

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
WARREN CITY COUNCIL**

JULY 8, 2009

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of Warren City Council was called to order by Pro-Tem President of Council Robert L. Dean Jr. in Warren City Council Chambers at 7:30 PM, 141 South St. SE, Warren, Ohio.
- INVOCATION/PLEDGE** The meeting opened with prayer lead by Councilman at Large Daniel Crouse and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Capt Tim Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Davis, Bob Pinti, Tom Angelo, Bill Totten, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys
ABSENT: Sal DiLiello, Frank Tempesta, Chris Stephenson, Tom Gaffney
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Novak, second Barkley to accept the minutes of the last meeting but dispense with reading of the same. VIVA VOCE: Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.

REPORTS

- MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. No report.
- LAW** Law Director Hicks was not present.
- AUDITOR** MR. GRIFFING: Thank you Mr. President. I'd just like to ask Council's support on Draft 2909. Thank you Mr. President.
- TREASURER** MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you. No report.
- DIRECTOR** MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you Mr. President. No report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No reports.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

- C-016-09
7-1-09 Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:
A request for a new D4 liquor license:
- TO: Amerital Club of Warren Ohio
DBA the Amerital Club
2461 Youngstown Rd.
Warren, Ohio 44484

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REF: Vince Flask, 5th Ward Councilman
Legislative Chairman
Police, Fire, Health, Planning, Building & Law
Departments

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

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DEAN: It is now time for our public speakers. I would remind speakers that each person will have three minutes in terms of presentation. Please state your name and your address clearly in to the microphone and I'll remind that there are not personal remarks. I ask you to refrain from that and to govern yourselves accordingly. I will likely mispronounce a name or two, please forgive me.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – 7:34 PM

LAURIE PHYTHON, 2663 Woodland St., Warren, Ohio 44483: I want to thank the city council and the mayor for this opportunity to speak. I have both lived and worked in Warren for the past twenty-six years. My house faces what was the sight of Garfield Elementary School. As you all probably know by now the Warren City School Board voted to lease this land to Everflow Eastern Partners and signed a contract with this company allowing them to drill up to six wells. This is in the middle of one of Warren's nicest neighborhoods. Unfortunately thanks to H.B. 278 it is legal to drill in an urban setting in Ohio. It may be legal, but I question if it is right. The first my neighbors and I had any clue of the school boards intentions was when we received forms from Everflow asking us to sign away the mineral rights to our properties. There was no public discussion. There's no public fact-finding forum. There was no dialogue between the school board and my neighbors. Since then many of us have begun to inform ourselves about the realities of oil and gas drilling and have attempted to let the school board know of our strong opposition to their decision. We are outraged at what we consider an abuse of their power when our safety, health, property values and community resources are unilaterally signed away, we are left feeling disenfranchised. At a time when Warren is seeking federal monies to revitalize our city and its neighborhoods, it seems the school board is working across purposes. We ask for your help to stop gas and oil well drilling at the Garfield sight. Thank you.

MEEGAN SEINAGALL, 2612 Woodland NE, Warren, Ohio, 44483: Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. My purpose tonight, like Laurie, is to make everyone aware of the serious safety problems facing our city. The Warren City Board of Education has signed a contract with Everflow Eastern to drill up to six natural gas wells as Laura stated on a small parcel of land formally home to Garfield Elementary. This property is only 300 feet across and is lined by homes on either side. That means these wells will be no more than 150 feet from our homes and as close to 60 feet from our back yards. Based on Ohio's laws and H. B. 278 drilling companies like Everlow Eastern are taking advantage and leaving our citizens to pay the price. Ohio has the most lenient drilling requirements in the nation. I think it is time that we stand as a city and say 'no more'. While my number one job is keeping my family safe, I am also here on behalf of my friends and my neighbors and I would think that the number one job of this city is to keep its residents safe. With the internet and today's networking capabilities we can information at our fingertips that would not have been as easily accessed five years ago. We know more now than we did before. I spent the past two months gathering data and reading literature from a variety of resources and what I have learned is terrifying. Beyond the short term problems like the 24 hour drilling with lights, emissions, smells and earthen open pits filled with toxic fluid we have to face the serious long-term consequences. After the months of drilling is complete, are completed, the process will leave the soil and water potentially contaminated for life. The roads and sewer lines can occur serious damage from the weight of trucks and rigs and explosions can and do happen whether they are the results of mother nature, human ire or sheer curiosity. Scientists like the Colorado EPA are just now looking at the ongoing emissions like methane, benzene and hydrogen sulfite. These chemicals can worsen respiratory conditions as simple as allergy's and asthma and to as serious as COPD. And some have been linked to cancer.

Please help us to stop the destruction of our neighborhoods in our city and please help to declare a moratorium on urban drilling. Thank you.

DAN MARCHUZAK, 646 Genesee, Warren, Ohio: Dan Marchuzak, born and raised in the City of Warren and proud of it and I would like to give our councilmen and our officials a lot of credit for making Warren a nice and good place to live with the exception of what we have on the northeast section. Living on Genesee I'm quite a ways from it, but the problem there is it's going to degrade the people, the tax situation will drop and it's just not a viable thing for the city to allow it to happen, but of course your hands are tied, we realize that. But with your help we may be able to stop the

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erosion in the City of Warren not only on the northeast side, but completely around the City of Warren. And again it's just unbelievable that our Board of Education who relies on tax levy's not gas money to get their finances, you of course in the city know what it is with levies and you know that's where it comes from. But wouldn't it be nice if you could drill wells all over the City of Warren and reap the harvest?

Again I just hope and pray that you people can help us somehow, somehow in regard to stopping these wells from filtrating the City of Warren. Thank you.

FRANK BODOR, 609 Melwood Dr. NE, Warren, Ohio: My name is Frank Bodor and I live at 609 Melwood Dr. NE, Warren, Ohio. What these people have indicated to members of council and to the administration is actually the voice of over 300 people who attended the Lincoln School board meeting initially and they will be having meetings from time to time to discuss the urgency of this matter. We would ask the city, number one, not to sign away any rights under the right of way on any of the city streets or right of way because the gas company may be coming to you and asking you to sign away those rights. We would ask that they not because if they probably will want that particular property within the right of way to join other contiguous property to make up 160 acres. The problem here is not one well, we're talking four to six wells on a beautiful piece of property located in the city. We've just gone ahead and paved some of the streets which look very nice which are now going to be burdened here with all sorts of heavy rigs coming in. We're putting an extra strain and burden upon the fire department and having to in case there's an explosion, things of that sort. We say it can't happen. It happened in Bay Bridge and it happened in Vernon Township and with the likelihood of four to six wells the risk is even greater. Now, if I blow my horn in your front yard for five minutes it might not be a nuisance; for a half hour, well maybe it is a nuisance. If I do it for a half a day it becomes a nuisance. And when you multiple the lights, the dirt and the drilling and the noise and the dangers and everything in this city and you multiple that four to six wells, this is actually an insult to the dignity of these fine people who have tried to keep their properties up in the northeast section. What we would ask that you not sign the right of way underneath the streets to the gas companies and number two, we would ask that you pass legislation in which you would ask our legislators to go down to Columbus and pass a bill for a mora- to put a moratorium on gas drilling so that we cities can down these and voice the fact that that bill was put through by lobbyists for the gas company. And now we should have, we should return to the city the right to determine where and when gas wells will be drilled. We cannot, we should not pre-empt the city and the state to do that. Thank you very much.

LYNN PARKER, 1816 Irene NE, Warren, Ohio: I'm Lynn Parker. I live at 1816 Irene Avenue NE in Warren, Ohio. Over the past few months I've been sitting in the council meeting and listening to people talk about what we can and can't do and what's going to happen with the city contract as far as the police and the fire. I applaud the fire department and everyone who's given back money, that includes the mayor, everybody give back to the city to keep people working so we don't go flat broke. We can't afford it. Our police and the administration, the people negotiating for this possible give back, it's not a give back. This is something that in my opinion and a lot of other people's opinion needs to be discussed and done soon. Not wait till September, October when we get some money, but now to keep all of our policemen working that are working now and bring somebody back. We don't want to have to have go around each neighborhood and set up a neighborhood patrol and that's being discussed in some of the neighborhood groups that I've been to. Neighborhood patrols like they have on the northwest side. We're doing it on a limited basis, certain hours of the day and night when we're having problems but that's not a cure all. We do have a policeman came down our street and everybody applauded when he came down the street cause we haven't seen one in awhile. But whoever that office is, I hope he keeps coming back. I want him to have his job and people need to negotiate and settle this now, not in two or three months. No more police officers need to be laid off because people don't want to contribute to keep their other fellow employees working.

I know it's a hard thing to ask. Everybody's doing it. I lost my dental and optical. I lost pay raises; I've given up pay raises to keep my fellow employees working. And all I'm asking is everybody be on the same page because that's what we as a citizen expect. Not just me, but 46,000 other people who have maybe not the same idea or will come down here and say something, but have the same idea who want our policemen and fire working. We've given; we've passed the taxes. We've gone along with what everybody's asked for. Now we're asking the people that we helped keep working to help your fellow employees working also. And I hate to see anybody get laid off anybody because I've been laid off for a long time working for Delphi. Of course you'd never know it looking at me but it happens. Please negotiate, settle this. Keep everybody working. Get people back to work. Find the money. (Timer goes off). I guess I'm done.

DOUG HIPPLE, 3809 Greenmont Dr., Warren, Ohio: My name's Doug Hipple, reside 3809 Greenmont Dr. in the 5th Ward. First and foremost it may not be the proper forum, but for those of

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you that are not aware, Melissa Watson from the Bonnie Brae fire passed today. I'd just like to express condolences to her family.

I have several issues that I wanted to speak to Council about none of which are good. Obviously the safety forces issues touches me in the personal level, the financial level, pretty much flexible because of my profession.

What I also see coming to council day in and day out listening to city events, if you folks are not aware of it, I'm going to tell it to you and this is not a personal attack, it's a statement of my opinion. You're not listening to your constituents. We have the northwest neighborhood association here every council meeting expressing their concerns. Now we have the drilling issue on the northeast side of town. They're worried about explosions next to their homes. We're trying to bring manufacturing jobs. I see legislation from Mrs. Rucker. You're going to build a manufacturing plant in Warren, Ohio and you don't have a fire department that's substantial enough to handle an emergency there. You scramble to save money. Here's a suggestion for all of you. Reduce council by half. Bring back a police officer and a fireman; restructure the City Council of Warren. We don't need eleven members, other cities, big cities like Cleveland don't need it, why do we?

So Mr. Flask I'm asking for introduction of legislation to research that, here and now as my councilman I'm asking you officially. Some of you have done great things, tried hard and it's not working. You're not listening to your constituents.

Also, as difficult as this is I'm going to say it publicly. Mr. Mayor, I personally would like to ask you to step down from office. This city has failed and nothing has gotten better since the last mayor. With that folks, it's just food for thought.

LARRY DUEBER, 1747 Estabrook NW, Warren, Ohio: Thank you Mr. President. My name is Larry Dueber. I live at 1747 Estabrook, northwest side of Warren. I'm speaking tonight as a member of the Northwest Neighborhood Association and also as a member of the Warren Community Collaborative Against Violence. This is a newly formed organization that developed out the aftermath of the McCoy family tragedy of a few months ago. The members of this collaborative; this is an initial group I'm going to read to you. The City of Warren, the City of Warren Police Department, the Greater Apostolic Faith Church, the Mahoning-Trumbull AFL-CIO Union Counselors, the Northwest Neighborhood Association, the Northeast Warren Neighborhood Association, Project Gridiron, Trumbull County Children's Services Board, Trumbull County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Trumbull County Probation, Trumbull County Victims-Witness Program, Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority, United Methodist Community Center, Valley Counseling Service Inc., Warren City School District and the YWCA has been hosting our meetings. We've been meeting for the last couple months and our goal and I'll read this to you: the Warren community has been shaken by violence as youth, parents, businesses, neighbors, and concerned adults we must collectively stand against further violence and take responsibility for building and insuring a safe and healthy community for our children.

Join us, the Warren Community Collaborative Against Violence for a series of workshops. We are going to have our next one this coming Monday at the YWCA, from 6:30 to 7:30. We try to keep them short so people don't lose interest. We've been working with the police department. Lt. Marhulik has been attending our meetings and helping us. We are going to have an attorney Monday night talk to us about how we can develop positive relationship with the police departments. The do's and don'ts with our interactions with the police. We are going to be focusing on youth programs because this is where it starts. The kids, our children learn violence and I'm not just talking about violence as what happened to the McCoy boy, but violence of various types whether it's domestic violence in the home, whether it's violence at school, fighting. There's various types of violence. We need to address this. We all need to come together on this. We need everybody to attend. I have a few flyers left here and I've handed out a lot yesterday. Anybody who would like one in the audience I will gladly pass it on. We'd like to have as many attend that meeting as possible and we have future programs so that we'll be working together. I should mention there are other organizations joining us beyond this list. The Southeast Side Community Association has joined us and there'll be others. (Time goes off) Thank you very much Mr. President.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. The Finance Committee met yesterday at 4 o'clock in the Caucus Room to review the agenda for today's meeting. The committee reviewed each of those that ordinances that are on the

agenda for this evening, and we had also some members from the Community Development Committee along with the Finance Committee, both recommended passage on Draft 2920 and we also made sure that everyone realized that next week Wednesday and Thursday will be a review of our

second quarter of the 2009 budget review. And also if anyone is interested from the public Auditor Griffing presented me with the June report on our present status of all unencumbered funds in the city general fund and also enterprise funds. If anyone's interested in obtaining that information, please contact me, I have extra copies here. Thank you Mr. President.

**WATER/WATER
POLLUTION
CONTROL**

MR. CROUSE: Not necessarily a report. Thank you Mr. President. But Water and Water Pollution Control, we'd like to hold a meeting Friday afternoon, 3 to 3:30 pending the Law Departments use of the Caucus Room and I'll find that out and get that out. We're going to discuss two pieces of legislation relative to the stimulus money that Warren's going to be expecting. Thank you Mr. President.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING**

MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Mr. President. Not a report just an announcement for a meeting of Strategic Planning next Wednesday at 5 PM and also Thursday at 5 PM. This purpose is to begin the review process with council on this and I do understand that some council members won't be present particularly Mrs. Hartman made that comment. This will not be the only, these won't be the only meetings. This is to start the process so there'll be opportunity after we get done with these two meetings we'll see where we stand. It's only an opportunity for you to (inaudible) and anything that concerns you, you can see me. Council Members who won't be participating next week, see me and I'll be happy to waive any issues during those meetings. Poggemeyer will in town for both meetings and we'll see where we stand on Thursday after the meeting and we'll call other meetings as needed until, the goal is working towards adopting the plan by support of Council. So thank you Mr. President.

**COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENT**

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I just enough yi for all those that did not receive the notice from the Eastgate Council of Governments. There will be a meeting tomorrow night at 6 PM that is sponsored by the Eastgate group and also the citizens advisory board at the Comfort Inn at 6 PM and we will have the speakers of Jim Dellasandro and Chuck Joseph will be there and they will be discussing the green space and other issues concerned with the downtown area. So I would urge anyone that's available whether it's elected officials or the public to attend this. They will also be discussing some of the proposals and plans that have come about from the strategic plan that was created by the Poggemeyer Group. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. Novak. Do you know if Jim and Chuck will be representing Main Street Warren? on that briefing?

MR. NOVAK: Ah, yes I do believe.

MR. DEAN: Okay.

**HOUSING
STIMULUS**

MR. CROUSE: Just an update on the housing committee, the Housing Stimulus Committee. We had passed the WIN legislation earlier this year or late last year. So far this year we've taken 30 applications for that or approved 30 people I believe or at least taken the applications that are pending approval. Sixteen of those are people who were tenants in Warren who converted to homeowners. Eight of them came in from the county and six of them came in from out of state. So I think we're starting to make some headway and looking forward to that picking up more steam. Thank you Mr. President.

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING**

MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Mr. President. Again on Strategic Planning I just remembered an important point to make. I've said it before to Council Members and for the public's information, the updated plan as they've been amended over the course of meetings is on the city's website. So you can find the full version there and it will be updated daily as they're continuing to put final chapters on the website. But the entire plan is there for review and I

would encourage Council Members to look at that prior to the meeting because what you'll see at this Strategic Planning meetings will be more of the summary portion because the plan is so large and there won't be a final plan until you have your input in it and it is passed. So, just a reminder on that. I wanted to make that point. Thank you Mr. President.

LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE

**DRAFT 2920
TAX ABATEMENT**

An ordinance consenting to the execution of an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Trumbull County and Reinforcement systems Corporation & Van Merksteijn USA LLC, providing for tax incentives by a program of abatement of real property taxes over a period of ten (10) years for the adoption of a project which will establish a new manufacturing facility and create employment opportunities within an enterprise zone located within the City of Warren and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rucker requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2920.

READ

Clerk reads same.

**MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS**

Motion Rucker, second Crouse to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2920.

ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Rucker, second Novak to pass Draft 2920.

REMARKS

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. I just really would like to thank Mr. Keys for his work and his short staff. They really did a good job on this and I think they deserve acknowledgement. And I'd also like to refer to Mr. Keys for comment.

MR. KEYS: Thank you Mr. President. Before we do, let me recognize that ah yesterday I introduced Sarah Boyarko from the chamber and the big shots are coming out tonight too and Walter Good the vice-president of economic development and business expansion. We've been working on this project for probably close to a year working with the ownership. This project will break ground, if we get approval from the county commissioners next week at their meeting, we'll break ground in September. It's expected the building will be completed by fall or winter of next year and hopefully we'll start seeing some hiring in the City of Warren. Conservatively at 65 jobs with the payroll with the 65 jobs is being close to 3 million dollars. Now again that's a conservative estimate. The economy gets better and things get better that could grow. It's going to be a sixty thousand square foot building much bigger than the original plans when we first started this project so we're looking forward to working with this company. It's a good company. We've done a lot of research with them. We think, and if you aren't familiar with it and want some more details, Marly did a very nice job story in the Tribune and I put all the details in there as far as jobs. Thank you

ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

**PASSED
ORD. 12200/09**

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2920 is now ORD. 12200/09.

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**DRAFT 2921
VETERANS BONUS
INITIATIVE**

A resolution for the purpose of: expressing Warren City Council's support of the veterans bonus initiative that will be on the ballot in Ohio this coming November and urging the electors of Ohio to vote in favor of said initiative.

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2921.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Barkley, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2921.

ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak,
Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Barkley, second Novak to pass Draft 2921.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak,
Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4428/09

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2921 is now RES. 4428/09.

SECOND READING

**DRAFT 2909
2010 TAX BUDGET**

A resolution for the purpose of approving and adopting the tax budget for the City of Warren for the year 2010 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2909.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Barkley to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2909.

ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak,
Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Barkley to pass Draft 2909.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak,
Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

PASSED
RES. 4429/09

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2909 is now RES. 4429/09.

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**DRAFT 2908
MOTOR VEHICLE
ACCIDENT FEE**

An ordinance for the purpose of enacting a Section 131.11 (Motor Vehicle Accident Fee) to and within Chapter 131 (Police Department) of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren for the purpose of establishing a motor vehicle accident fee on behalf of the City of Warren.

Mr. Flask requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2908 and place it in second reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

**DRAFT 2910
MOTOR VEHICLE
IMPOUNDMENT FEE**

An ordinance for the purpose of enacting a Section 131.12 (Motor Vehicle Impoundment and Towing Fee) to and within Chapter 131 (Police Department) of the codified ordinances of the City of Warren for the purpose of establishing a fee on behalf of the City of Warren for those situations where a motor vehicle is impounded or towed at the behest of a Warren City police officer.

Mrs. Hartman requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2908 and place it in second reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

**DRAFT 2919
IMPROVE EFFECT-
IVENESS OF POLICE
SAFETY**

A resolution for the purpose of expressing Warren City Council's desire that the Mayor and Safety Service Director immediately begin discussions with the Trumbull County Commissioners and Trumbull County Sheriff for the purpose of reducing costs and improving the effectiveness of police safety within the City of Warren.

Mr. Crouse request the clerk to read the title on Draft 2919 and place it in second reading.

READ

Clerk reads same.

THIRD READING

**DRAFT 2902
FRANKLIN STREET
PARKING DECK**

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 management of the City of Warren's downtown Franklin Street parking deck and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2902.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION TO TABLE

Motion Barkley, second Novak to table Draft 2902.

ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED
DRAFT 2902 IS TABLED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2902 is tabled.

**DRAFT 2903
PARKING ENFORCE-
MENT**

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 management and operation of the city's various parking operations and parking enforcement operations within the central business district and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2903.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION TO TABLE

Motion Barkley, second Novak to table Draft 2903.

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ROLL CALL

YES: Crouse, Rucker, Dean, Dippolito, Novak,
Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED
DRAFT 2903 IS TABLED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2903 is tabled.

MISCELLANEOUS 8:10 PM

MR. DIPPOLITO

Thank you Mr. President. I certainly would hope that some way or another that we can accommodate the drilling situation on the east side and although this is better news, I'm certainly please to hear we haven't had much good news recently, this new addition that's going to happen on West Market. Look forward to that ground breaking etc. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK

Thank you Mr. President. I just would like to offer you know any help that I can with our folks that have this proposal of the wells being placed in to their neighborhood. I chaired the Engineering Committee for twelve years and when the first large push came on to start drilling all these gas wells then the, at that time Gary Machin, who was our Planning and Zoning Director, we enacted some of the most stringent gas well regulations in the State of Ohio. Many of our ordinances were plagiarized by other cities because of our stringency. Then the gas well drillers started locating the wells outside the perimeter of the City of Warren boundaries, slant drilling underneath the city. We came back and attempted to regulate and did work with some of the townships on the regulations of them doing this, but unfortunately as I mentioned H.B. 278 rules out local control and we must have that control brought back and allow cities and home rule townships to control this drilling. Because as the fire chief will attest to, you know we were one of the first ones that required a blow threw valve to be put on those wells to prevent the possibility of explosions. Also we required the fencing, required the distribution lines to be fenced, to be secured and we, at that time never located any of these residential neighborhoods. They were restricted to either heavy, light industrial or commercial neighborhoods.

So I just have to come back and I think we all have an obligation to work with and pressure if we have to our state representatives on reversing what took place with this 278. And again it's a shame that the Board of Education had a plan and this plan was set for these wells a couple years ago. There was an opportunity that a company wanted to make a bid to purchase that building. It would have been redeveloped and there would have been condo's placed in that building. They refused to even sit down and talk with them and now we know why. We know what their plans were to put on that property. It is a travesty. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. MORN

Thank you Mr. President. Just a short report. The sheriff's department has cut, as of June 20th, 612 properties in the City of Warren and they're moving on I believe in to Mr. Flask's ward right now. And also SESTA, the Southside Community Action Group, is sponsoring a clean-up this Saturday the 11th starting at 9 AM till noon. They'll be starting a cleanup in the 4th Ward. They're going to start on Niles Avenue, Niles Road by the cemetery and move up as far as they can with the people that show up. Everybody is to meet on the corner of East and Niles Road. Thank you.

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. You know while the city all shares in the loss of the victim in that fire, I want to assure the residents that this administration and this council is doing everything in it's power that it can to find ways to reduce costs and generate revenue. It isn't an easy process, we all know that sitting here and that is to include the research and reduction of Council. I have done that and I would be more than

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happy to share that information with anybody at any time. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. HARTMAN

Thank you. Police and Fire would like to call a meeting on July 23rd, it's Thursday to discuss 2908, 2910 and 2919.

MRS. RUCKER

I just would like to accept heartfelt sympathy to the family of the fire victim. It's unfortunate and very sad that something like this had to happen to her. I also would like to say that on a more positive note that this past weekend on the 4th of July celebration, if you were in the downtown area and saw the number of people all split up from the amphitheater to Packard Music Hall, it was really something to see and all of mine walking those two areas, people did stop me, quite a number of people almost chased me away from Packard Music Hall expressing their concerns about what our plans are for the music hall and so I'd like to just convey that they do want their voice to be heard which brings me to our speakers here this evening. Thank you so much for coming and expressing how you feel about the gas wells. We used to have those forums here as Mr. Novak said. We had public meetings and it was important that the public came and expressed how they felt and they brought a lot of information to us and like Mr. Novak said, we did respond by putting some very stringent rules in to protect your safety. It's unfortunate and belittling and you know I sat in the room in the school board meetings and it's almost belittling how citizens are treated when they come and express their concern. But you're welcome to come here. You got three minutes and we're glad to have you. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. DEAN: Thank you Miss Rucker. Even if I mispronounce your name you're welcome to come back. Mr. Novak.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Novak to adjourn, second Rucker.

ADJOURNMENT 8:16 PM

**MOTION FOR
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Novak, second Rucker to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM.
VIVA VOCE: ALL YES. Meeting is adjourned.

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Robert L. Dean Jr., President Pro-Tem of Council

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