MEMBER WEST: One hundred and twenty nine, based on this EEO report for full time employees, one hundred and twenty nine were African American, that's both male and female.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Out of eight hundred?

MEMBER WEST: Out of eight hundred and four.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: That's about 16% as we recalculate it.

MEMBER WEST: Okay.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: But I wanted to be...address your concerns, a number of...of Elected Officials and some other authorities have been discussing, obviously wanting to have work force that represents the community and...and so that folks of the community see the same faces. The other issues that have been coming up are more with safety forces now that some of the hires that were hired or the consent decree are retiring. So, we've been reviewing some of the applicable laws that the case...the case law, the Federal regulations, the State and Civil Service issues and there are some things that will have to be further...further discussed because as you know, consent decrees have expired and....and some of the affirmative actions or what they quotas have been shut down by the Courts. So...so, we are aware and I know Member West, you and Miss...Member Smith have spoken with me about that very topic. So, we are aware of...of those figures and are trying to find some ways to be more involved in recruiting for testing and apprenticeship programs and the like. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Anything else? Yes Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Well yes, let...let me also say this because I did hear about the recruitment efforts that's going to be going forward. I'm very excited, very excited about that. Matter of fact I've done some recruiting on my own to make certain that we can get more African Americans qualified. But looking at these numbers, I...you know, initially we talked about the police and fire and I know we had 97 Caucasians, 23 African Americans in the police force, 114 in fire and 18 African Americans in fire. But over the City as a whole...and I was looking at somebody's...that was applying for the Civil Service test to go to the Health Department and looking at their numbers and started looking at different departments and I just say, it's not just police and fire that we have to really be looking at. We have to look at the City as a whole, including all the other departments as well....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: That actually.....

MEMBER WEST: ...But I thank you for the efforts that is coming forward. I am excited about the recruitment efforts and...that we're doing for police and fire. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: That actually dovetails into what we've talked about with State Legislators. And just to give you a quick heads up, we have heard from two...three, Representative Slesnick, Representative Schuring have contacted us and want to meet with us, they could not do it tonight. So, hopefully they'll be getting together with us shortly. Represena...or Senator Oelslager indicated he was too busy and the rest we didn't hear from. So, to follow up I wish if we had some more resources here we could hire even more people for the police and fire and other necessary jobs that the City needs. And lastly, last week we had a vote and I know our Clerk of Council had sent an email out and I want to publically say, which I say as many times as I can and you know that, all of you do, I don't think we have a better group of people then our Clerk and the...Michelle and Pattie who work in the Clerk's Office and the Clerks of Court, they do a fantastic job. We are blessed to have them and I know tonight Madame Clerk had a lot of reading to do and didn't complain about it as she...as she does every week and I know she makes my job so much easier. I always know that she has my back and this Council and I want to publically say that we are indebted to her and we appreciate all the great things that she and the staff does, so. *(Applause)*

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

MEMBER SMITH: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member or...Member Smith. Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Yes, just real quick, I wanted to follow up with Tara Nelson came in said that Cindy and the Majority Leader didn't follow up on that but Cindy, would you mind because I think you did follow up on it the very next day didn't you? Could you also, just for the record.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Yes I did Member West, I did follow up on the request. I have not seen Ms. Nelson here at a meeting since that time. And yes it is on video that the Public Sheet Speaks...the sheet was out at the desk and it was picked up at the appropriate time.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER WEST: Thank you, I just wanted to make sure that, that got out there so that people didn't think that you didn't follow up with that. The other thought was, Monique had mentioned about activities for the kids. This is also a good segue I think Member Griffin spoke about it last week and the park levy. This is to get more activities

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for our young people. So we need to support that park levy and we need people like Monique to be on that committee to push for this levy so that we can get more activities in the community. Thank you.

MEMBER SMITH: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smith.

MEMBER SMITH: I'd like to thank...thank the Council Members that, even in passing if you gave me kind words for our family and the passing of my niece. I'd personally like to thank Babby, Dave and Cindy, they came over and brought delicious food. Our family really appreciated it. Thank you so very much for your support. And the young man, Mr. Simpson, I would like to talk to you after the meeting. If you could stay around, I'd like to get a better understanding as to what you were saying. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Anything else? Member Griffin. Oh, I thought you were getting....you're getting ready to seconded. *(Laughter)* Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: I move to adjourn.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Meeting is adjourned. *(Gavel falls)* Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:29 P.M.

ATTEST: MARCH 8, 2013
CYNTHIA TIMBERLAKE
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: MARCH 8, 2013
ALLEN SCHULMAN
PRESIDENT