

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 13, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of Warren City Council was called to order by Pro-Tem President of Council Helen Rucker in Warren City Council Chambers at 7:30 PM, 141 South St. SE, Warren, Ohio.
- INVOCATION/PLEDGE** Fiore Dippolito, 1st Ward Councilman, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean
ABSENT: Flask
- MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER** Motion Novak, second Dippolito to excuse Councilman Flask for good and sufficient reason. VIVA VOCE: Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Council President Robert Marchese was Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor O'Brien, Director Franklin, Atty. Jim Sanders for Law Director Hicks, Auditor Griffing, Tom Gaffney for Treasurer Homlitas
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Sal DiLiello, Bob Davis, Bob Pinti, Tom Angelo, Bill Totten, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys
ABSENT: Chris Stephenson
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Novak, second Dippolito to accept the minutes of the last meeting but dispense with reading of the same. VIVA VOCE: Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

REPORTS

- 2010 COMMITTEES** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Madam President. Just like to appoint the standing committees for Council for the 2010-2011 term. Beginning with the:

	Chairman	V-Chair	Member
Water/Water Pollution Control -	Sferra	Saffold	Brown
Strategic Planning -	Dean	Brown	Rucker
Eng., Planning & Bldg. -	Morn	Sferra	Dean
Traffic & Safety -	Morn	Sferra	Dean
Police & Fire -	Colbert	Dean	Morn
Operations -	Dippolito	Colbert	Novak
Legislative -	Saffold	Flask	Sferra
Community Development -	Rucker	Novak	Saffold
Public Utilities -	Brown	Rucker	Flask
Health & Welfare -	Flask	Morn	Dippolito
Finance -	Novak	Dippolito	Colbert

Subcommittees:

Education -	Saffold	Brown	Morn
One-Stop Planning	Brown	Novak	Sferra
Abutting Townships	Sferra	Saffold	Dean
WRAP	Morn		

Neighborhood Liaison Main St/Amphitheater/P.M.H Bike Trail	Colbert Novak	Morn Sferra	Dippolito Rucker
Energy/Green	Flask	Brown	Morn
NEOGAP	Flask		
Entrance into Warren	Dippolito	Brown	Flask

These are the appointments for the 2010-2011 term.

LAW DIRECTOR

ATTY. JIM SANDERS FOR ATTY. GREG HICKS: The Law Department has no report this evening.

AUDITOR

MR. GRIFFING: Thank you, no report this evening.

TREASURER

TOM GAFFNEY FOR JOHN HOMLITAS: Thank you Madam President, I have no report this evening.

DIRECTOR

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Madam President, no report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MR. KEYS: Thank you Madam President. Just an announcement and introduction. First the announcement: we want to remind everybody that Council should have received a notice that the kickoff meeting for the 2010 US Census will be tomorrow at the Community Development Building in our conference room on the 2nd. floor. I want to remind you that the process is starting now the 2010. It's very, very important that we get across the message that we need to count as many people as possible. One of our grants, especially our block grant and our home grant depends on population. So the more count we get the more money we get for the City of Warren and that's not just true for these grants but for a lot of other grants. So it's extremely important that we get involved with the United States Census and that we get the word out that everybody must, must participate and we must count everybody we can in the city.

Again that's tomorrow at 9 o'clock, Community Development Building, 2nd floor conference room and that meeting should go from 9 to 12. I don't know that it's necessary to remain that long, but you'll meet a representative from the US Census Department.

Just a reminder that the 2000 Census showed there was a population of 46,832 citizens in Warren and we're hoping to try to maintain as much of that as possible, so again getting the word out. You're going to hear a lot more about that.

And also and with the indulgence of the Council and the president, I'd like to ask up to the podium Robin Patton, Robin stand too so that we give you a chance to meet-go ahead.

ROBIN PATTON: I'm Robin Patton. I'm the manager of external affairs at First Energy. I'm doing contact. I replaced Louann Kook, so I did leave you one of my cards in case you do have any questions or issues. So again just wanted to come out and introduce myself to you. Thank you.

MR. KEYS: I am finished Madam President, thank you.

January 13, 2010

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

C-001-10 Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:
12-31-09

A request for a transfer of a C1, C2 license:

TO: KWIK PIK OHIO LLC
DBA UNI MART 04754
1290 E. Market St. & Gas Pumps
Warren, Ohio 44483

FROM: UNI MART OHIO LLC
DBA UNI MART 04754
1290 E. Market St. & Gas Pumps
Warren, Ohio 44483

REF: Marti Morn, 4th Ward Councilwoman
Legislative Chairman
Police, Fire, Health, Building, Planning, & Law Depts.

**THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS ON FILE IN THE CLERK OF
COUNCIL OFFICE.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING

ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 Kenmore SE, Warren, Ohio: Thank you. My name's Elizabeth Balint and I live at 1081 Kenmore SE, Warren, Ohio. First of all I'd like to say welcome to all the new Council Members. It's great to see everybody and Marly, thank you. It was really nice to see all the recognition concerning Youngstown Road. I have gotten calls and I have gotten letters from out of state. I got one from California, people that have come in to Warren, how nice the appearance was at one time and how now the first impression is sad and they don't even want to come back here. So on a positive note the Southeast Association is excited to see all the people in my block watch, we have been doing things in the past. We hope to work with Council and with the Mayor to see what we can get done especially at that corridor. It's a very important corridor in to the city. And I know my councilman who is unable to be here tonight was going to have some involvements with the incoming corridors. So with that I want to tell you that I am going to be here and keep things on course so my city, which I love and I can continue to be proud of. So with that, I'll see you next meeting. Thank you.

ROBERT WEITZEL, 1133 Raymond, Warren, Ohio: My name is Bob Weitzel and I live at 1133 Raymond Street, Warren, Ohio. First thing I'd like to do is introduce myself as the Chairman of the Northwest Neighborhood Association and we worked with the past City Council and we hope to work with the new one and by the way congratulations to all of you. We hope to be able to work through the things that we helped with last year and to further things for the City of Warren. We've done some things with Halloween; we worked for the raiders you know and we go out and we patrol our areas. We try to make the northwest side of Warren safe. We hope to make the whole City of Warren safe. I just want to congratulate each and everyone of you. I'd like to thank the three members of Council that came to our last meeting; 3rd Ward Councilman Brown, Helen Rucker, and Eddie Colbert who attended our meeting and ended up being drafted as speakers and you did a wonderful job. The people really appreciated it and I'd like to invite every Council Member to our meeting. We go to Grace Methodist Church. We meet on the first Monday of each month. The meeting starts at 6:30; the doors open at 6.

Now for a different note, I'm also going to talk about Pamela Apartments on Tod Avenue. It's a disgrace to the northwest side to have that building sitting there. At one time the windows were boarded up, all but the top two layers. Now the top two layers have no glass. They've all been

busted out. The boards have been ripped off half the windows. Bricks are being torn out out the doors. There are tracks of people entering that building. The last thing we want on the northwest side of Warren is for a police officer to enter that building and find another dead body. We don't want that to happen. We want something done about that building. We talked to Councilwoman Rucker at the meeting, now I'm talking to the whole Council. We need to do something about the blight especially big, big buildings like this that are sitting there right on a main drag on the northwest side. It is terrible. I invite you all to drive by there. I live not too far away from it. All the people pass that that go north on Tod Avenue. We need to do something about this building. I know, I talked to Mr. Pinti and there's a problem there with getting stuff to board it up or whatever. What I think our legal department needs to do is to find a way to make the owner step up and take care of that building. Be a little challenging legal department. Go after these people. Don't let it destroy our neighborhoods. We don't want that happening in the City of Warren. I thank you very much and again congratulations and please come to our meetings.

MR. MARCHESE: Thank you madam president. To Mr. Weitzel and also to Mrs. Balint, I wanted to say two things, one we've appointed two new committees this year that will be working directly with both issues you brought up. One is liaison to the neighborhood groups to see what assistance, if any, we might be able to provide that hasn't been in the past and also Mrs. Balint we have an entrance to the city group of council to specifically talk about those needs. I wanted you to be aware of that. We'll certainly pass along Mr. Weitzel your concern about to the Mayor when he gets back and I know the Director's already making notes, I can tell about that. You know it all gets down to who the owner of the property is and I would, I would give you my my own piece of advice and Mr. Dean probably knows where I'm going with this because he and I said this a hundred times. You know if we get no results going the letter of the law, there is another avenue to proceed and it's one of those that cause me a lot of grief to talk this way and I shouldn't but it works and that is if a month from now or two months from now you see that nothings changed a bulk of the eleven of us I'm sure would come down there with you one evening and make a stink about it. And the funny thing about the news media, if you call them they have nothing to do and they will gladly come out and cover a bunch of council people yelling and screaming about the owner of the property. Now I'm not advocating to cause any trouble, trust me. I'm a man of God and I don't like getting angry. In fact so far in 2010 I have yet to swear. It's a true story. But I will tell you that there is that possibility that if you continue to have trouble over there, I would think the bulk of these eleven of us would be glad to come down one night and cause a stir and put it on the news targeting the owner. Now I'm not agitating you do things like that, I'm just saying that's a possibility.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM RUCKER: If it's Council's pleasure, it's okay Mr. Weitzel.

MR. WEITZEL: Mr. Mayor we have talked about that in our meetings, exactly what you said but we thought to do it right we should come here first hoping our legal department could do something. But let it be understood that the if the city and legal departments hands are tied, my hands are not and our organization will do something to try to fix that area. Not only that area, we offer ourselves, the rest of the neighborhood groups are going to have the same problem. We have to clean this city up.

MR. MARCHESE: And, and just re-enforcing what you're saying Bob, I'm not saying to bypass Engineering and Law. I have great confidence in our Engineering Department. I have great confidence in our Law Department. But if their hands become tied there is a good way to do this and the good way to do this is make a federal case out of it.

MR. WEITZEL: And that's why we're here tonight to make sure we're doing it the proper way before we make the federal case. We have no problem if we have to. Thank you.

MR. MARCHESE: Yeah, yeah sure.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Thank you madam president. To Mr. Weitzel and regarding the apartments that he spoke on. I had a conversation probably a month ago with him and I'll get you a status update on that. We have made a filing for a legal remedy through Chris Tanneyhill. We know who the owner is and it's at the top of our priority at the terms of commercial buildings that we're trying to get either demolished or boarded up. And it is a very dangerous situation. It's a risk to the public health and welfare. But I will talk to Mr. Tanneyhill through Mr. Totten and we'll get a status update. But we're, it's not gone beyond our attention. It's a high priority on our list to get done in 2010.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Madam President. I hope that we could deal with the owner of those apartments because he owns two houses. He has one on Bank Street that's been sitting empty for eighteen years, as long as I've been on Council and there's nothing left of it; and the

other one is on Mercer Place next to Mrs. Yannucci's house and she calls me monthly and asks when something is going to be done with it. And it's been sitting empty for eighteen years also, so all we're doing is providing them with a write-off cause that's what they're doing. So whatever can be done. Thank you Madam President.

DIRECTOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. I'm sure many members of Council know who this owner is. He's been someone we've had legal rang lings with for several years. We've had some successes but he's been skilled in making our city a tough place to live and keeping these properties uninhabitable and just a pain for all of us who care about the quality of life. But we're up for the task and I just want you to know that we're, we're, it's right in our scope of things we've got to get done and we're going to aggressively pursue it. Thank you Madam President.

GILBERT RUCKER, 748 Eastland SE, Warren, Ohio: Good evening and I would also like to extend my congratulations to the newly seated members of Council. I'm here today because-

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM RUCKER: State your name and address.

MR. RUCKER: Oh, Gilbert Rucker, 748 Eastland, Warren. I'm here today because I want to express my concern by what I see as a pattern that has occurred in the administration of the Police Department. Not many years ago there was a Police Officer that used the word 'nigger' towards a citizen of this city and that Police Officer is now a Sergeant, he gained a promotion. Recently we've had a Police Officer that addressed two of the citizens of this city using the word 'nigger' and now he is promoted to Captain. That causes me some concern and it should cause everyone in this city. There should be an outcry that people are gaining promotions. Police in this city most, 98% of them, are great individuals, hard-working individuals trying to do the best job they can for the City of Warren. But their reputations is being smeared by the conduct of officers who that not breached the law in certain instances have come very close. There are officers that have conducted themselves in manners that in other cities have been incarcerated for, but here in Warren it seems that if you call someone a 'nigger' you get promoted and I don't understand that. And when I further don't understand is when the administration, the Chief of Police makes a statement that it's okay because there was no physical harm. I'm sure no one asked those gentlemen Mr. Walker and Mr. Coleman if they were not harmed by being called a 'nigger bitches'. I'm sure that no one asked them when he made that statement, whoever made that statement I believe was attributed to the Chief. If you did not make it, I apologize, but if you did that there was no physical, no economic damages does not understand history and the use of that word towards black people. But black people should not be the only people that are offended. Everyone in this city should be outraged that the people who are sworn to protect the citizens of this country, of this city, would allow the use of that word and then promote them. That you would allow an officer to take time off and steal money from the city and remain in a supervisory position. Creditability shot in court, how do you testify on the stand when it's already proven in the records that your integrity is in question. I don't understand that. I don't understand how this city administration of (Timer Goes Off) I thank you for your time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports tonight.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports tonight.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

DRAFT 2991 RESUSE TRUCKS

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for the purchase of two fully-automated refuse trucks for use in the Environmental Services Department and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Morn requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2991 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Health & Welfare

LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE

**DRAFT 2984
AGREEMENT/
AFSCME LOCAL 74**

An ordinance for the purpose of approving and implementing the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Warren, Ohio and AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, Local No. 74 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2984.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule of three readings on Draft 2984.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2984.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

PASSED
ORD. 12246/10

9 YES: 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2984 is now ORD. 12246 /10.

**DRAFT 2985
AGREEMENT/
POLICE OFFICERS**

An ordinance for the purpose of implementing the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Warren, Ohio and the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association for Police Officers and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2985.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2985.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2985.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12247/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2985 is now ORD. 12247/10.

**DRAFT 2986
AGREEMENT/
FIREFIGHTERS**

An ordinance for the purpose of implementing the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Warren, Ohio and the International Association of Firefighters, Local No. 204 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2986.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2986.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2986.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12248/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2986 is now ORD. 12248/10.

**DRAFT 2987
PENSION PICK-UP/
FIRE EMPLOYEES**

A resolution for the purpose of affirming the City of Warren's continued pick-up of the mandatory pension contributions of the uniformed fire employees of the City of Warren covered by the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2987.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2987.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2987.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4447/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2987 is now RES. 4447/10.

1-13-10

**DRAFT 2988
PENSION PICK-UP/
FIRE EMPLOYEES**

A resolution for the purpose of affirming the City of Warren's continued pick-up of the mandatory pension contributions of the uniformed fire employees of the City of Warren covered by the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2988.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2988.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2988.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4448/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2988 is now RES. 4448/10.

**DRAFT 2989
PENSION PICK-UP/
POLICE OFFICERS**

A resolution for the purpose of affirming the City of Warren's continued pick-up of the mandatory pension contributions of the police officers of the City of Warren covered by the Ohio Police and Fire Pension fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2989.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2989.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dean to pass Draft 2989.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4449/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2989 is now RES. 4449/10.

1-13-10

**DRAFT 2990
PENSION PICK-UP/
POLICE OFFICERS**

A resolution for the purpose of affirming the City of Warren's continued pick-up of the mandatory pension contributions of the police officers of the City of Warren covered by the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2990.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dean to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2990.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Saffold to pass Draft 2990.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4450/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2990 is now RES. 4450/10.

**DRAFT 2992
AGREEMENT/AFSCME
LOCAL 2501 & AFSCME
OHIO COUNCIL 8**

An ordinance for the purpose of approving, ordaining and implementing the collective bargaining agreement by and between the City of Warren, Ohio and AFSCME Local 2501 and AFSCME Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO relative to particular positions within the City of Warren and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2992.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2992.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn,
Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dean to pass Draft 2992.

REMARKS

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Madam President. I just would like to make a quick remark and thank all of those bargaining unit members in all of these drafts that we've just passed for their sacrifice in agreeing to these concessions and to try to keep those folks that we now working and let's hope and pray that we may be able to bring some folks back in the future. I appreciate it and I know our residents appreciate it. Thank you Madam President.

1-13-10

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED 9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2992 is now ORD. 12249/10.
ORD. 12249/10

THIRD READING

DRAFT 2970
WET WEATHER
SURCHARGE An ordinance for the purpose of enacting a Section 935.052 to Chapter 935 (Storm Water Utility) of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren for the purpose of providing for a monthly wet weather surcharge upon master-metered satellite sewer users and credits therefore and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2970.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION TO TABLE Motion Novak, second Dippolito to table Draft 2970.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2970 is tabled.

DRAFT 2973A
POLICIES &
PROCEDURES An ordinance for the purpose of repealing and reenacting Article 2 (Hourly Employees) and Article 16 (Health Care Benefits) of the Policies and Procedures for non-bargaining personnel for those employees and officials of the City of Warren who are covered thereunder and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2973A.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion Sferra, second Colbert to go into executive session with Council and the Director regarding Draft 2973A.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON DRAFT 2973A
8:10 PM TO 8:18 PM

MEETING RECONVENED President Pro-Tem Rucker reconvened the meeting at 8:18 PM.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Novak, second Sferra to pass Draft 2973A.

REMARKS

MR. SFERRA: I thank council for going in to Executive Session. I'm going to pass this ordinance but we know there's a second part to this ordinance going to be coming very quickly that Council's insisting on. We hope to see it at the next meeting. Thank you.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

1-13-10

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12250/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2973A is now ORD. 12250/10.

**DRAFT 2974
SECRETARY IN
HUMAN RESOURCES**

An ordinance for the purpose of repealing and reenacting Section 2.08 (Human Resources Department Department No. 19) of Ordinance No. 9819/87 (The Authorized Strength Ordinance) as amended, for the purpose of authorizing a secretary position in the city's Human Resources Department and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2974.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dean to pass Draft 2974.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12251/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2974 is now ORD. 12251/10.

**DRAFT 2976
PART-TIME
COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR**

An ordinance for the purpose of repealing and reenacting Section 2.22 (Police Department Department No. 01) of Ordinance No. 9819/87 (The Authorized Strength Ordinance) as amended, for the purpose of establishing the authorized strength for the position of part-time communications coordinator within the City of Warren's Police Department and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2976.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dean to pass Draft 2976.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean

NO: None.

PASSED
ORD. 12252/10

9 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2976 is now ORD. 12252/10.

MISCELLANEOUS 8:21 PM

MR. MARCHESE

Thank you Madam President. A reminder to residents, Mayor O'Brien will be back in the office on the 18th. Mostly everyone is aware he's in Israel on a fact-finding trip, business fact-finding trip. We wish him the best in that process and also safe, safe trip and safe there. In his absence its been an interesting week. The Director and Roselyn have called me on important issues facing the city such as I was never aware the Mayor was responsible for carrying out the trash at city hall and emptying waste baskets. I did that on Monday, that was a fun job. Today I picked up lunch for the Mahoning Avenue building. I had to pay for it. I didn't know that was part of the Mayor's job and today I

filled Doug's car with gas and tomorrow I'll be dusting City Hall and so I didn't realize the amount of work that a Mayor in Warren does, so to Council at the next meeting, before the next meeting you'll be receiving the three citizen advisory committee drafts that are at the Law Department. This is a resolution asking you to set up three, as we talked about before, three advisory groups made up of citizens. One for some research in to the future of Packard Music Hall; one for the education study we're doing on recreation and educational sites in the City of Warren and the last on citizens look at the possibility of charter government or remaining as a statutory government. Bringing those three resolutions in; they are at the Law Department and hopefully we can deal with that at the next meeting. We're getting calls and volunteers for people who would like to serve on that. I'd like to remind Council if you have any constituents who would like to serve on either of those three committees, please either call Darla and give them their names or call me and we'll be dealing with that the next meeting we have, work session we have before the next meeting which is the meeting of the 27th. That's all I have Madam President, thank you.

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Madam President. I'd just like to quickly say and I'm sure the citizens appreciate it, all of the hard work with the snow storm that we had and all the snow and with limited employees that we have to deal with that, but I think they did a good job and they kept the roads open and they didn't have to call a snow day for Warren City Schools. So I think that was good and I'd just like to hi, an old class of '71 member is out there Jan Reid, I happen to see him and I see he's still out there working in the community and raising money for groups, so that's important. And I will reassure Councilman at Large Sferra that that will be one of our main objective to the Finance Committee that there will be parity through all employees here that everyone will be looking at the same type of concessions and the same type of health benefits. It's no more than fair. Thank you Madam President.

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Madam Chairman, Madam President, excuse me. I'd like to first (inaudible) but I would be remiss if I didn't levy some thanks and appreciation for some people in the audience who were pretty instrumental in us passing along the legislation and getting our budget under control. And first and foremost the staff with Ohio Council 8, Miss Debbie Bindas, thank you so much for all your hard work at the table. Leann O'Brien, Dave Sferra and Jim Black of 2501. Cindy (inaudible) and Ed Russ of 74 and also who aren't here, Greavor and Mackey of the blue patrolmen's association. And also I very rarely do this I got to get my hat off to Gary Cicero and Brian Massucci for the work that they put in to making these concessions possible as well. And we have a lot of work to do but I'm glad we passed this tonight and we can get on with the business of delivering services for our city.

Also I'd like to inform acting Mayor Marchese that he made a comment on the way here that he's considering extending his stay for two more weeks.

MR. MARCHESE: I'll start the painting then on –

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Madam Chairman.

MR. BROWN

Thank you Madam President. Just like to also reiterate the great job on the snowplowing, I think much, much better than last year where sometimes, I live on a circle and there were times when my street wasn't plowed until it was ice, so whatever's happening with this new arrangement, I applaud it 100%. And just all these contracts that we passed tonight, I as here a long time ago as Dan was. The Ohio Revised Code, I think it's 4117 basically turns us in to robots. We don't have a lot of leeway on these contracts. We could vote ten-nothing against them and I and I applaud everyone for what they've done, you know this city is hurting and the door's been open a little bit

toward the reality of what one eye is and so I don't want to make it in any negative light. But the laws of the country you know start to push down on us more and more. Tonight we get a ruling that we can create jobs, but we can't take those jobs away by a court decree, so sometimes you wonder what exactly the function of Council is and it's I might be rambling here, but it's just frustrating when I think we're losing home rule, more and more and more. And I guess just one question on the Mayor doing all those jobs at City Hall, is that any type of violation of the contract? I think we should file on that in the morning.

MR. FRANKLIN: Grievance denied.

MRS. MORN

Thank you Madam President. Mr. Novak and Mr. Pinti and Mr. Franklin and I had an opportunity to go to the commissioner's meeting and at that time they gave a recognition to Deputy Stambaugh. He's the gentleman who coordinated all the grass cutting efforts in the city. The (inaudible) has done the snow removal and has done the leaf removal and it was a very, very nice ceremony that they had for him. Thank you.

MISS SAFFOLD

Thank you very much. I would like to announce that the 6th Ward will have its first community meeting on January 25th at Grace AME Church on Main Street at 6 PM. I look forward to speaking with my constituents and any others who would like to attend. Thank you.

MR. COLBERT

Thank you Madam President. Reiterating what was said, you know we all watch the same news, we read the same newspapers, the popular sentiment is when it comes down to me, I ain't giving up nothing and to see that across the board that concessions were made to keep this city going to try to give it some normalcy to give our citizens a piece of mind when they leave their house, when they drive down the streets or when they have annoyance next door that there could possibly be something done about it. I am of a strong belief that the Council and the people that you see before you today, when I started doing this a year, a year and a half ago I don't know if I heard enough 'why', 'why', 'why'? I was encouraged that Councilman Sferra would pull us back because there was just one more thing he wanted to talk about and I think as long as we keep on asking why; as long as we keep on going back and asking what happened to stuff before that; as long as we are not afraid to exhaust ourselves in finding the path out of this, I think we're on the right path. And from what I've seen tonight, I'm very excited about the committee appointment, we'll be able to move forward with some direction now. For myself, the community, I really do believe what you have in front of you are some people who do have their eyes open, some new faces, some old faces. The bottom line is we understand where we're at and we're in these seats because we want to make a difference and we're doing everything that we possibly can and thank you and I look forward to serving.

MR. SFERRA

Thank you Madam President. Just shortly I was happy to see Mike O'Brien and the Mayor going to Israel for a fact-finding mission. So it made me go back in my notes of sixteen years I was Mayor and I did go on a fact-finding mission to Leavittsburg once but that's as far as I got.

MR. DEAN

I'm pretty sure that's where you met Sue Hartman.

I'd like to just echo the remarks of the Safety-Service Director and Councilman Novak with respect to our bargaining units and just the honesty and sitting down and getting down to the bottom line that our city comes first. And I was just thinking when someone mentioned snow, I think the same snow is on the ground now that was on the ground a couple of days after Christmas. And I saw someone in the back that's on the Main Street Warren board with me and I'm on the VFW Warren board and I'm on the United Methodist board and the VFW and I always seem to be going to some meetings. I'll tell you what I haven't had a problem getting anywhere since the snow started

falling and anywhere I've been I've seen some city worker out doing some job and not complaining about it. We're really, really grateful to the people that get out there whether it snowing or raining to do the job they do. Thank you Madam.

MRS. RUCKER

I just would like to thank Robin Patton for being here again. I hope that your visit to our Council is always pleasurable but also remind each council person, that that's the person to call for the street lights in the city and give her a call. And I'd like to also acknowledge our former Director Mr. Harris is here.

And Mr. Keys, please tell us about the Census meeting tomorrow because the census is very important to all of us in the city and especially target areas and senior citizens so if you can attend, attend.

MR. KEYS: Madam President, once again that meeting is tomorrow at the Community Services Building, 2nd floor large conference room beginning at 9 o'clock. We invite everybody to come down and meet some representatives from the Census Bureau as a kickoff to the City of Warren's campaign to get every single person in the City of Warren counted and if you want to bring some people from Leavittsburg Mr. Sferra, we'll count them too.

ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM

**MOTION FOR
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Motion Novak, second Dean to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.
VIVA VOCE: ALL YES. Meeting is adjourned.

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Helen Rucker, President Pro-Tem of Council

Darla K. Neugebauer, Clerk of Council, C.M.C.
