

## Warren, Ohio

### MINUTES

#### REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

- 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.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE** PRESIDENT MARCHESE: If you would stand, I would like to ask at this time for a moment of silence for Fred Dowell a former Councilman, former Council Member that Mr. Novak and I had the pleasure to serve with who has passed away.
- INVOCATION/PLEDGE** The meeting opened with prayer lead by Pastor Myron Daum of North Mar Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman, Crouse, Rucker
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Treasurer Homlitas, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS** Chief Tim Bowers, Chief Nussle, Gary Cicero, Bob Davis, Bob Pinti, Tom Angelo, Bill Totten, Renee Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys, Tom Gaffney  
ABSENT: Sal DiLiello, Chris Stephenson
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Dean, second Novak to accept the minutes of the last meeting but dispense with reading of the same. VIVA VOCE: Yes; 0 No. Motion passed.
- PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Welcome back Council from an August break. We want to remind those interested that Councilman Dowell did die on September 4<sup>th</sup> and friends may call at five to seven Thursday at Grace AME Church. Mr. Dowell was I think I could say a true gentleman and represented his ward well and was a fine individual. We here in council who did know him share that family's loss.

#### REPORTS

- MAYOR** MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President, Members of Council; Two reports to note, number one, today we opened bids for demolition of the first block of houses that will be torn down with the neighborhood stabilization, using the neighborhood stabilization funds. And the point that I want to make in probably five years, the difference in bids of houses as inflation and things rise throughout this country the way we've accomplished our bidding as of last year our bids are significantly lower in the demolition of houses that occurred five years ago. As a matter of fact, the tabulations are now final, however the tabulations have been, the bids have been opened and the bidders were present in the Director's office and this year, or excuse me, this particular bid for the demolition of houses, the lowest bids at this point is twenty-five hundred dollars now per house. Now that is a stark contrast to four or five years ago when the lowest bid was around forty-three hundred dollars. So this is the first round of many rounds of neighborhood stabilization bidding and at this point there's almost a two thousand dollar reduction in the demolition of houses. So, per house, so I felt that that was significant enough to report to Council.
- The second report I have is in reference to a resolution passed by City Council in the July meeting and with Council's indulgence, I'll read this report. The meeting was held August 27<sup>th</sup> with myself, Director Doug Franklin, Sheriff Tom Altieri, Chief Cook and Chief, Acting Chief Tim Bowers, Janice Gilmore, Tony Paglier from the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber. What was important first of all

with our dialogue was what both departments have accomplished collectively in the past years. Record sharing has and will continue for the last twelve years from photographs to fingerprints to wrap sheets. The county gathers the information for the city and gives it to the FBI and BCI. As a matter of fact the county commissioner's presently are going to be ordering a new fingerprint system to the tune of 485,000 dollars. Nearly all law enforcements business is accomplished together, not just the Warren Police Department and Trumbull County Sheriff's Department but the entire law enforcement community in the county works together. And they always have been and will always recognize the need for each other. Case in point, is that the Trumbull County Homicide Task Force will be marking their 25<sup>th</sup> year in operation and prosecutors throughout the county, police departments throughout the county share resources and the City of Warren has been a charter member of that homicide task force. We have a countywide OVI task force and next year the Warren Police Department will be the administrators. So the Warren Police Department will be the administrators of the countywide OVI Task Force. The administrators for the entire county task force.

But to the point of the meeting, some initial steps were discussed at this meeting, for instance the coordination of the memorandum of understanding with the City of Warren Police Department to be part of the Trumbull, Ashtabula, and Geauga Task Force. Now that historically is between Trumbull County and Ashtabula County and Geauga County primarily in narcotics investigation. Obviously the details are going to be worked out very soon for that collaboration to increase our capacity to investigate and to deter drug activity. This joint narcotics investigation will be an important step in this regionalization concept. So Warren's going to be part of the tag operations and it will be the first time in the history that Warren's going to be a part and as everything else, Warren will be an intracle(?) part of that tag operation. We are also working with Chief Ernie Cook on the purchasing of fuel with the Sheriff's Department, we will realize savings. Our tanks have a larger capacity than the tanks at the Sheriff's Department and we have the technology in place, the computer technology in place and Ernie Cook, Captain, excuse me Chief Cook will be negotiating with the fuel supplier for both the city and the county in that venture.

Both the City of Warren and Trumbull County are committed to a regional program, not just in delivering police service, but also to a larger extent delivering all services to the public. We have another meeting set up on the progress of our initial programs and some other projects that are on the horizon on joint training of personnel headed by Captain Gilmore. So the meeting took place in August and August 27<sup>th</sup> is the example and we have another meeting scheduled incorporating different thoughts. I have sent different regional concepts throughout the country, I've sent for the information two weeks ago and we have examples of county and city regional cooperation pacts. We hope to incorporate some of those or take the bits and pieces of those organizational pacts of regional cooperation that have been accomplished in other cities in this country.

So I'll continue to keep Council informed in this project and also keep Council informed of any types of cost savings of course, and some concepts that if they can't work, why they won't be able to work. So pluses and minuses will be reported to City Council as your resolution dictates. Thank you Mr. President.

## LAW

ATTORNEY HICKS: Thank you Mr. President. First I want to thank you for your kind words about Fred Dowell. The Dowell family has been dear friends of mine for a number of years. Michael, Fred's one son and I have been very close, even though he lives in California now. We've always stayed in touch. He was in the office today and we spent a great deal of time together reminiscing some of the things perhaps we don't want to make public about our youth. Fred's time here was always filled with wittisums(?) and levity that made this a lot better place while he was here and he will be missed. So we thank you for his thoughts.

There was a question on a meeting that was called and I was asked to look in to it and put in an opinion. I did write an opinion. I did give it to the Clerk's office as well as to the individuals involved and I would ask that if Members of Council have any questions if they will take the time to look at that just if they have any questions on meeting and calling the meetings. I tried to be, help out a little bit and if there's any questions as to how we have to announce our meetings and the

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subject matter thereof, not much different than what we've been doing, but just some clarification on perhaps some issues that perhaps we were a little bit confused about which happens at times. So that's on file with the Clerk's office for any of you to look at. Thank you Mr. President.

**AUDITOR**

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

**TREASURER**

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

**DIRECTOR**

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

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

No reports.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Chief, I think from all of us, we want to say for the first time, congratulations and best of luck in a tough job and Council is very happy to have you seated, so best wishes on your new position.

**September 9, 2009**

### **SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE**

C-017-09

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Received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

A D1, D2, D3 transfer request:

TO: Chris Smith Enterprises LLC  
1206 W. Market St.  
Warren, Ohio 44485

FROM: Rendezvous 2 LLC  
DBA Rendezvous 2  
1206 W. Market St.  
Warren, Ohio 44485

REF: Susan Hartman, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman  
Legislative Chairman  
Police, Fire, Health, Building, Zoning, and Law  
Depts.

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

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE & FIRE**

MRS. HARTMAN: Thank you. We will be having a Police & Fire meeting Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 o'clock to discuss the vicious dog ordinance. I would also like to know if we could have an update on if there have been any pit bulls registered at that time. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. We're real tired, our committee. We met, started meeting this morning for the Community Development Block Grant and Mr. Keys had a script all shined up and ready for us this morning. We'll be back there again tomorrow, 8 o'clock. But the CD Committee will meet on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 PM. I'm asking that Cathy Angelo and the Mayor, the Director be and Mr. Mazzochi from the Operations Department and any other interested Council Members and Department Heads. Thank you.

**FINANCE**

MR. NOVAK: The Finance committee met yesterday at 4 PM in the Caucus room to review the agenda of today's meeting. There were no recommendations made for passage on any of those drafts that are on this evening's agenda, but we did get welcome news again that the 2010 budget is being worked on diligently by our city administration and our auditor and hopefully we will have this in front of us early. We know we're going to need that in front of us early and there's going to be a considerable amount of work and this will probably be one of the most difficult budgets that we ever attempt to tackle. So again just letting Council Members know we're going to be meeting on this and we're going to be meeting frequently. Thank you Mr. President.

AUDITOR GRIFFING: Thank you Mr. President. Al, I was able to get ahold of our IPA firm and confirm the date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 o'clock for the post audit conference work.

MR. NOVAK: Yes, thank you Auditor Griffing, I wasn't sure if you got that information yet, so that's fine, so we have that on our agenda. Thank you Mr. President.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Just quickly, I'd just like to make a comment about the COG, Councils of Government committee. Just to say that I'm elated with what's taking place with our joint city-county talks concerning the two departments, our police department and the sheriff's department working toward regionalization. I think it's very important. It's going to have to take place and it's wise with our financial situation and you know I hope that we can continue. I think they're a perfect example is the cooperation that we've had this year with our sheriff's department and the inmates doing the grass cutting and cleaning up the litter in the city. So again, I'm very glad this is taking place. This is showing a spirit of cooperation and this is going to be a final solution will be that we will be able to with less money and less staff still be able to serve those citizens that expect those services. So again thank you for what's taking place. Thank you Mr. President.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Mr. President. During recess we had two Strategic Planning Committee meetings. Our first one was August 18<sup>th</sup> and we concluded the review with Council Members of the Strategic Plan with Poggemeyer. And then on September 1<sup>st</sup> the brief meeting to discuss the draft that's in front of us this evening. Talk about the future duties of the Strategic Planning Committee of Council. We talked about the appointment of the citizens advisory counsel and we concluded the meeting with the committee making recommendations to Council for passage of Draft No. 2932 this evening. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I spy in the audience tonight a good friend from the Warren City School Board, Mrs. Limperos. At times I don't know if you want that announced or not, but we're glad you're here. My brother-in-law is here from Charlotte, North Carolina. His heart is bigger than his mind.

We have a number of speakers here tonight. I want to remind everyone to speak in to the microphone because this has to be taped. The speaker must give their full name and address and number three speakers are reminded they can talk no longer than three minutes. Our first speaker this evening is Chris Flaviani.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING 7:50 PM TO 8:11 PM**

**CHRIS FLAVIANI, 2136 Woodland NE, Warren, Ohio:** Thank you Mr. President and Council Members: Our neighborhood is in a situation- I'm sorry, 2136 Woodland St. NE, Warren, Ohio. Our neighborhood is in a situation without our knowledge the superintendent Katherine Hellweg and four of the five board members, that's excluding Patti Limperos, signed a contract with Everflow Eastern to drill gas wells on the Garfield School empty lot. We were notified after the fact. Our neighborhood has asked the superintendent and the board to rescind the contract to no avail. The next ah, the neighborhood may be going through a civil suit. What's ironic is the superintendent and board are paying the lawyer. We the tax payers are paying the lawyers. We need you to intervene on our behalf. The children who live in this neighborhood, they need some place to play and I think that land would be perfect for them. Something constructive like a soccer field or a park would be beneficial for those children. I would appreciate your help on this matter. Thank you very much for listening.

**PORFIRIO C. TORRES III, 870 Packard St., Warren, Ohio:** Porfioio Torres the III, 870 Packard St., Warren, Ohio, Ward 2, City Worker: First off I'd like to once again ask the Mayor, Director, maybe come of the Council people to go down to Warren Heights. It even looks better than what I said before and I keep bringing it up. It's like she's my best friend, but you know it, it's just nice down there, you gotta see it you know and I just want to see if you'd check it out and maybe do your thing as far as you know honoring her because you know she does a good job down there.

Too, being a city worker, where in the sanitation department I see people five days a week and they seem to think we know all the answers in the city and the question is asked all the time like you know if Al was picked up for speeding or Sue had her music on too loud where does that money go? You know I don't know what to say to them because I really don't know. I don't know if there's a way I could get a break down to like I say it seems, how come this road isn't plowed? I don't know. I know why your garbage isn't picked up. That's about the only thing I could tell you, but you know I don't that's you guys, we don't do that, but we get questions all the time.

So also I would like to just congratulate Warren for the summer we've had this year because from the start of the African-American Festival to Amphitheater, I mean every week there was something to do in Warren you know. I don't care what anybody says about Warren the outsiders you know of the city, I see a lot of them down at the Amphitheater. And I the only complaint I got about the Amphitheater is they need a little color in their music you know, Latin music maybe or maybe some R & B. I mean I know it isn't your job, but you know tell me who to complain to because you know we need a little ku-ka racha going on, you know?

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Torres and thank you for your genuine and hard work that you do for the city. I've noticed that and many, many people have. The one I can go with, the other question I can't. I would suggest the best place to start when people ask about money is our Auditor. And you might want to leave work a half hour early and meet Mr. Griffing. Mr. Hicks is also very good at talking. Mr. Hicks has always been generous with his time about questions about the court when you ask about you know court fines and things so I know these two gentlemen on my right I know would have always been good with their time.

I don't ever hear Italian music down there other than the festival, so I don't know what to tell you about the amphitheater.

**SHARON NUZZI, 395 Trumbull SE, Warren, Ohio:** Good evening, my name is Sharon Nuzzi. I live at 395 Trumbull SE but I also own property at 330 Kenmore NE and I'm an angry person about the Garfield gas well drilling project. Only in Ohio do nature gas companies drill wells 100 feet from homes. State laws here governing gas drillers are among the most lenient in the nation expects say, in part because drillers have helped make the rules. That's a quote from the Cleveland Plain Dealer on July 5<sup>th</sup> of this year. As you know the Warren City School Board handed over the Garfield property in a contract with Everflow Eastern to have up to six gas wells drilled. You may ask yourself why should this concern city council? Because collectively you are our representatives. If something is brought in to our neighborhoods that hurts our quality of life and health you would be concerned that no harm would be done to your constituents and have appropriate action to stop it. There are some risks that will affect residents and you as a city because of the harm done to the infrastructure and environment. Things like heavy truck traffic causing damage to roads and damage to sewer pipes that could go undetected. Who would pay for the damages?

Cancer causing chemicals will be used in the drilling process that will affect the health of area residents. Why should our citizens put up with that kind of risk? From the city safety standpoint, how will you monitor the air quality during and after the drilling to ensure safety in the neighborhood? Property values are a prime focus of this city where the crime affecting homeowners and reducing revenue to both the county and the city already struggling with revenue shortfalls. Residents will be unable to sell their homes because people don't want to live near gas wells. These are only a few of the examples that council will face in the days to come not to mention the additional cost that the city will have because of the during the project.

I would like to suggest two things to the city council: number one, hold a public hearing on the issue to be held in the presence of council where residents concerns can be heard. Request the school board to come. I'm sure you have some questions you'd like to have them answer. They need to explain how a small amount of money, one million dollars for the life of those wells which is estimated to be thirty years can be worth the cost to the city, the damage to the community and health problems it will cause the residents. Number two, I think council should form a gas well task force to only meet on an as need basis to address safety, health and environmental issues for gas well drilling and monitor safety and maintenance issues on gas wells within the city.

So many families are leaving the City of Warren, we have chosen to stay and continue to support our city. We hope that we can count on you to stand with us and protect your residents.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mrs. Nuzzi, you're absolutely right. I have spent, as well as several council members, especially myself, I know Mr. Barkley, I know Mr. Crouse and Mr. Novak have spent a lot of time on questions and calls probably because of our relationship of that area. You do have that coming and although there is a border between us and the school board, I think there is, my belief, some room for us to answer our constituents who come to us because there are a number of questions that many people brought up about storm sewers, about roads, about these kind of things. So if you'd make your calendar for October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 we have Representative Letson and State Senator Cafaro and Representative Grendell coming here. I do think, I do think we have some issues that we can help with and if we can't, you've earned the right by living here to at least have us hear you out.

So again October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM here with representatives Cafaro, Grendell, and Letson.

**ROBERT WEITZEL, 1133 Raymond St., Warren, Ohio:** Thank you. My name is Robert Weitzel and I live at 1133 Raymond Street NW, Warren, Ohio. Tonight I'm addressing council to say thank you. The Northwest Neighborhood Association is now going to enter its fourth year and we'd like to thank each and every one of you here in council and the administration for the support we've had from this council and the help that you've given us and especially when (inaudible) came and they had a ribbon cutting at our veteran's center and for our tool shed. I would especially like to thank the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman Fiore Dippolito, Councilman at Large Daniel Crouse, Councilman at Large Robert L. Dean for attending that and also our Safety-Service Director for the kind words that he not only gave us but he gave to the Tribune about us and especially our Mayor, who gave us a proclamation that day which we are very proud of and very happy that people in the administration think that much of us.

But also while I'm here giving thanks I don't want to leave out our Warren Police Officers. I've been very surprised and very happy since we started our patrols and many of you know of it. We have lights on our cars and signs on the side where we patrol the northwest side of Warren. When we first started this there were rumors that some police officers because of the drop off in the force might not like us doing what we're doing. That was false. Every police officer and I talk to many of them, have always thanked us for what we're doing. We're out there; we're being seen. Where our actual, the thing is we don't know, we've stopped one robbery; stopped one person from being molested in the plazas; stopped one person going in to a store; we're happy. But we'd like to thank the Warren Police Department for their support too. So as we have our 4<sup>th</sup> year, we hope to have many more years of working with Warren and with the council. Thank you very much.

One last thing, I'd just like to say that as we do, we're going to have a candidate's forum. Most of you here know it, but I don't know if everybody back here knows it. It's going to be next Monday on September 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be at Grace Methodist Church and that's located at 1725 Drexel NW. It's open to the public. We invite all of the members who are running for council and even if you're not running if you care to come and speak, we'll allow them to speak. We're also going to have the

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Board of Education people invited to come, so we want to thank all those, let me know that you're coming and if you haven't let me know, please let me know so we can have the room set up. Again our same rules as we had the last time. You'll be given three minutes to speak. At the end of that time we will allow the people that come to ask questions of both candidates from City Council and the Board of Education. So it should be a good meeting. So we hope to see all of you there and once again I have to thank you in advance for coming. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you Mr. Weitzel. I'm sure I speak for all of council when I say that your organization has done a wonderful, wonderful commitment to the city, especially the northwest side but to all the city and I was greatly impressed, Mr. Dean and I on Halloween were there walking along your troop. It was an impressive sight. I don't think I've ever seen children guarded better by yellow lights and t-shirts and everything else you had, even a couple ministers. So you are to be commended for your work and we do look forward to working with you.

**MEEGAN DEMAGALL, 2612 Woodland NE, Warren, Ohio:** Hello, my name is Meegan Demagall and I live at 2612 Woodland Street. I almost feel like I don't need to speak at this point because we had a number of speakers and the announcement of October 1<sup>st</sup> is wonderful. But thank you anyways. I'd also like to say thank you for the passage of Resolution 4431 on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was an incredible first step to request that our representatives place a moratorium on drilling in open areas. So, thank you. But now I'm here because we have to forge ahead and not just by sending a copy of a resolution or a couple of letters to a representative. We must insist that our voices and our story be heard. They need to see the condition of our existing wells for themselves and they need to fully understand our position on this matter. More than ever it is important because as we speak new and inadequate legislation is being introduced by Senator Mehouse. By taking a stand now we can actually protect the future of Ohio and its residents.

With that said I brought a few things with me tonight. The first thing I have is a list of headlines from various media sources in northeast Ohio. These other reports are documented evidence of an industry that is unable to prevent explosions, gas leaks, environmental contamination, or real injuries to people which is precisely why gas wells do not belong 100 feet from any home because when, not if things go wrong we need more than 100 feet between your family and a gas well for a 500 foot gas explosion. Secondly, I have here a copy of the HUD Handbook 4150, Chapter 2 which addresses the site requirement for an FHA insured mortgage. I quote from page 8, 'No existing dwelling may be located closer than 300 feet from an active or planned drilling site'. This is a federal housing authority saying they will not ensure these homes because they are unsafe and too risky. I remind you that property is only 300 feet across, so none of those homes will be able to be FHA insured. And if I am mistaken I believe Warren is in the process of trying to increase the number of people buying homes in our city. But when you limit the number of prospective buyers you are reducing the number of bids and are more likely to get less money for your home. That would be property devaluation.

Next I have also brought a copy of our petition and it lists signatures from not just the forty homeowners most directly affected, but also residents from surrounding streets all pledging their support to stand together against neighborhood drilling. And last but not least I have a copy of a letter that was written by the Mayfield Village Mayor that clearly states his support of the legislation that's currently being endorsed by Senator Tim Grendell and NEOCAP. This legislation addresses six main concerns: restoring local control, removing of mandatory pulling, increasing safety setbacks. Thank you.

**LARRY DUEBER, 1747 Estabrook NW, Warren, Ohio:** Thank you Mr. President. Larry Dueber, 1747 Estabrook, northwest side. I'd like to speak on the comprehensive plan that's before Council tonight. I have some commendations to hand out if I may. First to the Poggemeyer Design Group who worked with the city particularly Charlene Kerr and John Piper and all the hours they put in on this plan. Secondly the Strategic Planning Committee, steering committee that the Mayor appointed and were working with Poggemeyer, thirdly to the administration, the Mayor and his administration putting all the department heads for their efforts. To the community organizations like the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative and Main Street Warren, particularly all the neighborhood organizations that worked with Poggemeyer; countless hours including drive arounds throughout the city to look at what the city looks like to get a visual look and put it in to the plan. And finally to Council and their efforts and particularly I want to thank Mr. Barkley. Without his efforts and spearheading this project, I don't think it would have happened cause if you will remember two years ago this night Council voted to hire Poggemeyer and it was a 5/5 vote and I'll

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have to commend the president for having the foresight of breaking that tie. If we hadn't had that we would not be talking about a comprehensive plan for Warren. We have people who feel that this is an un-needed expense at particularly the time when thinking that the city can't afford it. Also some believed that the plan will sit on the shelf as others have collecting dust. My response is simply this, this is a plan that we worked very hard on that we considered an investment, an investment for the betterment of the City of Warren. There will be an oversight or advisory committee in place that will be working with the city to make sure the short terms and the long terms strategies that are contained in this plan will be pursued diligently so we can assure you that.

Mr. President we need to get by the belief that Washington DC and Columbus are going to bail out the City of Warren, cause they are not. We will go after grant money, certainly, as we have done and we'll continue to do it, but 99% of the work has to be done by the citizens of Warren whether you're age 5, age 95, or an age in between. We all have a series of roles that we must play to make this a city that we want to continue to live in and to attract new people in the future to come to the City of Warren. We have to do the work. We can't dump it in somebody else's lap. I ask Council tonight to approve it and I hope you do that. And if you are against it, I wish during miscellaneous time that you would state why you cannot support this plan. Thank you Mr. President.

### **LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE**

#### **DRAFT 2928 APPROPRIATIONS & TRANSFERS**

An ordinance for the purpose of: appropriating from the unappropriated, anticipated 2009 revenue of the general fund; appropriating from the unappropriated, anticipated 2009 revenue of various city funds; appropriating from the unappropriated, unencumbered 2008 balances of certain city funds; transferring within various city funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2928.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to suspend the rule of three readings on Draft 2928.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Rucker to pass Draft 2928.

#### **REMARKS**

None.

ROLL CALL

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

PASSED

10 YES: 0 No. Motion passed. Draft 2928 is now ORD. 12206/09.

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#### **DRAFT 2929 CALCIUM QUICKLIME FOR W.P.C.**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and to enter into a one year contract(s) (with a one year renewable clause) for the purchase of high Calcium quicklime for use in the Water Pollution Control Center.

Mr. Crouse requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2929.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS

Motion Crouse, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2929.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Crouse, second Novak to pass Draft 2929.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2929 is now ORD. 12207/09.  
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**DRAFT 2930** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public  
**LIQUID POLYMER FOR** Service and Safety to advertise for bids and to enter into a one year  
**W.P.C.** contract(s) (with a one year performance renewable clause) for the  
purchase of liquid emulsion polymer for use in the Water Pollution  
Control Center.

Mr. Crouse requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2930.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Crouse, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three  
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 2930.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Crouse, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2930.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2930 is now ORD. 12208/09.  
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**DRAFT 2931** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public  
**CATCH BASIN** Service and Safety to advertise for bids and to enter into a one year  
**DEBRIS REMOVAL** contract(s) (with a one year renewable clause) for grit, screenings and  
**AT W.P.C.** catch basin debris removal at the Water Pollution Control Center.

Mr. Crouse requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2931.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Crouse, second Dippolito to suspend the rule requiring three  
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 2931.

9-9-09

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Crouse, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2931.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2931 is now ORD. 12209/09.  
ORD. 12209/09

**DRAFT 2932** An ordinance for the purpose of approving and adopting the 2009  
**COMPREHENSIVE** Warren Revitalization Plan as the official comprehensive plan for the  
**PLAN FOR CITY OF** City of Warren.  
**WARREN**

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2932.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Barkley, second Dean to suspend the rule requiring three  
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 2932.

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

NO: Hartman

MOTION PASSED 9 YES: 1 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Barkley, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2932.

REMARKS

MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Mr. President. I think I began talking about the need for Warren to engage in some kind of strategic planning for I think about ten years now. It took me obviously some time to gain credibility so that some folks would listen and it took me a little time when I came on to Council to earn the trust of my colleague to start the process. But I got the support and help from a lot of people; my colleagues, from citizens, from the administration and I'm proud to present to you a completely comprehensive plan for the first time that we've had in Warren for over fifty years. The best part of this plan is that it was not written by politicians, administrators or even consultants. It was constructed by the citizens of Warren. They used an approach working from the neighborhoods inward towards the center of the city. It's a grassroots revitalization plan that was drafted by our very constituents. This approach means that we all assume responsibility for making sure this thing is seen through to the end. The plan itself is not the destination, it's the road map. If we put this thing in the glove box and ignore it, it's very likely that we're not going to find our way to where we're going. Put this plan in front of us and we use it as a guide then I think we'll be able to take an incredible trip and we'll see some really cool sights along the way.

What I'm asking my colleagues to do tonight is to start the journey and support the passage of this draft without the plan. Thank you.

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. I had misgivings about this. I supported the Poggemeyer legislation soon after I almost regretted that we were spending the money. But so many of our studies have been put on shelves and collect dust and ignored by everybody involved: Council, the administration and that and I wanted those studies to really be reviewed and tied to the Poggemeyer. But this one with all the involvement of department heads and neighborhood groups and everybody, I'm sure that we won't have an opportunity to ignore it because our community has invested in it and that's a good thing, and I'm very proud of your work Andy and the steering committee. It was a pleasure to work on this committee and I see good things for Warren you know and I think this is a road map. So, thank you Mr. President.

MRS. HARTMAN: I appreciate the work that was done, there was a lot of work that was done, there was a lot of meetings held and there was a lot of give and take. It changed from the original plan. The only real access to the ending, the end of this product was what's on-line. That's what we gave to our residents. That's what we're asking to implement. I don't think it was fully up to date to where this should be asked and in the back in Caucus I was listening to all the conversation and I was listening to Mr. Barkley and I'm thinking okay, yeah he's right everything changes. You shouldn't go in to a plan though with the thought that it's not 100% right now. That it's still wavering and then I listened to Mrs. Rucker, you know I can't support it tonight. I think the idea is good. The exact plan that we hoped to implement and the route we hoped to go on knowing there might be a detour should be on that internet correct, 100% correct.

If this was passed in two weeks, you know how many times have we voted on something and then came back and thought eh, it's not exactly right. I wish we'd take a little more time. If I had saw in print exactly what we had heard that we had come to agree on I'd be passing it with a 10/0 vote. If it's not in that form where our residents can read it in that form, I think we're rushing it. That may be one meeting, so I'm not going to support it.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I'd just like to go back and review when we first initially proposed this and when it came in front of Council. I was one of the Council Members that voted 'no' which created a tie and the president had to break the tie. My concern was I didn't feel I had enough information especially about neighborhood involvement and citizen involvement and I saw this plan being formed. I saw it full circle. I met with members of the citizens group. I met with representatives from the Poggemeyer Group, and I think this is something that we needed in the past and I think that was the problem of a lot of these plans that were created by the city whether it was land-use plan, rather it was plans for the future. But there was little if any involvement with our citizens and I would hope that this is going to set an example for our other elected bodies in this city that don't listen to our citizens and a perfect example is the Board of Education. I have seen so many things happen and I hate to be critical but as Mrs. Nuzzi will reiterate for me, 1987 the Board of Education tried to sell Lincoln Park. Then I watched them allow 95% of one of the most historic buildings we had in this city, Warren G. Harding High School be demolished. I thought that was going to be the epitome of ignorance, but the gas wells came along. So again I hope this is setting an example and whoever is sitting in these seats I hope they make the best, best judgment to keep listening to the citizens because that's what has to happen. Thank you Mr. President.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: Hartman

PASSED  
ORD. 12210/09

9 YES; 1 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2932 is now ORD. 12210/09.

**DRAFT 2933  
FACILITY FOR  
GARBAGE & REFUSE  
COLLECTION**

An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with an EPA-approved mixed solid waste landfill or transfer facility for the acceptance and disposal of garbage and refuse to be collected by the City of Warren, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pugh requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2933.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS

Motion Pugh, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2933.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Pugh, second Barkley to pass Draft 2933.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED  
ORD. 12211/09

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2933 is now ORD. 12211/09.

**DRAFT 2934  
TAX LEVY AMOUNTS  
AND RATES**

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

READ

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2934.

MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS

Motion Novak, second Hartman to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2934.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2934.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

PASSED  
RES. 4433/09

10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2934 is now RES. 4433/09.

**DRAFT 2935**  
**PAYMENT OF SPECIFIC ORDERS/CONTRACTS** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the payment of specific orders or contracts upon receipt of certification of the fiscal officer of the sufficiency of funds for said expenditures and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Novak requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2935.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND THREE READINGS Motion Novak, second Morn to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2935.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Novak, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2935

REMARKS

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: Mr. President, David caught a typo and I'm going to ask for a quick amendment. I apologize, but it could be material. It's A+ Home Inspection instead of At Home Inspection. Mr. Novak if you'd please make the motion to amend Item 6, from At to A+, see that line there sir? Thank you Mr. President.

MOTION TO AMEND Motion Novak, second Barkley to amend line item 6 from At to A+ on Draft 2935.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

ROLL CALL FOR PASSAGE OF DRAFT 2935A YES: Dean, Dippolito, Novak, Barkley, Morn, Flask, Pugh, Hartman, Crouse, Rucker

NO: None.

PASSED ORD. 12212/09 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2935A is now ORD. 12212/09.

**DRAFT 2936**  
**LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety, for and on behalf of the City of Warren, to enter into an agreement with the Trumbull County Commissioners for the purpose of providing, during 2010, legal representation through the Office of the public defender to qualifying indigent defendants, charged in the Warren Municipal Court with violations of Warren City ordinances where there is a possibility of incarceration and the legal right to representation has not been waived and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Barkley requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2936.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND THREE READINGS Motion Barkley, second Novak to suspend the rule requiring three reading on Draft 2936.

9-9-09

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Barkley, second Novak to pass Draft 2936.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2936 is now ORD. 12213/09  
ORD. 12213/09

**DRAFT 2937**  
**TMHA POLICE**  
**PROTECTION** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the city to accept monies, pursuant to revised code Section 715.01 from the Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority, and to allow said monies to be Used for the authorized municipal purpose of providing additional police protection to the city and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hartman requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2937.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND Motion Hartman, second Dean to suspend the rule requiring three  
THREE READINGS readings on Draft 2937.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Hartman, second Flask to pass Draft 2937.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2937 is now ORD. 12214/09.  
ORD. 12214/09

**DRAFT 2938**  
**RESURFACE US 422** An ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into agreement(s) with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, and any other agreement(s) and/or contract(s) which may be necessary or useful, for the resurfacing of US 422 (South Street) from SR 169 (Niles Road SE) to West Market Street and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Morn requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2938.

READ Clerk reads same.

9-9-09

MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS Motion Morn, second Dean to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2938.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Morn, second Dippolito to pass Draft 2938.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2938 is now ORD. 12215/09.  
ORD. 12215/09

**DRAFT 2939  
RECONSTRUCT  
US 422** A resolution for the purpose of authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into agreement(s) with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and any other agreement(s) and/or contract(s) which may be necessary or useful, for the reconstruction and widening of TRU-US 422 (Parkman Road NW) from Coit Avenue NW to Southern Boulevard and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Morn requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 2939.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION-SUSPEND  
THREE READINGS Motion Morn, second Barkley to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Draft 2939.

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED 10 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Morn, second Barkley to pass Draft 2939.

REMARKS

None.

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

NO: None.

PASSED 10 YES; 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2939 is now ORD. 12216/09.  
ORD. 12216/09

**THIRD READING**

**DRAFT 2908  
MOTION TO WITHDRAW** Motion Flask, second Morn to withdraw Draft 2908.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: None.

MOTION PASSED

10 YES; 0 NO. MOTION PASSED. Draft 2908 is withdrawn.

**DRAFT 2910  
IMPOUNDMENT &  
TOWING 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 2910

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE

Motion Hartman, second Dean to pass Draft 2910.

REMARKS

MRS. RUCKER: Thank you Mr. President. As a member of the Finance Committee, I will not support Draft 2910 because I feel that it's irresponsible for us to earmark any funds to any department. I think it restricts Council. I think it restricts the administration during a time when our revenue is so scarce. I also feel that this legislation does not require any additional services to perform these duties. Our taxpayers already pay our officers to impound cars and so I feel that this is just another form of double taxation. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. HARTMAN: I'm here to point out that this was recommended by the past chief, the acting chief. We've met on this in the Police and Fire Committee and many of these cars that are impounded are not city residents who are paying taxes. They are taking up a lot of man hours. Our police department is suffering from low numbers of people that could be out on the streets patrolling but instead they are doing paper work for a lot of people who are committed, usually have committed crimes and had their cars impounded for that purpose. Thank you.

MR. BARKLEY: Thank you Mr. President. We did meet on this several times and there are reasons why I support this. First and foremost that your previous chief and your current chief, both support this and largely also in and that argument is not lost on me that residents pay taxes. Even when the impounding is a residents vehicle the odds are very good and the circumstance is warranted in the charging of that impound fee. It's an expense being borne by all of us. In other words those who are law-abiding citizens are now paying for non-abiding citizens to have their cars impounded. That to me is inherently unfair and this remedies that unfairness in my mind and then also in addition creates the revenue that pays the expense of those officers time to do those things. Now one of the pieces about this that I liked that we had much discussion on in relation to this very argument was that there is discretion of the officers or when they would not cause that care to be impounded thereby creating the charge to the resident or non-resident as the case may be. So, you know with those elements in place I feel comfortable with this. I don't like any situation where the majority of residents are paying for something that they're not getting you know, something in return for and in this case paying for other people who are violating the law to me isn't fair and this remedies that situation, and I support it for that reason. Thank you.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I concur with my fellow Finance Committee member Helen Rucker. I know that we need revenue and I know that we were asked to come up with ideas. But I just feel that at this time people are taxed out and seventy-five dollars

to some people might not mean a lot of money, but when we have the poverty levels that we have in Mahoning, Trumbull and surrounding counties, it means a lot of money to a lot of people. And I can't support it. Thank you Mr. President.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: If I may, Mr. President thank you, I also have always been one about not double taxing and everything. But I will say from my experience as a prosecutor that the individuals who are exposed to this fee are not your taxpayers. Because when they come to our court, they're indigent; they don't have jobs; they usually have multiple records and it's multiple times that they've been there. I'm not saying that's 100%. I'm not using a broad brush and saying that's everybody. I'm not saying that it won't catch some of our taxpayers, but majority wise, majority wise, those who will be subject to this often times are not your taxpaying constituents. Unfortunately they are folks who are taxing our society, not taxpaying for our society. Thank you Mr. President.

MRS. HARTMAN: And I'll use Mr. Hicks paint brush and maybe at this point in time we should no longer charge the DUI because those people may not be able to afford the ticket either.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. I might as well way in on this, a few ordinances ago there was a 10/0 vote. We just voted to continue paying forty-five thousand dollars, granted it didn't go up, but continue to pay forty-five thousand dollars for indigent fees. And the point regarding this towing expense is, I agree with Law Director Hicks, is these are and I agree also with use of discretion of the police officers. These are, these fees are being borne by the people who create these issues and the important is that, the tax payers are picking up the tab for these types of actions time and time again. This is the first in some time that the violators are directly responsible for this both (inaudible) and financially.

The other issue is, I feel it should be, it's an important aspect of this legislation that it stays with the police department. I think that's important (inaudible). Thank you Mr. President.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dean, Dippolito, Barkley, Flask, Pugh, Hartman, Crouse

NO: Novak, Morn, Rucker

PASSED  
ORD. 12217/09

7 YES; 3 NO. Motion passed. Draft 2910 is now ORD. 12217/09.

### **MISCELLANEOUS 8:46 PM**

MR. DIPPOLITO

Thank you Mr. President. Good to see you back and in true form I submit. In any event, I felt some good things happened this evening. Primarily I'll mention a few. Of course I enjoyed the Mayor's report on the application of reaching out and working together or attempt to work steadily together, but also I something that came up in the back office, some of you didn't hear it in Caucus. But you know for a number of years we've had legislation dealing with rental properties and I wish Bob Holmes was here this evening because he was one of first that brought it in. Now there were a lot of discussions and controversy, but in any event, in the last six or seven months, eight months at the most I would say, we apparently have visited or a representative have been in at least four thousand of our rental units. Now some have pasted, but nevertheless what I'm saying is we seemed to have moved off; we've been crawling along for some time and I think we're up and running now and it looks like the health department along with others who may be involved and they're doing a pretty darn good job.

And I certainly congratulate them, and another good thing I think is very good this evening is we talked about this revitalization plan. I think there's been things that happened here this evening. I believe in some of these drafts certainly speaks of people's talk, but I believe that there probably is things in there that are recommended to start doing. I'm guessing there's some in there and above all to have this big new group of people, what's it called, Action Now, Take A Stand, I, I think that's great. I wish there was more of us that would follow along with them and I certainly appreciate what they're doing and I hope they are enjoying it as well as I hope they succeed. So I'll do what I can personally to help them and likewise I mentioned last week, last meeting that is, how can three people, I said three not four only three people make life so miserable for so many others? I wish to congratulate Patti for being here and supporting these people as she is. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. BARKLEY

I'm sorry, I was dazed there for a minute. (Mr. Novak had no comments)

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: In eighteen years, that's a first.

MR. BARKLEY: I was a little confused, I wasn't sure what to do there.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: He's never done that in eighteen years.

MR. BARKLEY: So I will take his place and I will speak tonight because I have a couple things I'd like to say. First and foremost with the passage of the adoption of our comprehensive plan, I have some thanks to dole out and I certainly wanted to wait to see the results of our vote tonight to do that so it wouldn't be premature. But first and foremost to my colleagues, you know I know this has been a strange journey. It started out with my pitching an idea you know and working very hard to gain the trust and support which you gave me and you showed me tonight. Of course to the committee, the Strategic Planning Committee for the hard work that you did with me. It's been a long process. It's been two years and I didn't realize that until Larry said that, but it's been two years tonight. A lot of folks were involved in this; a lot of residents of Warren. The Steering Committee represented by several folks here Larry being one of the most vocally supportive of this. I can't tell you how much I appreciate his input and his you know, his cheerleading of this plan and I know that he'll continue to do that as I will whether I'm on this council or not on this council will continue to support this. The administration, I can tell you that this plan would never have happened, none of this would have even gotten off the ground without the support of Mayor O'Brien and Doug Franklin and that is a fact. So we have to remember that they are instrumental in the process from the start and they will be instrumental in the implementation of this thing and see it through to the finish. So I truly, truly thank you for that support and now the hard work starts. I plan to roll up my sleeves and we'll work on getting this thing implemented even though I may be retiring from council this is probably one of the few areas that you'll see me involved in in the upcoming year to make sure that I'll be holding your, as a constituent, I'll be holding your feet to the fire to make sure that we see this thing through. But also as your friend and colleague as someone who you can consult with who has been part of the process to know that you can count on me after the first of the year for that part of it.

To my colleague Mrs. Hartman, your comments are never lost on me, I, I you know I get your concerns and always appreciate the work that you put in to this and that your footprint is in this plan as well and all I can tell you is that I'll work to remedy those concerns of yours immediately. So maybe you and I can discuss some of the areas that have you concerned and we'll get to work on that because I want to

make sure that this plan is being put forward in to the final version that is comfortable for everyone. Whether you voted for it tonight if not important to me, but that it's correct is important, so I'll work with you on that. Thank you to everyone again.

Second you know kudos to Joe O'Grady. What a fabulous thing he did for the city to put together that music festival. You know I sat down with that guy a couple years ago at Up A Creek and had a beer with him and he pitched this idea to me and I, you know I said O'Grady this sounds cool, but you know I don't know if I can envision it, but that sounds like something really cool, go for it! And I'll tell you what to go down to that festival and to see the vision in action was quite something phenomenal. I have to tell you that. I was blown away. Now I have to tell you when I found out that we were giving a key to Mr. Grohl, I'm not ashamed to tell you, I called Franklin up and I begged him. I said Doug, now I'm probably the only one young enough on this council who knows who this guy is. You better not forget me when it comes time to do a ceremony. So and I'm not ashamed to tell you I did a little begging and you know what and he came through for me and that was why you saw me on that stage, not because you all got slighted because I humbled myself and begged for that. And I went up there and I got to tell you guys everything that was printed or said about Mr. Grohl is absolutely correct. He is one of the most humble, down to earth rock stars you're ever going to meet and the guy was downright proud to be from Warren and downright proud to be there that day. So I spent at least an hour with him before he had and if that wasn't cool enough you know then to go on stage and pull that two pound key out of my pocket so I could get my drawers hiked back up. That was really awesome. So I got to tell you that and you know and I hope that the next time somebody whether it's a, a Sgt. O'Grady or whether it's joe citizen tells you that they've got an idea that could be really cool, let's remember to stop and listen because you know because although you might not see the end result in your head like I didn't, you could see that it really was an awesome result.

I even went on to the internet the next day and I went and typed in Dave Grohl, City of Warren and you have to understand that every single major publication in this country that has to do with music whether it was a blog or rolling stone or anybody covered that event in some way, shape or form. We got national media on that thing in the most positive way you could ever think of, so I just think that's awesome.

And my final comment tonight is congratulations to our new chief and I don't know even where to start. It just, I'm pleased, I'm excited for him. He's got his work cut out for him. There's a lot of work to do but it's just exciting and refreshing to have a guy with a badge and a sense of decorum altogether and I think it marks a new beginning for the city and although I'll only be on council a few short more months, I will pledge my support to him and I hope the Mayor and Doug will let council know when that swearing-in ceremony is cause I plan to be there down front cheering with a giant number one foam hand and I think that's awesome. So and it's time for us to move from the past in to the future and I think we've got the right guy for it. So with that I commend the new chief and wish him well. With that, I thank you.

MRS. MORN

In the event that it's getting really late, I'm going to just do one part of my report. The Piata Italia, it's a new business that's opened in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. It's on the square downtown. It's a new pizza place. I had an opportunity to go to their grand opening on Tuesday and I really like their pizza, so I'm going to go back. But I'm hoping everybody would stop by and you know taste their wares cause I'm sure they're going to like it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Take your word for it. Thank you Mrs. Morn.

9-9-09

MR. FLASK

Thank you Mr. President. Because I believe my colleagues are compassionate individuals, I move to adjourn.

Second Novak.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:55 PM**

**MOTION FOR  
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Flask, second Novak to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.  
VIVA VOCE: ALL YES. Meeting is adjourned.

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Robert A. Marchese, President of Council

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

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