

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 24, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of Warren City Council was called to order by President of Council Robert A. Marchese in Warren City Council Chambers at 7:30 PM, 141 South St. SE, Warren, Ohio.
- INVOCATION/PLEDGE** John R. Brown Jr., 3rd Ward Councilman, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Director Franklin, Law Director Hicks, Auditor Griffing, Treasurer Homlitas
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Davis, Sal DiLiello, Bob Pinti, Tom Angelo, Bill Totten, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys
ABSENT: Chris Stephenson, Tom Gaffney
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Rucker, second Brown to accept the minutes of the last meeting but dispense with reading of the same. VIVA VOCE: Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Just some reminders before Council tonight. There is, for the benefit of our new Council Members, there should be in your packet a piece on the Ohio Municipal League seminars for newly elected Council Members as well as old if you want. Three dates have been scheduled there, Saturday, February 27th, Saturday, March 6th and Saturday, March 27th. So if any new Council Members interested in that please double check your packet and if you don't have it, we'll make sure that you get it.

Oh, if I may, a good friend of Council is having some significant health trouble, Mr. Klingeman. A lot of you worked with him on a lot of projects; a lot of different things with the city. His son was able to take him over to my house over the weekend. It was good to see him. So if you get a chance you might want to drop him a card or give him a call. Tom is a great guy and a personal friend and I don't know anybody who speaks ill of him, so if you get a chance, pick up his spirits and give him a call.

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- MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President, Members of Council; As you read in the paper the request for qualifications has been completed by Attorney Jim Floyd in reference to the management agreement at Packard Music Hall and the city is, we are accepting responses to the RFQ and specifically the firms that have experience in managing entertainment facilities that are interested in managing Packard Music Hall. And responses will be delivered to city hall on March 17th at 4 PM, so the, this is the first phase and this is the RFQ which will then proceed to the RFP. The RFQ for qualifications has been completed by Attorney Jim Floyd and they ask or I add again that it was no cost for his services and he did that as a resident of the 3rd Ward, Mr. Brown's ward in Warren on Atlantic St. NE and I think it's great that he's taken it upon himself to do the legal work for these, this actual difficult task of the RFQ which will then lead to the RFP for the running of the facility at Packard Music Hall.

Also, I have a copy of the RFQ for Council, I'll give it to Darla. I a letter and a copy of the RFQ that Mr. Floyd has prepared.

Also, representatives from the Operations Department aren't here; I want to again commend the Operations Department. We had our meeting cancelled last, two weeks ago; just a tough, difficult task they've completed with making sure that our streets were plowed and our streets were safe. And just we're missing and to people in the immediate area how well the streets in the City of Warren were complete with limited staff, with limited staff and kudos to the Operations Department. Now of course once this snow is cleared and specifically the ward councilmen will be flooding the Operations Department and City Hall with your requests for pot hole patching. So we recognize that and absolutely the Operations Department on the way to Lordstown yesterday for the news from General Motors, I was driving down Tod Avenue and as I was driving down with the Director I was calling Mr. Mazzochi about patching Tod Avenue. So our cold patch crews are out in between salting and plowing.

Weather related also, the note that there was a news flash on the bottom that in communities surrounding Warren the private refuse haulers were not going to be working particular days because of the poor weather conditions that their communities were facing. Other communities must be different than our community because we had the same weather conditions but our Environmental Service Department picked up the garbage, same time, same day as if it was August 10th in 90 degree weather. But the point is, the point is that private haulers had one day delay. Warren City Environmental Department same time, same day as it is throughout the year.

And my last point is today at the Board of Health meeting we had on the agenda 31 houses. 31 houses were ordered to be demolished by the Board of Health. We're going to be having two meetings next month; one mid month and one at the end of the month. The agenda for mid month is about 16 homes. For the end of the month is over 60 homes. So adding those two bundles and this particular board action today will be 100 more homes on the demo list which will be in line with Neighborhood Stabilization Funds to be demolished. And the homes on this list, I'll leave also with Darla, but they're throughout the city primarily just glancing here, in the southwest and southeast sections of town. But again 100 more homes to be, to eliminate blight in the city and from the demolition list we, excuse me from the condemnation list to the demolition list (inaudible) the bids and the houses to be demolished in eliminating the blight and this is something that our community is has been diligently doing for the last three years. Just as an example, just for reference for Members of Council, those board members who are volunteers; Attorney Charlie Ohlin, Peggy Scott who also is the Municipal Clerk of Courts, Lillie Brooks, Hortence Woods and Rich Holko. Hortence Woods and Rich Holko are from the 5th Ward; Lillie Brooks is from the 6th Ward; Peggy Scott is from the 3rd Ward and Charlie Ohlin is from the 2nd Ward. So it's a volunteer board doing a great job. That's the end of my report Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Just quickly Mayor, I would just like, if we could, I know I brought this up before, I have the editorial from the forum page in the Cleveland Plain Dealer from the 4th of November of '07 and it's entitled 'A Big Land Bank' when they were proposing in Cuyahoga County to go to a county wide land bank. I'm hoping that we can continue to look at this because following this along in the Plain Dealer which I read every day, this was a big part in their receiving their substantial amount of money for their demolition. Also home and property acquisition and the also home remodeling and restoration was that they did have a county wide land bank. So I hope we can continue to look towards doing this county wide.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Mr. President, Mr. Novak; In addition to that particular legislation of the land bank, I'm sure you're aware the house passed their version of the land bank legislation. It's in the senate right now. In speaking with Speaker of the House, Armond Budish, I impressed upon him the need for this passage of this land bank legislation state wide. And he has relayed to me that the house has passed their version when if there's senate approval and they're working on negotiations with that. Senate approval is of course a little more partisan and it is introduced by the Democrats and it's getting involved in some partisan issues right now. The senate is 21 to 12, Republican majority. They're working that through, but it's proposed legislation for land bank will absolutely speed up the point of that

process. The present process is to of course sheriff's sales and an auditor sale and things like that. But it will absolutely free up; it will really fit keenly in to our comprehensive plan and at the same time we'll have to discuss at length as far as how we're free up more money for demolition. But the money is there for demolition right now with Neighborhood Stabilization I and we're just coordinating everything and great work by Bob Pinti and Mike Keys and the Building Department, Bill Totten and Chris Tanneyhill coordinating this entire process was something new in the last two years and added on with reduced staff and we're able to coordinate this and we've had several meetings and the coordination between the Bob Pinti himself, I hope I don't get in to a union problem here, but Bob Pinti himself sometimes is inspecting the homes himself. So, if I got in to a union problem then I just stepped into it, but he's doing some inspections himself, but the point is which has to be done. So but land bank legislation with the senate, hopefully we'll get that passed Al, have them sign it and we can move forward. Thank you.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mayor, thank you Mr. President.

LAW DIRECTOR

MR. HICKS: Thank you Mr. President. First of all I also want to echo thanks to Mr. Jim Floyd for his help in the specialized area of entertainment law regarding the music hall. Our office has a great deal of expertise. We are not so thin-skinned that we don't often go out and ask some experts, subject matter experts in other areas to give us an assist and we're particularly happy with the remuneration on that is nil or he offered it to us out of the goodness of his heart as being a citizen of our fair city. So definitely very thanks should go to him for the help he did and he did an excellent job. We worked with him closely on that and we were impressed.

Secondly, more in the way of an announcement or offer, I see a lot of our friends from the various neighborhood groups here. A few weeks ago, a couple of weeks ago I guess it was, one of the members of my staff went with the chief to a neighborhood meeting and the reports back I get, it was quite successful and quite actually rewarding both on a two-way street. And with that we've had some discussion on how we can continue to do more of that, so what we're offering to the neighborhood groups is I guess like a speakers bureau, but we're offering to you members of our staff to come out and speak to you on a regular basis. We've found that the experience with the chief and with that neighborhood group gave us a lot of insight as to the issues that were concerning the citizens as well as allowing us to tell them our needs or the controls that we have to work under and the parameters of the law in attempting to help them with some of those issues. So to the various neighborhood groups I offer to you our services to come to you and speak at various meetings, obviously this offer goes with ward meetings too when I look at the Council Members here. But we would simply ask that you help coordinate it through our office by calling our secretary. Obviously these folks do have families of their own so we want to make the plans so that we can coordinate and get our schedules and your schedules to mesh so it works out that we can be there and give you all the information we can and make it a positive experience for all of us. Thank you Mr. President.

AUDITOR

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

TREASURER

MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you Mr. President. No report this evening.

DIRECTOR

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

WATER

MR. DAVIS: Thank you Mr. President. Citizens, you may have received in your utility bills what we call a CTR which is a Consumer Confidence Report that goes out yearly and what we're doing right now being that we're mandated by the EPA to get that out that is from the year past. So when you see that it is a water quality report that is mandated that give us our source water, our quality, our quantity, things of that type nature. So it just gives you the information of the water treatment plant and the distribution system. So we'll be continuing to get that out through February and in to a couple of weeks

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in March. So when you see that it is a consumer confidence report, nothing to be alarmed about. Thank you Mr. President.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

C-004-10
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Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

A request for a D5 transfer:

TO: Georgies Restaurants LLC.
DBA Georgies Restaurant
1860 Elm Rd.
Warren, Ohio 44483

REF: John Brown, 3rd Ward Councilman
Legislative Chairman
Police, Fire, Health, Planning, Building & Law Departments

C-005-10
2-5-10

Received from Tom Letson, State Representative:

A letter addressed to Council Members providing information regarding the Capital Budget for this year, 2011 and 2012. There are limited resources available for new projects. Mr. Letson is asking you to consider what projects you would like to request funds for, then return the form provided, a separate form for each project, to his office by close of business Friday, February 19, 2010.

REF: All Council Members

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

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I spy some friends in the audience, I'd like to say 'hi' to. Charlene Allen is here from ACOP, a good friend of Council, Charlene, welcome and Tom Conley, President of the Youngstown, Warren-Youngstown Greater Urban League. Tom, good to see you as always. Two good friends of Council and two very active people in the social services in our community.

We have a number of public speakers tonight and a reminder to public speakers. You have three minutes to address Council. Our first speaker tonight is Mr. Jerry Church.

PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:47 PM

JERRY CHURCH, 936 MARYLAND NW, WARREN, OHIO: Thank you Mr. President. First of all I'd like to echo what the Mayor said to the Operations Department under Mr. Mazzochi an old killer himself. They sure killed the snow. They did a great job and I know some people complain about them, but those guys were out there 24/7 and I hope they're getting their rest now cause they say there's more coming. As far as the Sanitation, look at Mrs. Cicero and you know all those guys worked those days, she give them no choice. But my main thing is these roundabouts. I started working in downtown Warren in 1958, we had no roundabouts. We had Kreesge's; we had Woolworth's; we had Strouss; we

had Sears; we had merchants. What is there in downtown Warren today? A bunch of lawyers. So you're going down there as criminals that's all that will bring you down here. We're going aroundabout, aroundabout, aroundabout, federal money, state money. How long can we go to those wells and say gee, you just gave us so many thousand dollars last year to put brick sidewalks in and all this fancy stuff. We're going to tear it up and put roundabouts and then what do you do next year, we don't like roundabouts, we're going to put overhead walkways in. Folks, lets get real, people will come to downtown Warren if you give them a product. The late 50's and early 60's the Royal Racketball Club was the scene at the Daniel Theater. There were people lined up from there to Automotive on Pine Street on a Saturday afternoon and from the Robins Theater which is now an infested rat hole down to the old Sears Building. The same Saturday. We don't need all this money wasted. Lets start and do something that bring merchants in to town; merchants will bring people. I'll go to the Eastwood Mall, close every store in the mall, have more than ample parking and that parking lot will sit empty. So if you want revitalize Warren think about what you're doing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: A reminder to our speakers, please give your address first before starting.

JAMES WALKER, 1689 NORWOOD NW, WARREN, OHIO: James Walker, 1689 Norwood Street. I'm here representing ACTION and I'm here to invite Council, the public officials and the general public to a public forum we're holding on March 1st at Liberty High School. The topic is Eastern Gateway Community College and our keynote speaker is Congressman Tim Ryan. The Mayor has been gracious enough to confirm that he will attend the event as Councilwoman Rucker and Council Member Mr. Colbert. You should have all received letters and if you haven't, I'll make sure that you get one. But the, we all know how important this announcement was to the development of downtown Warren. The congressman is going to be explaining it in detail what the plans are for the campus. We have a couple other speakers on the schedule and prior to the event, Eastern Gateway will be holding a college fair. The idea of a college fair is to obviously recruit new students from local high schools and from some of the displaced workers. Eastern Gateway has contacted all the high schools in the tri-county area, all members of the board of directors in the tri-county area and what we're trying to do is bring everyone together to get some consensus on what this campus in downtown Warren is really going to look like. We've receive confirmation from Representatives Letson, Hagan, Senators, Cafaro, Schiavoni and the county commissioners Trumbull and Mahoning County.

Once again, it's March 1st; the college fair is 5 PM and the speaking event begins at 7 PM. Thank you.

ELIZABETH BALINT, 1081 KENMORE SE, WARREN, OHIO: Hello, my name's Elizabeth Balint. I live at 1081 Kenmore SE and I'm with the Kenmore Neighborhood Association and my big thing is Youngstown Road and the clean-up there. I have gone to a (inaudible) meeting and I'll be going Thursday where we will be discussion more about how we want to, I want to discuss with them how we can get our neighborhood association with other neighborhood associations to do the cleanup basically all at one time. I talked to Ryan Grace and people down at Crest Lanes and I'm working my way down now that the weather hopefully won't be as bad as it was to talk more to get some things done. A lot of people complained at the last big clean-up they had, everything had Youngstown Road all congested and crazy. It doesn't matter. It needs to be cleaned up because it is a major entrance in to Warren. It goes downtown Warren. I hear everything about downtown Warren. If you want to come downtown Warren to see how beautiful it is you have to go down those little entrance ways and Youngstown Road is a main one. So if you want to really get somebody to call me and say you know, volunteer Liz, I need some volunteers. I need the City of Warren to do something with, maybe adopt an empty lot, you know get people more involved. I don't hear anybody, I hear everybody talking about downtown. I love downtown. I want my Youngstown Road to look at. I've got new businesses coming in there. We got new businesses. It's awesome to see that. You know I see that Warren

Family Mission's there, that's a good thing. I'll be calling them, get that building spruced up. We have Russo's Drive Thru. We have the new consignment shop. We have a lot of things that are coming there. That area needs to be paid attention to. So like I said I will be passing (inaudible) my neighborhood group and talking to some more of the businesses. So within the next to weeks I'll have more information on that. So somebody can call me about the entrances into Warren so I know more of what I'm doing and I want some city involvement my dear Mayor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Elizabeth I wanted to add Council has a committee that works with strictly with the neighborhood committee as a liaison if we can help and the Chairman of that Mr. Colbert, Miss Morn and Mr. Dippolito are on that committee. So maybe before the night's over you grab the three of them, maybe you can even arrange a sit down and maybe get something started. Mr. Colbert.

MR. COLBERT: Actually I was going to interject that. If you can, if weather permits and you can hang around till the end of the meeting I'm sure myself, Miss Morn and Mr. Dippolito would; we've got some things working right now to get together with all the groups. We will sit down with you and share some of our information and send something back with you. Thank you.

LARRY DUEBER, 1747 ESTABROOK NW, WARREN, OHIO: Thank you Mr. President. Larry Dueber, 1747 Estabrook, northwest side of Warren. First item I want to talk about is the water rate study that Council's looking at tonight, 3005, 3006 pieces of legislation. I encourage council to vote for these pieces, vote 'yes'. It gives you a sense of flexibility; it gives you a sense of objectivity to have an outside organization take a look at our departments and see whether any type of a rate increase would be justified and as Councilman Sferra has correctly pointed out because it may be recommended it doesn't mean that council would have to follow through with it. It gives you information and you need as much information these days as you possibly can get so I encourage you to vote 'yes'.

Second item deals with one of the positive announcements we've been seeing in the last several weeks in our city. Not everybody, but many of us in this city maintain a positive attitude; in this community in the last two years. We started with the steering committee working with on developing the comprehensive plan with the Poggemeyer Group and one of the things we said meeting after meeting was we're going to maintain a positive attitude that we need to do that. There's enough negativity in this community that we have to step by step by step take care of these problems that we have going in new businesses. One of the problems we've had in the past and we don't want to fall in the same trap is we have this tendency to think that we have a beginning, a middle and an end and when we end something we walk away from it; it's there, it's in place and we don't have to worry about it anymore. We've fallen in to that trap in the past. We did it in the 70's, 80's, 90's. We thought the steel industry and General Motors, they were going to be our saviors; they were going to be here forever and we know that's with the problems we have. The Mayor has correctly pointed out in the paper today, diversification, that's going to be a key for the revitalization of our community in the future. So we have to hold on to that belief that there's no such thing as a permanent, positive end that things could change at any time. We've seen it happen. So we've got to all work together and we've got to support these businesses that come in to our community. In the past we didn't. We took them for granted and we've got to support them and we show that, we're going to attract more, other businesses. Thank you Mr. President.

PIERSON J. BUTCHER, JR, 1194 ADELAIDE SE, WARREN, OHIO: Pierson J. Butcher Jr., Adelaide SE, 4th Ward. I was here in December and talked about railroad tracks up at the 960 store there going towards up Mahoning Avenue towards Kent State. I'd like to have an update. When are we going to get it fixed? It keeps blowing out tires; blowing out struts or what's going on there?

People at Buckeye and the Tod building would like to have a bridge put across there like you did earlier a few years ago up at the other end of Mahoning Avenue so they can go across to the park. I think they're going to come out with a petition to petition a bridge there because we've got all these veterans

coming back. They're going to have mental problems; they're going to have physical problems and the Tod building and the Buckeye building are two in Warren right there by the river that they could go across to the park. They don't need to be taking their mental and physical problems downtown. They could go to the park and enjoy the day and weekends and stuff like that.

Plus, dredging the river, right now in Rightville Beach, North Carolina the corp of engineers are doing it right now almost like for free. They're putting sand in there for tourism. Flood control is the main thing to get this done and the government will have all these people coming back from the war zone and they're going to have to have a job. They lost their jobs cause their jobs moved overseas or wherever. I'd like to see something come about that.

The road the police workers are doing a great job in the 4th Ward. As a matter of fact they were by my house last night doing a tremendous job. I wasn't there but they're doing a real good job over on Adelaide and that area there, the Pit Stop as you can see and hear through the newspapers not as many shots right now.

General Motors, 3rd shift should start in August, the 3rd shift at the assembly plant. 3rd shift at the fab plant started this week. The down weeks that they was going to have, the six weeks, they're going to use that for training. Training these people that's coming from the old lay-off back in to the work force from unemployment. I as driving over on Adelaide going down to 169 I looked up here was a lady driving a snow plow doing a hell of a job. That was one of my jobs at General Motors using a snow plow. I thought damn, she's doing it safely, doing it great. Two days later the sun was out, things was drying out, I seen her patching the roads. I mean, man, what a hell of a lady. Great job and there were some guys there too, but I mean you guys go some good workers here. I was watching the truck and then I realized it was a lady. But it's doing good. I'm going to get with my councilman here and I'm going to help her with some clean-ups and stuff like that. As a retiree I like watching Law & Order and staying at home right now. So and then we'll try to get a block watch after the weather permits. Thank you all. You all are doing a good, great job.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLANNING MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. We have a Strategic Planning Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow and I thank you for your suggestion. The economic development director from the new or the new Western Reserve Port Authority Economic Development Director will be here and provide a short presentation but I think more than anything else, it will be good to have her respond to questions or concerns that people have. The economic development piece out of port authority can be complex. It can be sometimes difficult to get your arms around figuring out how they do what they do, how it is that it's going to bring jobs to this city. Roseann DeLeon will be here at 6 PM tomorrow evening and she'll be here and everybody is invited to be here. Thank you Mr. President.

**ENGINEERING,
PLANNING & BUILDING** MRS. MORN: Thank you Mr. President. The Engineering and also the Traffic Committee for this particular issue met on the 16th and we discussed the proposal for the roundabouts. Main Street came in. They did a phenomenal job on the presentation. I apologize, I thought we were going to have one more meeting so we never did make a recommendation to bring back to Council. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT** MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. The Coleman Behavior Health will have an open house on March the 3rd at Crossroad, 1296 Youngstown Road, there's a notice on your desks, from 11 AM to 1 PM. They're inviting everyone to please come out. This is the opening of housing and support for homeless women with mental health and substance abuse disorders. We invite you all to come to that. Thank you.

HEALTH & WELFARE

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. The Health & Welfare Committee met on Draft 2991 and the amendment of two trucks to one will be made and the minutes are on file in the Clerk's office. Thank you.

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Finance Committee met yesterday at 4 o'clock to review the agenda for today's meeting and we reviewed and reviewed and reviewed some of these ordinance, but it's important that we do have this discussion and many facts that came out especially legislation that's on the agenda, up for a vote this evening, especially when you hear from Mr. Angelo who presented some very good information and graphs to us concerning the loss of over 4,000 customers in a 10-year period that are utilizing our utilities. We did not make a recommendation on any of these drafts for this evening, but I would just like to say it's great when it comes to our concern especially when it comes from the Finance Committee about our revenue and loss of revenue that we are now moving in the right direction. But I just would like to ask everyone, please keep those employees at Denman Tire in your prayers. Commissioner Fuda and I went last Thursday to the union meeting and I looked at those men and women there and I looked at their faces. I know there, I've been there and I've lost my job twice and was able to start over again when there were some jobs available. So please keep them in your prayers and lets hope that our elected officials do as much as they can and more yet to try to either get financing or get another buyer for that facility because after we lost Taylor Winfield, Denman Tire is our oldest continuing, operating business in Trumbull County. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. I did forget one item to thank you and to former council member Barkley for putting in a pretty good roadmap for us to get started. At 6 PM tomorrow evening the (inaudible) will bring at least an update on reviewing the applications. And by the way, I think we're up to 34 applicants who are interested in serving on the Strategic Planning Committee and they range from A to Z. Just an outstanding group of people and we're looking forward to getting that group together and getting to work. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Dean. That's wonderful.

MRS. RUCKER: Mentioning things we forgot to say. I'd like to get with you Mr. President and Mr. Novak to talk about Council's in-service training-

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Very good.

MRS. RUCKER: -after the meeting.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Sure, thank you.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. NOVAK: Yes, thank you Mr. President. Just I know we've been busy and had to cancel meetings, but if you can get in consideration where we can re-establish our Council of Governments group. I think it's very important now especially if we can continue looking at our regionalization plans for the future. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: On the 15th of March the chamber will be here Mr. Humphries and Mr. Goode and Mr. Paglia. We can even pull them back in to the COG meeting, so-

MR. NOVAK: What time is that?

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PRESIDENT MARCHESE: That will be 5:30 and you should be getting that announcement soon.

At the beginning of the term I appointed Mr. Flask to the NEOCAP Committee. I wanted to ask Mr. Flask if you had any report.

MR. FLASK: Not at this time, thank you.

RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

DRAFT 3004 HONORING DR. DUSZA

A resolution for the purpose of honoring Dr. Bernard T. Dusza.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read in its entirety Draft 3004.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Brown to pass Draft 3004.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED
RES. 4450/10

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3004 is now RES. 4450/10.

Mr. Novak presents the resolution to Dr. Dusza and Mrs. Dusza with remarks made by Mr. Novak and Mayor O'Brien and Dr. Dusza upon acceptance of the resolution.

LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE

DRAFT 3005 RATE STRUCTURE FOR WATER DEPT.

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into contract(s) with a qualified professional consulting engineering firm, through the city's consultant selection process, to review and study the rate structure and the existing operational, maintenance, capital improvement and debt service costs of the City of Warren's Water Department and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3005.

READ

Clerk reads same

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Sferra, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 3005.

ROLL CALL

YES: Brown, Morn, Colbert, Sferra, Rucker,
Dean

NO: Flask, Saffold, Dippolito, Novak

MOTION FAILED

YES: 6; NO 4. Motion failed. Draft 3005 is automatically in first reading. REF: Water/W.P.C.

DRAFT 3006 RATE STRUCTURE W.P.C. STUDY

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into contract(s) with a qualified professional consulting engineering firm, through the city's consultant selection process, to review and study the rate structure and the existing operational, maintenance, capital improvement and debt service costs of the City of Warren's Water Pollution Control Department and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3006 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

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REF: Water/ Water Pollution Control

**DRAFT 3007
ADJUSTMENT OF
PENSION PICKUP**

An ordinance for the purpose of repealing and reenacting Section 11: (Pension Pickup) of Article 3 (Pay Variations) of the Policies and Procedures for Non-Bargaining Personnel approved and ordained by Ordinance No. 12046/07 as amended, for the purpose of adjusting the pension pickup during 2010 for those employees and officials of the City of Warren who are covered thereunder and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Sferra requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3007 and place it in first reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

REF: Finance

SECOND READING

**DRAFT 2996
ROUNDBOUTS AT
COURTHOUSE
SQUARE**

A resolution for the purpose of expressing Warren City Council's support for the creation of roundabouts at Courthouse Square in the City of Warren and requesting the administration of the City of Warren and the city's Engineering, Planning and Building Department to explore the incorporation of traffic roundabouts on all four corners of Courthouse Square.

Mr. Dean requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2996.

READ

Clerk reads same.

Mr. Dean makes a motion for passage of Draft 2996.

CLERK AND LAW DIRECTOR: You need suspension on this resolution. It's only in second reading.

MR. DEAN: Okay.

CLERK: Suspend the rule of three readings.

MR. DEAN: I move to place 2996 in second reading.

Draft 2996 is placed in 2nd reading.

**DRAFT 2991
MOTION TO AMEND**

Mrs. Morn makes a motion to amend Draft 2991 to read in the title and throughout the body to change two trucks to one truck.

Second Novak.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

**DRAFT 2991A
PURCHASE ONE
GARBAGE TRUCK**

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 one fully-automated refuse truck for use in the Environmental Services Department and declaring an emergency.

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

READ

Clerk reads same.

MISCELLANEOUS 8:25 PM

MR BROWN

Thank you Mr. President. Some months ago in the summer you passed a resolution supporting H.B. 165 and asking them to give the gas well back to the city that you can have some type of control over them. Well that bill is still going forward and now that bill is made even more to the side of the gas and oil corporations. They are now going to be able to put gas compressors in your backyard and the city won't have any say in that matter. If you could, write or call your state legislature and your state senators and tell them that you are opposed to this if that's the way you feel. As it is now they're going to be able to put a gas well 100 feet off your property. As you know the neighbors up in the 3rd Ward in Garfield beat that back but now that same property you could have a monstrosity of a gas compressor on that property and we would have no power to stop that. So please talk to your legislators if you would. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. MORN

Thank you Mr. President. On March 1st at 4:30 we're going to have a meeting in the commissioner's hearing room on the 5th floor. This is the 2010 city-county kickoff and information meeting for the grass cutting and cleanup. We had originally tried to have one earlier and I tried to get a hold of some of the neighborhood groups, but the e-mails on the website don't work anymore. So I'm reaching out to all the groups to please be there. I'd also like to ask the groups that I haven't had a chance to talk to before the meeting to get with me. I need some contact information for your group not only for the grass cutting program but also for our neighborhood liaison committee on council. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. I'd just like to take a moment to congratulate and commend Miss Saffold on her participation and organization of the black history festival that took place this past weekend. There was a fabulous participation and special speakers and it was a very nice event. So, thank you very much.

MISS SAFFOLD

Thank you, thank you very much Mr. President. I would like to thank also Councilman Flask and Councilwoman Rucker for attending the 6th Wards 1st annual Black History Festival. I believe we have a couple people who attended who also were instrumental in assisting. Miss Johnson and Miss _____ thank you. There were over 150 people in attendance. It was held this past Saturday at Tod's Crossing and as stated there were various presentations and speakers. One being Mayor Holmes who was the first African-American Mayor in McDonald, Ohio. There was a presentation on violence in the urban community. David Herron who was a product of Warren and who now plays in the NFL for the Kansas City Chiefs signed autographs for the kids; there were students from Harding High School who recited original poetry; there was also a fascinating presentation on how to spin wool. There was a lady there who brought an actual spinning wheel and who had the sheared wool and showed us how wool was woven to make thread. So overall it was an exciting day, a beautiful occasion. Various races were there and it was such a wonderful day to celebrate history. Thank you.

MRS. RUCKER

Thank you Mr. President. As Miss Saffold said lot of people, it was really so outstanding and she forgot to mention there was shopping. Some of the people from the community had jewelry and what did I buy hats, knitted hats and bowls, some other things. And the antique, African-American antique display that she had was very outstanding. This festival is something that I'm sure is going to happen again. But it was outstanding to see something like that happen in our community and actually outgrow the thing. So the next time that she has that we definitely have to look for a bigger place. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DEAN

Thank you Mr. President. The Trumbull County African-American Achievers Association and Mr. Davis, this will be how many banquets?

Twenty-five? Probably Mr. Davis is every one of these banquets is just picture perfect so we expect when we see this handout coming to us we know what to expect when we get there. We know there are going to be outstanding people who are selected; we know that the food is going to be good and we know Mr. Davis's speech will be brief.

The Trumbull County African-American Achievers Association induction dinner will be February 27th and what time is that Mr. Davis? Six o'clock and where is it? At DiViesta's and we're looking forward to seeing everyone there and I have a flyer that I'll pass down and Mr. Flask will help me on that side. Thank you.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: Mr. President, could I just go out of turn here slightly and one of our own is being honored Stacey Warfield from our office is one of the inductees, who spent 27 years at the Law Department and we're very proud of that. Thank you.

MR. DIPPOLITO

(Comments not heard/ did not turn microphone on)

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. I too would like to thank all those city workers that were out in this inclement weather with their limited staffs in all of the departments. I know its difficult with having fewer employees and I'm just hoping this bypasses us again and that we don't have this snowfall that they're predicting we're gonna have, but people are very appreciative of it. I've called Mr. Mazzochi, especially my street, deadend and it has a lot of elderly people. I've got two people down there on oxygen so we've got to try to keep that open.

Also our Water Department a lot of people don't realize, bad weather there's a lot of breaks and that's a very difficult job when you've got to dig a hole and it's full of water and you've got to crawl down in there and repair that pipe otherwise you don't have water. We appreciate all their work and we appreciate what's taking place, I had two fires in my ward. We appreciate what the fire departments done with their limited staff and also the police were able to make some busts over there on Washington which is border line between Marti and my ward especially in the area where the young gentleman lost his life. And we know it's not easy. Unfortunately now in the private sector they're telling you, you have to do more with less and it's difficult when you're dealing with some of the folks that our safety forces and our city employees have to deal with. We are very appreciative of what they do for our citizens. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Before we conclude I see we have the camera crew from Harding. Girls want to introduce yourself?

(Microphone not used/ could not be heard on tape)

MR. MARCHESE: Very good. What's the name of the station, I forget. (Not heard on tape recorder) Okay, very good. Well we're glad you're here.

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ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM

**MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Rucker, second Sferra to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.
VIVA VOCE: ALL YES. Meeting is adjourned.

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Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

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