

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 28, 2003

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, July 28, 2003, at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The meeting was called to order by President of Council Ray Denczak. The roll call was then taken (as follows) by Clerk of Council Debbie Vanckunas. The invocation was given by Councilmember-at-Large Bill Smuckler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President of Council Denczak.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK OF COUNCIL:

10 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (BILL SMUCKLER, MARY M. BABCOCK, DONALD E. CASAR, GREG HAWK, CRAIG MASSEY, JOHN R. MROCZKOWSKI, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART, ROSEMARY DIAMOND, & JOE CARBENIA)

2 COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: (KATHLEEN ALTIERI-BUCHER & RICHARD A. MALLONN II)

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you, Member Smuckler. Members of Council, you're being asked to suspend Rule 24B to add Resolution 60, 62 and 64 to the agenda. The Chair now recognizes that motion, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend 24B and add Resolution 60, 62 and 64 to the agenda; seconded

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 24B. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolutions 60, 62 and 64 are a legal part of your agenda. Also, we're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add the second reading of Ordinances 11 through and including 19, and also Communication 304 from Member Carbenia.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Communication Number 304 and Ordinances 11 through 19 back to the agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add Communication 304 from Member Carbenia to the agenda and also second reading of Ordinances 11 through and including number 19. Are there any remarks under this motion?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Communication Number 304 from Member Carbenia is a legal part of your communications. It's a communication in regards to estimating damage assessment. That communication is received and filed. Also, the Ordinances 11 through 19 are a legal part of your agenda. Furthermore, you're being asked to amend Ordinance 17 and adopt second reading of Ordinances 11, and 13 through and including number 19. This brings your agenda up to date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We had a scheduled public hearing for 7:30. The Chair opens the public hearing to the public at this time. It's in regards to a request by Marathon Ashland to vacate parts of Marilyn, Roslyn, Bellflower, Linwood, Brooks, 22nd and 23rd Street SW and the replat of all or parts of various lots. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against these vacations, please come forward... Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against these vacations, please come forward... Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against these vacations, please come forward... Apparently not, the Chair declares the public hearing over in regards to this matter. The matter now rests in the hands of Council. The Ordinance will follow later this evening.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION ONLY):

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No one has signed up for public speaks under ordinances and resolutions for adoption.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, point of privilege. On the agenda, I don't see a place for excusing...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I was just going to take...

MEMBER CARBENIA: ...some of the members and I'd like to...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I was -- Member Carbenia, the Chair's aware of that.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Okay, but I would like to mention that Councilperson Altieri has had trouble...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: One moment, please. Wait... let's get in order here, alright? I'll recognize you. Okay, under informal resolutions, a resolution excusing members, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that Councilmembers Altieri-Bucher and Mallonn be excused tonight; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Members Altieri and Mallonn be excused. Are there any

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remarks?...

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President, I'd like to say that Member Altieri is at home working on her home because she is one of the flood victims too, and Member Mallonn, Councilman Mallonn, has a child today that was in the hospital and he's with the child.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other remarks?... Alright, the question you're voting on now is excusing Members Altieri and Mallonn. Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let the journal show that Members Altieri and Mallonn are excused.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK OF COUNCIL VANCKUNAS TO READ RESOLUTIONS #59 THROUGH 64 BY TITLE, AS SHOWN BELOW. THE RESOLUTIONS ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED JULY 28, 2003.

59. HAWK, WARD 1 MEMBER: NAMING A 10' UNNAMED ALLEY RUNNING EAST & WEST EXTENDING 218' FROM THE WEST LINE OF BROWN AVE TO THE EAST LINE OF COLLINS CT NW, LYING BETWEEN 4TH & 5TH STREETS, AS "ZERBY PLACE NW"- ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution Number 60...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No, 50---59.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I'm sorry, 59; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 59. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #59 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is adopted and will be sent to the Law Director.

RULE 24B WAS SUSPENDED TO ADD #60 - 64:

60. INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: OBJECTING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW D5 LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTED BY ROBERT K. MCGILL, dba RIVIERA CLUB OF CANTON @ 508 CLEVELAND AVE NW - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution Number 60; seconded.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution Number 60. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, may I ask the Safety Director a question, please?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You may.

MEMBER CASAR: Safety Director Concatto, are you aware, are we having any problems at this particular location that we're objecting to a D5?

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: At 508 Cleveland NW? Member Casar, I'm not aware of anything specific. I would be glad to look the record up, but nobody had asked me to do that so I'm not prepared.

MEMBER CASAR: I haven't heard of anything neither and that's why I wondered why we're objecting. It's just going from what, one o'clock to two-thirty? Is that what basically a D5 is?

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: I can't answer that either. I'm sorry.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, perhaps the Law Department could help me on that question.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR TATARSKY: Member Casar, I don't have any personal knowledge, but maybe Mr. Hunt knows something about it since I believe he handles the liquor permits.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR HUNT: This particular address has been the subject of a lot of changes for liquor licenses over the past several months. This latest individual is I believe the fourth individual who requested a liquor license at that same address. There is in fact a liquor license there. It is not a D5 liquor license. Previous to this, the other individuals who requested liquor licenses at that address, there have been some questions concerning the availability for liquor licenses for those individuals. As you understand, you have to go to the State and they have to do tests and investigate. That's all I can tell you concerning this particular license at this time.

MEMBER CASAR: My only concern is I had a call on this particular establishment, and I didn't -- I wasn't, you know, I wasn't aware that there's any problems, I said, but I would check it out so... With the particular new owners that are in there now, have we had any problems there that you know of?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR HUNT: I am not aware of any problems with the owners now. However, I believe they have -- it's a social club so they close a little bit earlier and you have to have a key card to get in, so if they would change this, you wouldn't have to have that.

MEMBER CASAR: I would think if you have to have a key card, that would even make it safer than, you know, other establishments. That's why I'm just concerned if there has been problems, I understand it, but if there hasn't been any problems when everyone else in that area is, you know, two, two-thirty license, it doesn't seem fair this individual cannot compete, you know, with the other establishments.

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ASSISTANTLAWDIRECTORHUNT: Oftentimes, as you're aware, when individuals request liquor licenses, you look at the whole area. How many other licenses do you have in that area, are you saturated, the amount of police calls that are engendered by that,... so I've had some conversations with Councilmember Altieri-Bucher, and I'm sure she considered all of that when she made a decision to object to this license.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President. Mr. Hunt, the councilwoman that's objecting to this, that's the councilwoman right now, correct?

(NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE BY ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR HUNT)

MEMBER SMUCKLER: ... She has to sign it... Debbie, has Kathy signed the paper objecting to this?

CLERK VANCKUNAS: Mr. President, Member Altieri has indeed signed the paper objecting.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Number two, is -- what were the -- I'm not familiar with this particular status. What were the past names of this establishment? Does anybody know?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mexicana Room.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR HUNT: I think it was the Mexicana Room, and...

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Okay. I know where you're at now.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR HUNT: ...Stark County Sports Pub or something. It's gone through about three names.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Okay.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Do you yield, Member Smuckler?

(NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE BY MEMBER SMUCKLER)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any further remarks?... Alright, the question you're voting on now is the Resolution Number 60. By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #60 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution Number 60 is adopted.

61. MASSEY, WARD 4 MEMBER: COMMENDING SARTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHARLES ODIMGBE - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution Number 61; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 61. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?

MEMBER MASSEY: Mr. President, may I have the resolution read please.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yeah. Clerk Vanckunas, will you please read the resolution.

CLERK VANCKUNAS: *An informal resolution submitted By Craig Massey, Ward 4 Councilmember, on this 28th day of July, 2003. Whereas, Charles Odimgbe earned his Bachelor Degree in Business Management from Concordia University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from George Fox University. Mr. Odimgbe has held several positions within the transit industry, beginning his career in 1985. He was inducted into the Washington State Transit Association Wall of Fame on two separate occasions for outstanding project management accomplishments and innovative community outreach concepts. He was also chosen by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) as the 2003 Executive of the Year in honor of his outstanding contributions to the industry; and Whereas, In late 1999, the leadership of the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) was vacated by the former executive director, leaving the agency with no leadership and little direction and vision. The SARTA Board of Trustees searched nationally for a new Executive Director, culminating in Mr. Charles Odimgbe's selection in August of 2000. Upon his taking a leadership position, he confronted the challenges head-on. The results of his efforts include the following: A total reorganization of the agency to improve communication, efficiency, effectiveness & better alignment of employees; the creation of Community Interaction Meetings that enable riders & non-riders to continuously interface with SARTA staff in a public forum; an ongoing Community Outreach Campaign designed to educate Stark County taxpayers on the role of SARTA as an integral part of the economic vitality of the region; the establishment of teams such as "Try SARTA Week", the creation of SARTA's first interactive website; the creation of SARTA's first Project Manager position that promoted a minority employee and a Human Resources position which resulted in development of a mission to hire and promote minority employees. As a result of his leadership and commitment, SARTA won first place in 4 out of 6 categories in the 2002 OPTA/DOT Optimist Awards. Mr. Odimgbe was also instrumental in passing SARTA's tax levy in May 2002 that resulted in an unprecedented 64% passage on the first try; and Whereas, active in the community, Mr. Odimgbe is a board member of the Buckeye Council/Boy Scouts of America, Canton Urban League, the Ohio Public Transportation Association, the Ohio Transit Risk Pool, and COMTO. He participates and encourages staff to participate in community activities or events that include the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Canton Negro Old Timers Association, and the Canton Urban League. He established "brown bag luncheons" for all SARTA employees which have proven successful in building morale and empowering employees to express ideas, opinions or suggestions, improving communications agency-wide. He encourages employees to seek higher education, gives them networking opportunities, & has made training to enhance job skills a priority. He has standardized an "open door policy" and his mentoring skills are outstanding; Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Members of the Council of the City of Canton, Ohio, do hereby go on public record as commending SARTA Executive Director/CEO Charles Odimgbe for his leadership and vision in moving a small transit agency that was enveloped in public ridicule, negative press, and poor employee morale into an award winning, respectable, and organized transit agency worthy of emulation.*

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #61 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is adopted. Do you want to make the presentation?

MEMBER MASSEY: Mr. Odimgbe, it is indeed a pleasure for me to present you with this Resolution as well as the Council for your leadership, your vision. I also want to thank your executive board for their leadership and their vision, 'cause without vision we all fail. I hope you continue to push SARTA in another positive way. I would also thank you for helping out this morning with the emergency. I want to thank your workers 'cause they are positive too. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

62. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: APPOINTING JAMES DIMARZIO TO NEWLY CREATED POSITION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS @ STEP 3/GRADE 4 SALARY OF \$54,995 EFFECTIVE JULY 28, 2003. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution Number 62; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 62. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #62 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution Number 62 is adopted.

63. SMUCKLER, MAJORITY LEADER: URGING THE RE-INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE OF THE OHIO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIR PRICING ACT. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution Number 63; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 63. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?...

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, Council passed a resolution similar to this a few years ago. It's now more imperative than ever that Council join on board. We've been asked by the State Legislature again. They're going to reintroduce this again. Hopefully, we can gain some prescription relief for our seniors, and I think at this point in time that would be more than worthwhile for the price of insurance and the price of prescriptions that we've all had to face even in the cut backs, for all the health insurance, not only in the City of Canton but also all across our county and private business.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other remarks?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

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Those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #63 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution 63 is adopted.

64. SMUCKLER, MAJORITY LEADER: URGING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE DISASTER AREA STATUS SO CANTONIANS CAN QUALIFY FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution Number 64; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 64. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?...

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, the title is a little bit misleading because the Mayor has already declared and asked for a state of emergency here. However, the title underneath is a resolution urging County Commissioners and Governor Taft declare a state of emergency, and that is that my understanding is for us to -- in order to receive disaster funds, the County Commissioners and the Governor have to go along with this, was a state of emergency last night, and I think all of you in this room -- some of you I saw last night out there, some of you I inspected your homes personally, I think that we all have to agree that it was a state of emergency last night. ... (APPLAUSE) ... And ask my colleagues please to go on and pass this and hopefully we can get some financial relief for your grief last night also.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other remarks?... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #64 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution Number 64 is adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All Communications are received as read.

NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED JULY 28, 2003

293. AUDITOR KIM R. PEREZ, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AMENDED CERTIFICATE DATED 7/22/03. - CLERK OF COUNCIL

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294. AUDITOR KIM R. PEREZ, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AMENDED CERTIFICATE DATED 7/22/03. - CLERK OF COUNCIL
295. AUDITOR KIM R. PEREZ, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AMENDED CERTIFICATE DATED 7/25/03. - CLERK OF COUNCIL
296. HEALTH BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR ROSE BRESSON, CITY OF CANTON: JUNE 2003 MONTHLY COMPARATIVE REPORT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS, & JANUARY-JUNE 2003 PAID CLAIMS & COMPARATIVE REPORT. - RECEIVED & FILED
297. MAYOR RICHARD D. WATKINS, CITY OF CANTON: ADVISING OF CITY'S JUNE 28TH AUCTION NET PROFIT OF \$50,599.60 PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND & LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND - RECEIVED & FILED
298. MAYOR RICHARD D. WATKINS, CITY OF CANTON: REQUESTING VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS & TRANSFERS FOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS ON RADIOS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, UTILITY COSTS IN POLICE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS, EXTRA REVENUE IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, & LARGER THAN USUAL REFUNDS BY SAFETY DIRECTOR. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#10, 1st Rdg)
299. PAONE, BOB, CONESTOGA ROOM, & MARIA BYINGTON, ARCADIA GRILLE, DOWNTOWN CANTON, OHIO: INVITING PRESIDENT & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO THE FIRST ANNUAL 'DOWNTOWN CANTON PROUD' PARTY ON JULY 29 & 30, 2003. - RECEIVED & FILED
300. SAFETY DIRECTOR JOSEPH J. CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO MAKE APPLICATION & ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT & ADMINISTER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT; REQUEST TO EXECUTE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STARK COUNTY. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#3, 1st Rdg)
301. SERVICE DIRECTOR MICHAEL L. MILLER, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A \$603,900 CONTRACT WITH R. G. SMITH COMPANY, INC. FOR WPCC DIGESTER PROJECT; REQUEST AN ADDITIONAL \$85,000 BE APPROPRIATED DUE TO COST INCREASE & CONTINGENCIES FROM 5410 SANITARY SEWER FUND. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#4, 1st Rdg)
302. SERVICE DIRECTOR MICHAEL L. MILLER, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST PAYMENT FOR VARIOUS EASEMENTS RELATED TO THE LAKE-HARTVILLE WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT; & REQUEST \$17,315 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE 5219 FUND. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#5, 1st Rdg)
303. TREASURER ROBERT C. SCHIRACK, CITY OF CANTON: COMPARATIVE REPORT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2003 - RECEIVED & FILED

RULE 22A SUSPENDED TO ADD C#304:

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304. CARBENIA, WARD 9 COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF CANTON: SUBMITTING FAX FROM THE COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AGENCY RE: DAMAGE ESTIMATE REQUIREMENTS TO REQUEST STATE & FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. - RECEIVED & FILED

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're now under Ordinances for the first reading and referral. Let the journal show that all ordinances are being given their reading as required by state law. Ordinance Number 1 please.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #10 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS.

- #1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GONZOIL, INC. FOR THE LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- #2 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (FETTMAN ZONE CHANGE REQUEST)
Referred to Second Reading Portion of Next Agenda **PUB HRG: 8/25/03 @ 7:30 PM**
- #3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STARK COUNTY, OHIO, CONCERNING REALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS OF THE GRANT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #4 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THER.G. SMITH COMPANY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$603,900.00 FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER DIGESTER PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 236/2002, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Environmental & Public Utilities & Finance Committees
- #5 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PAY FOR EASEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAKE-HARTVILLE WATER MAIN EXTENSION

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PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 236/2002, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Environmental & Public Utilities & Finance Committees

#6 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 TO THE CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development & Finance Committees

#7 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE 2004 RECYCLE, OHIO! GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THE GRANT; AUTHORIZING A VARIABLE CASH MATCH FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE GREATER CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

#8 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 40/2000, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Personnel Committee

#9 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER TO THE BOARD OF STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AN EASEMENT ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Environmental & Public Utilities Committee

#10 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 236/2002, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and formal resolutions for the second reading.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #11 THROUGH AND INCLUDING #19 FOR THE SECOND TIME BY TITLE, AS

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FOLLOWS. ORDINANCES #11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, AND 19 WERE ADOPTED FOLLOWING THEIR SECOND READINGS.

RULE 22A SUSPENDED TO ADD #11 & 13-19:

#11 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 154/2003** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENTS OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE JEFFRIES BROTHERS ANNEXATION AREA, THE APPROXIMATE DATE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED, PROCEDURE FOR INCOMPATIBLE ZONING USES UPON ITS BEING ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No, move to suspend.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I'm sorry. I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 11; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 11. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution Number 11 -- I'm sorry, Ordinance Number 11; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 11. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 11 is adopted. **#11 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 154/2003**

#12 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE I-77 FAIRCREST ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 885 ACRES; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARDS 4 AND 5 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-1, I-2, B-3, AND R-1C; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY **PUBLIC HEARING 8/11/03 @ 7:30 PM**

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#13 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 155/2003** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1(A) TO ORDINANCE NO. 97/2003; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 13; seconded..

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 13. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 13; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 13. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 13 is adopted. **#13 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 155/2003**

#14 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 156/2003** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO CANTON TOWNSHIP; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 14; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 14. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 14; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 14. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?...

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MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I'd like to ask the Service Director a question if I may please.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You may.

MEMBER CASAR: Service Director Miller, in our democratic caucus, or it might have been committee hearings, you stated that this particular three lots are now located in the City of Canton, or are going to be located in the City of Canton?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: That's correct. This is one that the request includes a requirement that they annex prior to receiving the water.

MEMBER CASAR: I want to commend you on that because I feel, and I've felt for a long time, the only way we should give water extensions is if they are in the City of Canton.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other remarks?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 14 is adopted. **#14 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 156/2003**

#15 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 157/2003** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO PLAIN TOWNSHIP; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 15; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 15. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 15, seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 15. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I'd like to ask the Service Director Miller the same question I asked on the previous ordinance. Is this particular piece of property located in the City of Canton or will it be located in the City of Canton

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before the water lines are extended there?

SERVICEDIRECTORMILLER: No and no. This is one that pursuant to a CEDA agreement that we reached regarding the Martin Airfield annexation, there's an article in there that says we will extend water one quarter mile distance from the outer edge of the property.

MEMBER CASAR: Service Director, Miller, why did we not get the annexation just like we did on the previous ordinance before we granted this water? CEDA agreement or not I feel that we're so close and I understand 80 some property owners -- that is what the City of Canton needs, a tax base, and we should have acquired this property before we grant water to them.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: Going back to the original CEDA agreement that was reached with Plain Township, Martin Airfield, there was a quid pro quo. They would not fight the annexation, we got the annexation quickly and got Martin Airfield into the City, and in exchange for that, there was an agreement. In the agreement, it was written in by Plain Township and agreed to by this Council, that we extend water one quarter mile outside the edge of the Martin Airfield annexation area.

MEMBER CASAR: Service Director Miller, on other CEDA agreements that we put that clause in there, quarter of a mile, half a mile, a mile, or whatever, is that something that's just unique for this particular ordinance or this particular extension?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: I can't recall if it's unique just to this one. I know that it's not a general conclusion in every CEDA that we reach. I know that the township wanted to have it. I believe they started off with a mile or maybe a half mile and got it negotiated down to a quarter mile before it was all said and done.

MEMBER CASAR: As I commended you on the ordinance prior to, I have to say the opposite on this one. I feel that this is the wrong way to go, especially when you have established homes in the area. Tax base is what the City of Canton needs and we're throwing it away. We must remember that the water that we have is a valuable commodity and we're certainly not using it like we should.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any further remarks? ... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 9 YEAS, 1 NAY (CASAR)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 15 is adopted. **#15 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 157/2003**

#16 (2nd RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 158/2003** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ALTERNATIVELY PURCHASE SAID VEHICLES PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 125.04 OR 5513.01; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 16; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance Number 16. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 16; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 16. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 16 is adopted. **#16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 158/2003**

#17 (2nd RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 159/2003** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 40/2000, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON ***AMENDED TO ADD: AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 236/2002 AS AMENDED;** AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 17; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance 17. Are there any remarks?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 17...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: I understand there's an amendment.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I'm sorry. I know. Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 17; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance Number 17. Are there any remarks,

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 18; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance Number 18. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 18; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance Number 18. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I'd like to ask the Service Director a question if I may please.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You may.

MEMBER CASAR: Service Director Miller, on this CEDA application, or this CEDA plan, do we have any restrictions in there, quarter mile, half mile or mile in regards to where water's concerned?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: The answer of the Law Department is no, that there is no requirement for extension of water lines within a parameter of the CEDA agreement.

MEMBER CASAR: Again, I'd like to commend you on this one.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any further remarks?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 18 is adopted. **#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 160/2003**

#19 (2nd RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 161/2003** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OUTDOOR TRAINING RANGE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend statutory three readings of Ordinance Number 19; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance Number 19. Are there any

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remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You've heard the three readings, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance Number 19; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance Number 19. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 19 is adopted. **#19 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 161/2003**

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and formal resolutions for the third and final reading.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE #20 FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS.

#20 (3rd RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 162/2003** AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF MARYLAND, ROSLYN, BELLFLOWER, LINWOOD, AND BROOKS AVENUES SW; 22nd STREET SW AND 23rd STREET SW; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF ALL OR PARTS OF LOT NOS. 30409, 30412 - 30422, 31481 - 31502, 31568, 31681 - 31724, 31815 - 31896, 32008 - 32086, 32195 - 32234, 34366 - 34375, 34379 - 34380 AND OUTLOTS 653 AND 654; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that we adopt Resolution Number 20.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Ordinance Number 20; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance Number 20. Are there any remarks?... Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance No. 20 is adopted. **#20 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 162/2003**

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Announcement of Committee Meetings please.

MEMBER MASSEY: Mr. President, Community and Economic Development will meet Monday, August 11th at 6:15.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President, Environmental and Public Utilities will meet Monday, August 11th at 6:15.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President, Personnel will also meet on that date at that time.

MEMBER MROCKOWSKI: Mr. President, Finance Committee will meet at the same time, same place.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, Public Property Capital Improvement will meet that same evening at 6:15.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks, Open Forum, city business only. We have quite a few people signed up this evening. Now please bear with the Chair. There's several of you who did not list your address or your subject matter, so when your name comes up, I'll have to ask you what your address is and what your subject matter is. With that in hand, the first speaker is Marcella Herring.

MS. HERRING: Good evening, everybody. I'm not much of a speaker, but...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and your address please.

MS. HERRING: My name is Marcella Shipman-Herring. My address is 1460 - 9th Street NE, Canton, Ohio.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. Go ahead.

MS. HERRING: And my concern is concerning the flood last night that we had. And I do understand that my area, or where I live, it's not the only area that was affected by this flood -- disaster. Although I do live three houses down from a creek that is about 13 feet of water, my house and several neighbors -- it is like totaled. Totaled. I also -- my concern is for everyone to get the help that's needed. I'm -- I can only speak for myself. I'm not here looking for a free ride. We do need the help, and I know there's funds available and we -- I just want to make sure I get the help that I need that I can't get for myself, you know, that I don't have myself. Today when I went back to my home, there was a gentleman from the Water Department and apparently, I believe there was a water pipe busted in my basement. I stood out on my porch. I asked him if he would come in and shut my water off. He told me no. He told me that I needed to call downtown and I asked him, I said well you're right here at my house. You mean to tell me you can't come in, turn off my water and I'm telling you there's bubbling all down in my basement. He said he was working in another area. If he was working in another area but on my street, and he told me no, and he pulled off, he didn't do it. He did not do that, and you know, to me that really kinda insulted me that he wouldn't even take out time or show any concern, and I'm telling you water in my basement was way over eight feet. Way over. My house is like -- it is -- it's terrible. Not only my house, other houses. I had to leave my house by ways of a boat. I couldn't even walk off of my porch. It was

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completely flooded in that area, and I was told -- I've only lived in this area for like three years, but there's been a problem with this creek for quite some time. You can call downtown and nothing happens. Something is gonna have to be done. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Service Director, are you aware of this?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes, sir, I'm aware of it. She gave me the information before the meeting. Most of it I heard outside. The area in question, most of it lies within the hundred year flood plain, and has lied there for some time.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay, thank you. Next speaker...Michele Richardson? Is that the correct name? Michele?

(INAUDIBLE RESPONSE BY UNKNOWN PERSON)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Oh, okay. Naoma West. Is that the correct name? Oh, I'm sorry. It is Marsha. Now, you've listed your address, but what's the subject matter?

MS. WEST: I guess my complaint is the protocol for the flood, is my -- I have a complaint. My name is Marsha West. I live at 1465 - 9th Street NE. Last night we had a flash flood. My past history, I've been in three other floods. My complaint is -- I realize the police and the fire are public servants. I work with the public also. It would have been nice if someone would have just came down and looked, because the Fire Department's not that far from where we live, number one. A police car did come down, turn on his lights, looked at the situation, he never returned, we never heard a phone call or anything. I want to commend the fire department for one thing. They came down, they assessed the situation, the water was rising rapidly. In 45 minutes water went from my ankles to my waist. They came over -- we have elderly in our neighborhood that needed ambulance assistance. If they would have come when the call was made the first time, they would not had to have been taken out by boat. An emergency vehicle could have taken them. One's on oxygen, the other one's handicapped. The rest of us, fortunate enough, we can walk out. But, if you've ever been in a flood, which I have, there are insects, animals and other debris in the water. I got bit myself. I moved my neighbor's car twice. In this time, the firemen, I want to say for them, they explained to us what needed to be done, they came by, made sure all of us were safe, turned off our gas and explained to us not to be in the water with the electric being on. Okay. Now, the thing is, once this water goes down, we're gonna have debris, whether it's healthy or unhealthy, I don't know. I'm not a health expert. But it concerns me because we can clean the inside of our homes but we cannot disinfect the outside. I would like to know if there's gonna be anything done for our area as a concerned citizen on that particular note. Because the sewers did back up, and the river did run over. I know because my basement was flooded and my sewer backed up, so that's raw sewage coming up into my home. So I'm really concerned about that because I have a special needs child at home and a newborn.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Service Director, are you aware of this problem also?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: At this point in time, we're still developing the protocol as far as what needs to be cleaned. We have Mr. Adams from the Health Department here tonight. We have Mr. DiMarzio who is newly appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent over in Sewer. We have the Engineer's Office here. We're all here listening. I've been -- we've all been out assessing the situation, but at this point in time, we don't know. We can't give you from

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A to Z what needs to be done, what's gonna be done, where the money's coming from, where we -- thank God we don't deal with this day to day, day in and day out. This is something that doesn't happen very often, so we are feeling our way through this, and as we gain answers -- that's one of the reasons why I asked for all your phone numbers and addresses so we can get in touch with you and let you know what's going on.

MS. WEST: Okay. Just, one other thing is, I realize this is new for all of you, but it's very real to us down on 9th Street, and I would like to impress upon you -- I realize there are gonna be funds that are gonna be accessed and I would like to stress that we do not want to be the last ones on the list to be taken care of. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: That was Marsha West?... Okay, so then Michele Richardson, is that correct?

MS. RICHARDSON: My name is Nicole Richardson. My address is 1522 - 9th Street NE, Canton, 44705, and one of my concerns was that, as she said, I have two disabled children in the home and we weren't notified or anything what can be done about that, as far as the emergency evacuation. A lot of the homes down there, we can't get insurance because we live next to the creek. A lot of us have a lot of property damage and loss of a lot of things, materialistic things as well as sentimental value. The elderly as well as the disabled lost a lot of medical equipment, medicine, and I was just wondering what will be done as far as an evacuation and what will be done as far as our homes being -- our personal values being... Thank you... replaced or what would be -- how would we go about getting things done as far as our area because we live next to the creek and we have a lot of damage?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You are also aware of that?... Safety Director, do you wish to respond to that?

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Just a couple comments. First, I believe this all started about twelve-thirty - one o'clock this morning.

MS. RICHARDSON: No. The creek started rising earlier than that. I got out of my house about eleven-thirty - twelve o'clock.

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: That's the point. It was very difficult for the Police and the Fire Department to make an estimate how high that river, that creek was gonna overflow. I mean, they felt that since the rain had stopped that there was no way they could tell how far it was gonna get. We did initiate the emergency notification system, however it was done probably after some of you had already left your house.

MS. RICHARDSON: Uh-mmm.

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: We realize now that we have to initiate that system as in place and we need to be more timely, although we did use it and it worked. We contacted -- the first time when we contacted I think 1500 residents and the second time we did a smaller area, and we contacted about 350 residents, with the message that there is probable flooding that may occur and we identified the evacuation area. And we need to do that more timely, we understand that.

MS. RICHARDSON: Uh-mmm.

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SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: And again I think the Fire Department was dealing with an unknown, and certainly we knew -- we know today how high it was gonna rise.

MS. RICHARDSON: Uh-mmm.

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: But we never -- never would we think it was gonna do the damage that it did. And we tried to react as quickly as we could. And, it was just unknown.

MS. RICHARDSON: And also we want to know that we're not gonna be last, as stated, for emergency help and everything down there because there is a lot of flood damage. My basement is full to the ceiling. The ceiling has collapsed.

MAYOR WATKINS: Mr. President, everybody who is here present, we realize the kind of damage that you've sustained. We understand that, and a lot of the folks sitting around this table had some of the same kind of damage. Not to that extent. We know of one house for sure that was completely submerged. We thought we had lost a few folks. Thank God they weren't. And I know that when you face a situation like this, and it is an emergency, a great many things have to take place in a big hurry. Number one, the Police and Fire, the FEMA people have to be notified for disaster services,... and these folks have done an outstanding job,... and I'll say this for the benefit of the members of Council, our staff, folks who were here responded as quickly as they could, and I can tell you categorically some of them went out as early as ten o'clock last night and have not been to bed yet because they've continued their activities. Well, we're gonna continue them as long as we have to, as long as we can still stay awake and keep moving. And I know there are many members of Council that participated too. I think -- a few members of Council particularly that were out most of the night was David Dougherty and Bill Smuckler. For that we're grateful. We set up a command post at the fire house at 10th and Mahoning, and Safety Director Concatto manned that post and took charge of that post. Having been past fire chief, he had a great deal of knowledge relative to what had to be done, being able to contact the right people to get boats in there and get some help from other people. We realized suddenly that we are going to have a situation that required boating to get people out. The Safety Director did exactly the same thing at the service center setting up barricades, trying to make contacts with folks that we needed some help from, protecting our plant facilities at the processing plant down south. It was just -- an almost unbelievable deluge. I looked at the records here and I dug them out and I can tell you that this is absolutely the worst flood that we've had in this City in our history. It crested at 14.1 feet, and that's a record high. There's nothing in the records that show anything higher than that ever. It's still occurring. It's starting to recede now. It's going to take some time. I think we qualify, and I agree with Member Smuckler with the Resolution he put in that we're gonna get some help. We have to have some help. It's going to cost somewhere in the neighborhood -- I think the total estimate we've made so far, and it may go up -- right now that estimate is 16 million dollars in damages. That's a lot of money.

MS. RICHARDSON: Uh-mmm.

MAYOR WATKINS: A lot of folks don't have it. A lot of folks don't have the wherewithal. A lot of folks don't have flood insurance. And those things have to be addressed. We've prepared our emergency plan and we did contact, through FEMA, we contacted and indicated we have an emergency situation here that needs to be addressed. That has been forwarded by fax to a member of the House of Representatives, Member Oelslager, who hand delivered that to the Governor's Office this morning. We are asking for a declaration that this is declared a disaster area and would qualify

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for both local, state and federal grants and loans and help. We need to know as we go along how many folks did have flood insurance. We know a lot of folks don't have. But, there are some who do, and if they do have it, it's usually got a deductible pretty hefty on it, so you don't save a lot there, so we do need some help. We need monetary help, we need some assistance from the federal government, from the state government, and one of things that has to take place is the Board of Commissioners must file their report, and it may be filed now. Joe, is it filed?

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: It'll be a county wide report, and I believe that Canton South probably completed theirs and it's probably filed.

MAYOR WATKINS: And as soon as that -- as soon as that county-wide report is filed, we've already hand delivered ours to the Governor's Office, and as soon as that's filed, it'll take in all of Stark County, Louisville, Canton and some other areas. They will be included in the overall disaster request that we're making. We know that it's gonna cost an awful lot of money here and you know, we're only 16 million dollars for the City of Canton. I shouldn't say, only, that's an awful lot of money. But by the same token, overall it's probably gonna be approaching somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 million dollars. We gotta get help. We're begging them to help us, and we've contacted Congressman Regula's office already today, and the State. We think we'll get some help. I'm reasonably confident about that. We're gonna pursue it very vigorously. There were comments made about well, you know, how's come you don't have a plan, how's come we don't have all of these...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mayor, your three minutes are up. Bring your remarks to a close.

MAYOR WATKINS: I'll pick it up later if I may.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You may.

MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mayor, in this plan that you're gonna develop, I would certainly hope -- it's brought to my attention that some of these homes had handicapped children or people, that they be given top priority when you're laying out your plan.

MAYOR WATKINS: That is correct. They would be given priority, and as long as it's identified to us, we make sure of that. We even had one case today where we had one individual -- we opened up the Civic Center at two o'clock, about two-thirty this morning, and the Red Cross came out and assisted us. Mr. Odimgbe from SARTA provided a couple of buses for transportation. A lot of the outlying districts provided some physical help and some boats to help transport and get people out, and some of those special cases have to be dealt with and we have to know what their problems are in the household to do it.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Very good.

MAYOR WATKINS: We had one gentleman who is an Alzheimer's patient and we did manage to get him to the Civic Center. The unfortunate part was we didn't know he was an Alzheimer's patient until he wandered away. We found him, and thank goodness we got him back into the building. But, those are the kind of things you can run into, and

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children disappear too. So they gotta keep kind of a closer eye on them when we do have them and we're trying to take care of them, we got them in our custody for a period of time. So, that's part of the problem, and yes, we are trying to address that. We would ask the public please, if there are special problems we need to know about them. People on dialysis, people on oxygen, people with mental or physical illnesses that make it impossible for them to get around, people in wheelchairs. Let us know so that we can make provisions for that, and I know the Safety Director is cognizant of it and will do everything possible to see to it that they're handled a little bit special.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Very good. Next speaker is Kevin Daugherty.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: He left.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: He left?.. Next speaker is Evangeline Armour. Evangeline Armour on Irwin Place NE. Next speaker is Barbara M. Ras... 1808 10th Street NE. Who lives there?... Barbara M. Rascick, it looks like, I don't know.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: She left.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Oh, she left?... Next speaker is Minnie Evans. Mrs. Evans, you did not specify your subject matter. What are you gonna speak about?

MS. EVANS: Mainly about the flood.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Flood. Okay. Go ahead.

MS. EVANS: Do you want my name and...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Name and address please.

MS. EVANS: My name is Minnie Evans. I live at 1461 - 9th Street NE, Canton. You told every-- everyone's come up here and told you the best way they could how to explain what we are going through, but I also want to ask that out of all the years that we have all lived in that neighborhood, we have had a lot of trouble from getting things done for us, and we want to specify -- I want to specify -- that we all need help and we have all needed help. ...Can't hear me, I'm sorry... We have all needed help. We have all complained from time to time about the creek bed needing to be cleaned and for approximately seven years that I can think of off the top of my head. We have gone through R.C. Miller's and the rats, we have gone through the skunks, we have gone through now ground hogs, but the City will not do anything about the creek bed as well as all the other animals that come from the creek bed. Even though I know you have other things that you have to do, we all know that, but we are your people, just like you are ours, and we need your help, and now for lack of a better way to say it, we are in dire straits. We all pay taxes here, we all do what we are supposed to do. We need you to do what you're supposed to do, and that is what we hired you to do, is to help us.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: Mr. President, if I can respond quickly to the discussion about cleaning the creek bed. We inspect the creek on an annual basis with the Corps of Engineers.

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MS. EVANS: Uh-mmm.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: The Corps of Engineers has identified areas that need to be cleaned. Those were cleaned this spring, and if those areas hadn't been cleaned, and we hadn't done what we have done in due diligence, there would have been a lot more flooding in your area and upstream. So we have been cleaning the creek. We had three or four different projects this spring to clear out areas of the creek that were gonna cause it to flood. We've noticed now, obviously with the creek up as high as it was, some additional vegetation and that that needs to be cut back, and we will proceed with that as quickly as we can.

MS. EVANS: When you get to the point of all the things you're gonna get from the State to help with this problem -- I had a City man come down one day and made a complaint that if we had not in a sense complained to him about different things that was in the area, he told me personally that he would never come down in this area. Please don't let that be part of your task. They said that we were just in a hole, forgotten. We won't forget you. Regardless if it's me or anybody else in this neighborhood, we have lived here a long time, and it's been more than two years, it's been more than three, it's been more than ten for some of us, and for a lot of people that are in that neighborhood, it has been more than 40 to 50 years. Me myself I have always lived in that neighborhood, over 40 years. So thus, like I said, if it's not me, it's gonna be one of us because we're not going anywhere. We are here to stay, but like everyone else, everybody's temporary, so thus, we're asking for your help. This is what we are supposed to do. Please do what you're supposed to do. The right thing. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Cindy Sober.

MS. SOBER: Yes, you need my name?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Name and address please.

MS. SOBER: My name is Cindy Sober and I live on 705 - 12th Street NW. In light of all of the suffering I've heard about this evening, it seems a little light to talk about home improvement and improving neighborhoods, so I hope you will forgive me if I sound too light hearted. Having not known what happened last night, I express my sympathy to all of you, and hope that we can do something great to help all of you. I have lived in my home in the Lehman neighborhood for the last 25 years and I'm a member of the Lehman neighborhood crime watch, and over the course of those 25 years, I have witnessed the decline in my neighborhood, and yet it's been said that to not be overcome by bad but to overcome bad with good. So simply put, when you see some bad, to do some good. At our last crime watch meeting, we discussed the need to remain diligent in our efforts to keep our neighborhood safe, and we've also been discussing ways to promote the good things in our neighborhood. Most of our homes are nearly 100 years old and they are the amazing examples of quality design and craftsmanship. That combined with their rich history makes them irreplaceable in their value. Why not make them places where people who want to restore or renovate houses would like to come, and why not encourage new people with vision to do some good in our neighborhood? I live beside good neighbors, and at my crime watch meeting, I meet other good neighbors as well. We would like to invite people who would want to be a part of a good neighborhood to move into our Lehman area and we have thought of ways to accomplish this, ways such as having a website, publishing real estate in our newsletter and finding a real estate agent who would be willing to work with us. We can spread the word, but there are a few things that we do need to address in order for us to be successful, and that's why I'm here tonight. Good neighborhoods must be safe and they must be healthy as already expressed by the

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people experiencing flood. Any prospective buyer would be hard pressed not to notice the number of abandoned homes that we have. These are not homes that are for sale, but homes that for various reasons have been left unoccupied or boarded up. The risk of purchasing a home next to such property can be daunting, so I'm asking for your help. First I would ask that you would speak well of the City neighborhoods. If you hear bad things about us, I would ask that you say good things about us cause there's a lot of the good people in our City neighborhoods. People who watch out for each other, people who are willing to do things for each other, that are basically good people. Second I would ask that you continue to make us safe. Abandoned properties tend to breed trouble. The good that you can do by enforcing the current laws and codes so that the houses could go back on the market instead of staying empty and could be purchased by someone who would like to live in a restored historic home, and third I would ask that you would help us make our neighborhoods healthy. Trash is piled up, lawns have not been mowed, and we have a number of stray cats and various other problems. I'm not saying that anybody has to keep their lawn at a certain length, or that we have to have certain types of decorations, or that we can't own pets, I'm just asking that you would help us to keep it more healthy. One of the joys of city life is the diversity. But it must be healthy...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ma'am.

MS. SOBER: ... and it must be safe.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ma'am, I'm sorry, but under Council Rules, your three minutes are up.

MS. SOBER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Bring your remarks to a close.

MS. SOBER: Oh, that is my remarks. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President, I've worked with the Lehman crime watch organization. They're a very fine group of people who do a lot to improve their neighborhood. They're very diligent in what they do. They've gone out and inspected housing, taking a look at it, they do their -- it's absolutely wonderful to see what they're trying to do in their neighborhoods and the success that they have had. I applaud them for all their hard work. It's a joy to work with them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Next speaker is Elaine Schaffran.

MS. SCHAFFRAN: My name's Elaine Schaffran. I live at 1340 Arnold Avenue NW, and I like the idea of having any project that will enhance the neighborhoods of the City of Canton. I, like many other citizens of Canton, am concerned about the overwhelming number of vacant properties that pose threats to our safety, health and well being. Some of these homes, many of them rentals at one time or another, have deteriorated to the point of needing to be condemned and demolished. I mean demolished, not just put on the list and removed, slapped with siding, windows and new doors and a new roof, and then sold to some unsuspecting buyer, you know, thinking that the house is fine, or made into a rental unit. And I'd like to question how these homes can deteriorate with inspections being made every three to five years by Building and Code. In the Lehman Neighborhood Association and crime watch boundaries, there are 66 empty homes. Of these, 19 are for sale, like you know, with for sale signs, 47 have been vacant up to five years, 27 would be

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considered unsafe by a typical homeowner and need to be demolished immediately. People living next to or near some of these death traps are placed in dangerous situations, and with the exception of the Health Department, fire investigators, police and City Council members, the rest of the City of Canton doesn't seem to notice. I'm talking about large amounts of trash, high growth of grass, unsecured homes, rodents, cats, etc. I'm tired of hearing the same story about not being allowed to do this or that because of a written statute or law. The most detrimental neighborhood problems are the unsecured, boarded up and demolished properties. Where is Building and Code Enforcement? There are houses boarded up for five years. There are properties in which the police and neighbors complain are unsecured and they stay that way for months. I don't need to remind anyone of Lemon's Market or the blight on 1200 Louisiana. We do not live in a third world. If the laws hamper the progress of the City to enforce safe living conditions of the neighborhoods, then it's up to the heads of these departments to start making changes. Isn't that what we as tax payers pay you for? I've been to the Health Department and it's obvious that there is competency in the office management. Complaints made to the City Council are addressed. I've looked at 30 files from Code Enforcement office and what a mess. You want to know what the problem is? Original files are removed daily because that's what we are told when we can't seem to locate a file while completing a so called inspection. I remove numerous amounts of documents that were misfiled and attach them to the front of the file where I found them. When the office staff worker asked if I wanted copies of those, I explained that those were in the wrong folders and they needed to be refiled, not to mention the amount of material that was missing out of the folders I was looking for. Where are the registration lists of vacant and rental properties? Maybe we need to assign a large fine to the owner for not registering these properties as rentals or vacant. But that's only the tip of the iceberg. Imagine officials actually knowing how many rentals are in the City and how much money the County is losing for those undeserved 2.5% discounts. What we need is an efficient, competent Building and Code Enforcement staff that is trained and prepared to handle the problems that our neighborhoods face on a full time basis.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you, your three minutes are up. Good timing.

MS. SCHAFFRAN: I -- (CHUCKLES) (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Hawk, I know you're concerned about this problem.

MEMBER HAWK: Yes, I am.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: This is Public Speaks. Let's hear from the public, then under Miscellaneous Business, I'll recognize you first.

MEMBER HAWK: Okay.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: For a small fee.

MEMBER HAWK: (INAUDIBLE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yeah, let's listen to what the public has to say. Next speaker's Jessie May. Is that correct? ... He left?... Matt Benson?... You did not specify your subject matter, would you tell me?

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MR. BENSON: I guess mine would be under the water problems that we're still sustaining...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay.

MR. BENSON: ...over on 41st Street. Before I begin I really want to thank Mr. Smuckler, Mr. Miller, Mr. DiMarzio, Mr. Denczak and Mr. Kraus. For the last two, three weeks, you know, we -- they've been out assessing the situation. They know what needs to be done, and really...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Wait. I'll start you all over again.

MR. BENSON: I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and address.

MR. BENSON: My name is Matt Benson. I live at 1305 - 41st Street NW.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. I didn't take no time away from you.

MR. BENSON: (LAUGHS) Okay. And I really -- 'specially last night -- Mr. Smuckler did come out and he did look around and try to offer his help as much as possible, and Mr. DiMarzio was out last night to look at the problems and the flooding we had this morning and assess the situation. I guess the real reason I am here is I do live in Ward 8 and I've lived there for three and a half years. Neighbors have lived there a lot longer than I have. My first Council meeting was in June of this year, and it was really the first time I really was able to meet, not even meet, actually see our councilwoman in our ward. I guess it is Rosemary Diamond. I've never met her before. She's never been out in our neighborhood. She really hasn't done anything for us that I can see. I was out here trying to voice my frustrations because almost everybody in the panel that we see here has been out, has looked at the situation. I've not once seen you out in our neighborhoods, not once have I seen you do anything. Thank you.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President..... (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Again, I'm gonna hold it for -- you'll be able to answer under Miscellaneous Business. I'll recognize you second. Next speaker is Alice Sarver?... Oh, I'm sorry, someone wrote over your name. Sarver?

MS. SARVER: My name is Alice Sarver and I live at 1225 - 41st Street NW in Canton. I too would like to say thank you to the people and I think Matt forgot to mention Mr. Denczak was out too to see our situation that we had as far as our flooding was concerned. I do have one question concerning the application for the 16 million dollars worth of monies that we might try and get. What should we do as citizens to either apply for or keep records of the cost of what we're involved in? When I hear of these people with eight feet of water, should we be keeping records of some kind? Will that money come eventually to us, or...? You know, because after the fact, if this money does become available to us and we have no records, is somebody gonna say oops, you know. I need to know that. I think the rest of the people in here need to know that too.

MAYOR WATKINS: Mr. President. Ms. Sarver, yes, we would like you to keep records. They will become an

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important factor in the future.

MS. SARVER: Okay.

MAYOR WATKINS: Once we have the designation as a disaster area, we then meet the criteria for qualification on state and federal funds. We have to account for that on anything that comes in in the way of a bill, or anything that comes in in the way of a statement of damages, and the Law Department has to review those. We have to submit them, and if we have the approval from the state and the federal government, there'll be limitations on that as to how much...

MS. SARVER: Okay.

MAYOR WATKINS: ...we can get. We don't know what that's going to be and won't know that...

MS. SARVER: But, we have to submit something to you too, is that correct?

MAYOR WATKINS: Once we've gotten the designation, yes, we would ask that you submit to us a letter indicating your name...

MS. SARVER: Okay.

MAYOR WATKINS: ...your address, your telephone number, the kind of damages that you sustained, the approximate cost for replacement and whether or not you have insurance.

MS. SARVER: Okay. Do you feel that that might be something that you as a Council should look into publishing so that, you know how many people are represented here? Maybe thirty families at most that are going to know this? You know, so you need to communicate to your citizens that this is a possibility, and what you're doing.

MAYOR WATKINS: Yes, Ma'am...

MS. SARVER: Okay.

MAYOR WATKINS: And we issued a press release to that effect today and outlined in that press release -- you may not have seen it yet. It'll probably be in tomorrow's paper...

MS. SARVER: Okay.

MAYOR WATKINS: ...exactly what would be required as I designated here.

MS. SARVER: Okay.

MAYOR WATKINS: We would hope everybody would take note of it and keep that article.

MS. SARVER: Yeah, there won't be a specific letter -- I mean, you're assuming that by a press release, that everybody

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gets *The Repository*. Is that what you're assuming?

MAYOR WATKINS: I guess that's an assumption on my part and probably not a proper one, but...

MS. SARVER: Yeah, I do not think that's a proper one.

MAYOR WATKINS: But by the same token, no, we'll have something published that we can send out to you. We're not gonna send it to everybody in the City because we don't -- it's not gonna affect everybody, but we will have something in writing that will designate exactly the procedure that is to be followed and anybody that wants to pick up the telephone will see to it you get it.

MS. SARVER: Okay. Great. And you know I would just leave you all with one little comment that has really come to mean a lot to me over the past six to eight weeks in talking to a lot of you, and all I'm gonna say is you know, we don't care how much all of you know, we just want to know how much all of you care. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, I just want to emphasize one thing, is that the application for disaster is on the flood that happened last night, not something that happened in the past. What we need is something that you're telling us that happened with the rains that occurred last night and the flooding that occurred this morning. That's what this state of emergency is over.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Next speaker is Fred Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: My name is Fred Johnson. I live at 2438 East Tuscarawas Street here in Canton. (COUGHS) Excuse me. I've lived at my present address since 1966 and since that time I have had at least six or seven occurrences that's always with the sewer. Whenever we get a downpour, especially what we had last night which was exceeding, but prior to that when it wasn't that much, I still get feces that comes up either through my bathroom toilet and in my drain-- in my basement. Now the only thing what I'm saying, inasmuch as I don't know when it's gonna rain and neither do I know how much rain's gonna be, what is there-- what is a prophylactic that I can take or can be taken to assure me and other people who live in that area that this backup will not come with such force as it has been for me over the last years. I've had someone from the Sewer Department who has come out and assessed these conditions. I have my neighbor, Wally Taylor, who lives on Freedom Avenue who has taken pictures of a tree that has grown in the sewer line, which indicates to me and all of you that they're not being cleaned out properly, and of course with all the debris and everything that's in there. Of course when you get your down pours of rain, it hampers the water or the sewer to go out where it's supposed to be. And of course, there's nothing pleasant about coming in one's home and you see the amount of water, whether it's one foot or over in your house, when there's floating debris, toilet paper and articles of such. Now of course, then comes the problem that, okay, what do I do? Do I try and clean this myself before someone from the Sewer Department, someone who sees this to assess the damages, to know what can be done? I don't know what I can do because again, as I forestated, I don't know when it's gonna rain and I never know the amount of rain. But I know these things has happened to me at least five different times. On the first two occasions when I wasn't aware of what I might have been able to do, or to whom I could speak, my family and I did it ourselves, and on the last two occasions of course I have addressed this to the Sewer Department. But again, what can I do, or what can be done by those of you who know as a prophylactic for someone who live-- I live on the south side of Tuscarawas Street between

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Cornelius Avenue and Freedom, which means when a down pour such as we had, the water come down cascading like Niagara Falls, and from all indications the sewer lines are not being cleaned on a regular basis or whatever the situation is, is very apparent to me as a citizen what is happening to my home.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Sir, your-- I'm sorry, but your three minutes are up. Apparently again...

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: Mister...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: ...this is a problem where the storm sewer water is entering the sanitary sewer water which is causing the sewer to back up. Service Director?...

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: First thing is, Mr. DiMarzio is sitting right behind you. He's the gentleman in the third row back closest to the aisle. Please see him after the meeting's over and explain it to him so he can come out and take a look and find out what's causing the problem. As I explained to the other gentleman, we do clean the sewers on a regular basis. We have been doing that. We clean all the sewers in the City, sanitary sewers, at least once every five years, sometimes more often than that. There are some other problems obviously that occur out there in rain storms that we need to address, and now that we're aware of it, or I'm aware of it, Mr. DiMarzio will check out your problem. We'll see what we can do to solve it.

MR. JOHNSON: When you think of just water, that's one thing, but when you think of the sewer back up, you know, bacteria, it's not a healthy thing. And that's what I have right now as I speak in the house. This is all in my basement.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: See Mr. DiMarzio after the meeting. Thank you. Next speaker is Carol Sukosd. Oh, I'm sorry, okay.

MS. SUKOSD: My name is Carol Sukosd. I reside at 1528 - 9th Street NE in Canton. I'm also here representing my 87 year old mother, Helen Zugcic who resides at 1529 - 9th Street NE. She is an invalid.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Carol, you did not specify your subject.

MS. SUKOSD: The flood disaster...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Flood.

MS. SUKOSD: ...of last evening. First, I want to commend the Fire Department, the Police Department. I'm a mother of a firefighter and I know what they're up against. My son's putting up with a seven member household flooding that he's having himself. The mutual aid from Plain Township, Pike Township, Bethlehem, that I saw just in our station down there at Mahoning Road was phenomenal. These men were dealing with something that they are unaccustomed to, and I can say that because I'm the only one in this room that probably went through the flood of 1959. I have lived in that residence for 21 years and then I moved back again 23 years ago. We've had flooding problems up there. As I told the Honorable Mayor last night, a lot of the problems I think revolve around the Army Corps of Engineers and the lock down in the Dover area. I've been told in previous years we'd rather lose a few houses up there than the entire community. You see, I understand measuring the water and the rate that it's coming in. I've had a lifetime to practice

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it. Very simply, you put a stick here and you put a stick there. You measure how high it is. Unfortunately, a lot of this was happening after dark. The water came in very quickly, but Mr. Concatto, I called the Police Department three times to tell them the rate, the speed. When I called them and said I'm three steps from the kitchen floor, I have the lights on, I cut the 220 power, I didn't know what else to do, I could not get back in the basement. I was told we'll send someone out. I identified myself as an employee of the City of Canton with the Income Tax Department. I'm certain the dispatchers know who I am because most of the people in this room do know who I am. I wanted them to know that it wasn't a kook and it wasn't somebody that was being panicky, but when the water rises up -- I actually used an old political sign that we could get a reflection off of after dark and measured according to the design and the print. When it got to the top of that I knew the water was up two feet, and oh by the way, it was up two feet, three foot forward, within less than 20 minutes. I can tell you in the past that the water at certain level takes two to three days of normal crick flow. When they play with that lock down there is when the disasters happen and the City's gonna have to be aggressive and say our people count. Because this has been going on for years. The water that we got should have taken four days to happen and it happened, what, in maybe four or five hours. The currents were unbelievable. And I can say this, Marsha who lived the third lot up moved mine and my mother's nurse's car twice. They're both ruined. We parked them at 9th and Mahoning, one block away from my house. Nicki lives in the second house from the crick. Marissa lives the third house from the crick. My house is number one from the crick on my side of the street and on the north side is my mother's house, she's the first. Okay. We are going to have to be creative. We're gonna have to be creative with solutions. Get the word out. Don't just use *The Repository*. A lot of people don't read it, and people don't have time to read the paper. My kids took me, cause I don't have a car, around the neighborhood, and a lot of people are there trying to do -- I'm lining up family...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Carol, you're three minutes are up. Bring your remarks to a close.

MS. SUKOSD: Okay. I have disabilities. My mother's an invalid. We need to be creative. Bring the money in, let the community know, get the radios to do PSA's to get the word out, and part of the message should be contact those people that you know and let them know this information. We're gonna have to get real creative. We've got millions and billions of dollars in damage. I got water eight inches onto my first floor, with ivory carpet. And I'm lucky that my walls are still standing. We don't know what's gonna happen when the water recedes. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next speaker is Mark Luecke.

MR. LUECKE: My name is Mark Luecke. I live at 4023 Vernon Avenue, and I first of all want to say thank you to you people who've been doing some work, and I also want to say that you do have an opportunity. The reason I say that is I lived in a city, York, Pennsylvania that had severe flooding back in 1972 under Hurricane Agnes, and I was working in the police department as a summer intern and got a lot of comments, negatively, when we went around to find flood information. However, the City of York took that opportunity to install new and better storm drains, to do a lot of work that they had put off and the result was that there was some renovation and innovation in certain areas of the city that had needed it for a long time. And so I suggest to the Council, to Mayor Watkins who's finishing, you know, lots of years of service and to whoever will succeed him, use this as an opportunity to apply for state and federal funds and think of this as ways to do things that you had not been able to do before. When I was here last time, or two times ago, you said you have -- it takes an awful lot of money to repair the storm drains, and it does. Money that may not be able to be raised in Canton. However, we may be able to get money from the state and especially the federal government, hopefully,

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to be able to do something so that we won't have recurrent problems, 9th Street NE and the 41st Street area and Market Avenue North and other places. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Next speaker is Ralph Edman. ... Now, sir, you did not list your address or your subject matter.

MR. EDMAN: My subject is theft and water problem. My name's Ralph Edman. I live at 400 - 15th Street NW.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: 400?...

MR. EDMAN: 15th Street NW. I haven't come here to complain to the Council, I've come here to help the Council. Now I've talked to Mike Miller quite a bit, and the flood last night, or the flood that we had -- we are still flooded but we didn't have a problem on 15th and Yale. I turned around and I checked all the sewers in the area. This was about a month ago, I found out, out of 80 sewers, and Mike just had them cleaned two days before it rained, out of 80 sewers, 75 of them was plugged on the top grates. That's the problem. I cleaned all the top grates off and flooded. I went back and recleaned the grates again and I done it the third time. So this time when it flooded we didn't have -- we had water, but it went down really quick and nobody had any problems down there so we was fine. So thanks to Mike for getting the sewage cleaned out. What you need to do is look at the storm sewers on top, not down inside, they're running fine. Clean off the grates. ... The second issue is crime. I and the neighborhood crime watch guy, we've nailed 14 thieves, three of them had felony convictions. Now the way we do that is with a cell phone. We go out there, we follow them around. We got their names, addresses, phone -- or the addresses, pictures, everything. All we need to do is have the Police Department back us up and pick up these guys and get them off the street. They stole 21 radios and broke into 21 different cars in a three block area last summer alone. And they're still doing it now. So, that's all I have to say.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Next speaker is Bruce Joseph, is that correct?

MR. JOSEPH: I'm here about the flooding also -- the flooding. My name is Bruce Joseph. My address is 2304 University Avenue NW in Canton. We had flooding last night in our neighborhood, and I'd personally like to thank Councilman Richard Hart for coming by and helping us out in our home and in the neighbor's home, and Councilman Smuckler for coming by to see what was happening and see what we're going through. Last night was a bad occurrence for us, but it's not the only occurrence that we get in our neighborhood. It's a continuous basis. There are people who live in our neighborhood and have lived there for 30 and 40 years that have been experiencing sewer back up in their homes, and they have gotten complacent about it. I've lived in my home since the beginning of 1998. Since September of 1999, I have experienced six major sewer back ups into my basement. I've had feces, sanitary napkins and what not come up through my home. It has basically ruined my floor, it has ruined my walls in my basement and it's finished. I'm sure there are other neighbors in my neighborhood that are experiencing the same thing. What I've done is I've circulated a petition in my neighborhood, I have 50 signatures on it, and I'd like to read what it says. It says, "As residents of the Ridgewood neighborhood, we the undersigned hereby give notice of our dissatisfaction with the City of Canton's response to the numerous requests and complaints regarding serious back flow into our homes and/or the homes of our neighbors throughout the years. This is a result of physical damage and destruction to personal property and real estate, a potential health hazard and unknown property devaluation. We believe if present conditions are allowed to persist, this will result in the further erosion of the property values in Ridgewood and the extended deterioration of our neighborhood.

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We firmly ask the City to take action before this transpires. There are many of us that live in this neighborhood that didn't grow up in that neighborhood. I did not build my home, our neighbors did not build their home, we did not install gutters or sewage the way that they are right now. We're willing to do what we can on our half, but we are asking the City to do something for this neighborhood because the homes sure do look pretty and they look expensive, but from the inside they're rotting and that's only gonna deteriorate the neighborhood. Thank you. Who do I give this to?.....(HANDS TO PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL) (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The final speaker is Marie Anne Gustin, is that correct?

MS. GUSTIN: Yes. Marianne Gustin...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Oh, Marianne.

MS. GUSTIN: ...and also about the sewage problems in the Ridgewood area. 126 - 23rd Street NW. We just formally want to ask Council what exactly is gonna be done. We've spoken to -- Mr. Hart's been trying to do a lot of leg work for us, but I'd like to take a chance to ask Mr. Miller directly what is definitely going to be done. The project on Market Avenue North and 23rd Street NW to widen the sewage and storm drain pipes to try to alleviate some of this problem. We've been -- had a lot of promises and we just want to know on the record what is going to be done.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Do you wish to respond?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: As I've indicated at Ridgewood Homeowners Association meetings for the last two to three years, we're designing a, or redesigning Market Avenue sanitary sewer down to 20th Street, across 20th Street over to Spring, to increase the size of that line so that the backups don't occur. We also have just reformed the Sewer Department, so the Sewer Department can get more aggressive to the inflow and infiltration that's occurring. One of the problems that we're having, and there's backups in those houses because there's storm water in the sanitary sewers that doesn't belong there, and that's something that we're gonna get more aggressive with. Last night the, for the first time since it's been built, the retention basin in Wise Park overflowed. That holds 11.4 million gallons of water. If that hadn't been built -- you can check with one of the neighbors that's been there for 30 years, we used to have to sandbag 25th Street to keep the water from running down through there. At this point in time, we've eliminated that storm drainage. The next project, or course, and the one that we -- again, I'll go on the record again, because I've been on the record on it a number of times, is that Market Avenue sanitary sewer projects are being designed right now by GPD Associates, the contract's awarded. They're finishing up that contract. That should be able to go out to bid sometime this fall, early this winter so that can be started in construction, and hopefully alleviate allot of the flooding that occurs in the sanitary sewers. There also will be some smoke testing. We finally have gotten in place, with the cooperation of the Law Department and a number of other departments, a program where when something has to be corrected, there is interest-free money available to borrow from the City for a five year period of time to make those corrections. We've done a number of things to try to help the neighbors out there including back flow preventers, of which you have one now, or we're reimbursing you for one now. So we have been very forthcoming in trying to help out the folks in that neighborhood that are having backups as we are trying to help out everybody in the City that are having flooding problems on a regular basis.

MS. GUSTIN: So, but actually the work isn't going to be done this fall like we thought, it'll be spring now, you're talking?

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SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: It might start this fall. It depends on the contractor and how quickly we get started. We had split the project up so we could do some work on 23rd Street ahead of time as far as trying to get that available so that the people that need to do some corrections to their systems can do those corrections. At this point in time we'll probably roll it into the main project because it's probably more cost efficient for the City to go ahead and do it that way rather than splitting the project into two. Again, it's a question of how quickly it can be engineered, or the engineer can be finished so that can be put out to bid.

MS. GUSTIN: And also, instead of singling out several people who have complained and have explicit illegal hookups, I'd like to also make sure all 13,000 people in the City also are made to correct their hookups, or else why would you want to hook up into a faulty system the way it is now? Because supposedly we're illegal. The people that have legal hookups had sewage go all the way up to the first floor. At least we didn't have that, so why should I want to be legally hooked up when it's gonna be even worse, so I just want to make sure, please don't put this on the back burner. Since we moved in three years ago -- I grew up on 19th Street -- this has been we're gonna do it, we're gonna do it, we're gonna do it, so do it. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We're now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any miscellaneous business?... Member Hawk?...

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President, I'm going to spend more time doing some research on this and getting some more information. I'd like to address this at the next Council meeting in two weeks under Miscellaneous Business the issues of the abandoned housing and some of the problems with our Building Department at that time. And thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Diamond?...

MEMBER DIAMOND: This is a question to the Law Department. Last night I visited over 20 homes that had eight to twelve inches of flooding in their basement, feces, sewage backups. Mr. Clark is here this evening. Mr. Clark's a good example. He lives at 49th and Vernon, and he has a river that flows behind his yard. If you recall May 15th, the retention basin at Monticello broke free, broke the wall of Colonial Club swimming pool and that water and that force came down and ruined everything on his lower level. He worked very diligently to repair it all and went back to look at his improvements, his renovations, and I went to his house last night, everything was ruined for the second time to the tune of about \$15,000.00 each time. My question is of the 20 people I visited last night, 18 of those people had had damage May 15th, had submitted claims to the City for May 15th and I applaud the Mayor for going after funds that are available, but my question is this, the people in my ward who were flooded on May 15th and then again last night, are they able only to be compensated if they qualify for the July 27th flood, or does Mr. Clark lose his \$15,000.00 for July 15th, and the other 18 people, do they -- will they be compensated?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mayor, do you wish to respond?

MAYOR WATKINS: Yes. The qualifier would be this flood. If you're going back to May, that's another issue, another time, and that would have to be submitted through the Law Department to reach a determination as to liability. It would

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not be included in the disaster funds if we receive them now.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President, well, my question would be when I visited each of these homes last night, they all showed me a letter, the same form letter, from the Law Department indicating that they could not process or continue to process any of the claims because they had not received information from other departments, and my constituents are saying to me, what do we do next. So I have a large number of people that don't have water just in their yards or in the roadway, but whose houses have been destroyed, whose furniture has been destroyed, not once, but twice. What do I -- how do I respond to those people, and it's my understanding now from my message from City Council Office that we are not to have anyone submit any claims to the Law Department.

MAYOR WATKINS: I can answer part of that. Number one, as far as what we applied for now in declaring the emergency and will be applying for disaster relief funds from the -- through FEMA and through the federal and state government, that applies to this program right here. As far as anything else, you would have to have some substantial information to indicate what happened, how it happened and how it was taken care of. Those records are available through the Sewer Department for example because they do a lot of the clean ups. So those -- that information is there. But, as far as the Law Department is concerned, I'm quite sure they'll accept applications for reparation if its justifiable.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR TATARSKY: Rosemary, in answer to your question, as you know, I live in your ward and I live on 49th Street and I experience many of the same problems that your other constituents do, so I'm very aware of the claims, damage, etc. The Law Department has -- will accept claims, however I think that should be stated up front that generally water and high rain fall and sewage claims are generally not compensated by the City of Canton, and I'm gonna say that up front so that we don't get any false hopes. However we do have a claim system that is in place, taking calls. Any of your constituents can call the Law Department and receive a claim form and their claim will be evaluated.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: Mr. President, if I can reply to the one I believe unanswered portion of that. The storm you talked about happened on May 15th. We're in the process of compiling information for the Law Department to sit down with them and have a meeting about the various claims that occurred from the northwest over to the northeast. On July 1st, we had another -- I'm trying to figure out how to classify it -- a downpour, in Ward 6 primarily. On June 15th I believe it was, we had another storm, and now we've had another storm on the 27th, so we're just -- at this point I think it's fair to say we're overwhelmed trying to get all the information together so we can sit down with the Law Department and talk about what the situations are in the various areas, because what's happened in one area is not necessarily what's happened in another, so that we can give an intelligent answer back to each of the folks who filed a claim rather than just giving a blanket no without doing any research. We are trying to be very diligent in doing the research. We're now refor-- we've, you know, tonight taken the last step as far as Council's concerned in reforming the Sewer Department so that we can be more focused in our attack as far as sanitary sewer and storm sewer backups. So based upon that, hopefully we'll be able to have an answer by the end of the month of August, not only on the old ones but on the ones that are coming in now.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President, I have a question for Mr. Miller. ... Not related to the most current storm. Mr. Miller, you'll recall about eight or nine weeks ago, I had invited you and I think Safety Director Concatto to Mrs. Sarver's house to have a neighborhood meeting, 41st Street, and you listened to their complaints and I think there were some remedies, but you left them telling them that there was a -- that you were doing a study and that there was a drainage project that needed to be done first before theirs, correct?

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SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: What I indicated at that meeting was that there had been a project already done on the Steese drainage area. There were 27 projects identified initially in the Brown report I believe in the 80's that needed to be done in the 41st -- or the Steese drainage area which includes 41st. Project One and Two have been completed, Project Three and Four are the ones I indicated having to talk to you and talk to the Mayor of course, that that would be top priority as far as -- one of the two top priorities, make sure I got that straight, for the next round of funding for Ohio Public Works; that we would get with the Engineer's Office who was also present at that meeting and make sure that we could get an engineer on board as quickly as possible so that we can get plans engineered and get that constructed, hopefully with the funding coming in, within two years.

MAYOR WATKINS: Mr. President, I think it's important to note for everybody who's here present that we have on the drawing board now either being studied, being diagnosed or under contract projects for water -- for storm and sanitary projects that are ready to go, some of them are just about ready to go. Right now, just the projects we have that are prioritized at the present time amount to some 16 million dollars, 12.7 million dollars. Those are projects that are underway. If we lived in the best of all worlds and we could do every storm sewer project and every sanitary sewer project that ought to be done to solve our problems. It wouldn't solve the flooding problem like we had. You're not gonna solve that kind of problem. Only God can solve that by holding back the rain. It wasn't His will to do so. But if we did all of those projects to have a perfect system to work with, you're talking about an expenditure in excess of one billion dollars. Everything that's infrastructure that goes into that ground, over 50, 100, 150 years, at some time or another expires and has to be replaced, and when we don't there's a price to pay. And for many, many centuries this has been going on. Not just in Canton, Ohio, but all over the United States. And we haven't taken care of our business like we should have.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER MASSEY: Mr. President, this is for Mr. Concatto. I have new homes going up throughout the ward, and I don't see very many porta-potties. Whose job is that to enforce?—that there are porta-potties, 'cause an ordinance came down some time ago there would be porta-potties out.

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, that's the Building Department's job. We addressed the issue, at least I talked to Mr. Westfall about the issue at Georgeview Estates and Mr. Vega's property, and he has been told to put a porta-pot and a dumpster out on the property. I have not heard yet if he -- nobody has reported that he hasn't. If he hasn't, let me know. We have approached him last week, I believe after Mr. Zachary talked to him.

MEMBER MASSEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER HART: Mr. President, at first I wanted to wish Bev Bevington a very happy birthday. She's reached one of the decade milestones in her life, and I don't want to mention which one, but she looks very young. Also, for James DiMarzio and Service Director Miller, you know, the Brown report was done back in the 80's and we still literally have thousands of people illegally hooked up in the sewer system. Yesterday afternoon, just as the rain started, I was able to view down a sanitary line, and this was before things got heavy, there was already a great deal of infiltration, and later on about six o'clock until eleven, a home on twenty-- or on Market had sewage literally spewing for that five hours out

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of a four inch line from the sanitary line. I guess my question is that the City needs to institute a policy of contacting those people that were illegally hooked up, and again through no fault of their own, and seeing that the problem is corrected. I, you know, from talking with some of the old residents and some old people that had used to work for, you know, the sanitary department I guess this was encouraged way back when many of these homes were built to promote flow, and I guess the problem is with all the building that's gone up, we're getting way too much flow in the sanitary lines and we've had this back up into residents' homes, and if you do need to have that to promote flow, I would hope that, you know, you could limit the number of homes that are illegally hooked up because it's creating a health hazard, and it's something I would like to see a goal for Sanitation is to, you know, start correcting those problems which were long created many, many years ago.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: Mr. President, if I can briefly respond. The Brown report was first completed I believe in 1974 when I was still in high school. It did identify a number of people that were illegally hooked up. That administration, the previous administration, chose not to implement taking people out of the system. This administration started to undertake that. It was felt by this Council, and the administration agreed, and we passed legislation that set up an interest-free loan account, so when you go to a homeowner that's been hooked up illegally, since they were built in 1951, for example, and you go to them and say you gotta get it out, it's gonna cost you \$10,000.00, at least you have something that you can give them that they can get an interest free loan from the City rather than having to take out a second mortgage on their house. That loan is in place. Now that we have the Sewer Department in place and we have that, we will implement that policy so there may be a number of your constituents here between now and the end of this year that will be notified by the Health Department in the event they got their sanitary sewer illegally hooked up to the storm, or by the Sewer Department if they got their storms illegally hooked up to the sanitary sewer to be taken out of that system because there are some that have been identified in Ridgewood.

MEMBER HART: There's even been a lot of people I think that...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: One moment. See if somebody else has -- anybody else have anything to say?... Member Hart.

MEMBER HART: I guess my question is there is even people that have had spouting, again through no fault of their own, that has rotten down through the sanitary lines, and that's at least my question from yesterday is if we're getting even a lot of infiltration from people having spouting, a simple letter so that they can disconnect would probably help take a great deal of volume out of the system, the sanitary system.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other Miscellaneous Business?

SAFETY DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President, I would just like to put some things in perspective for Council and people that are left here. Certainly what happened this morning and last night was a disaster for the City of Canton. It's something I've never seen and probably anybody sitting here's never seen. However, on a national level, this is not a big disaster. We will work as hard as we can to get federal money, but when you look at a level nationally of what FEMA responds to, we need to work very hard to get federal funds for this. Even though this is big for the City of Canton, although this has never happened probably even the '59 storm that everybody talks about, on a national level, when you're talking about federal funds, unfortunately this isn't going to reach the levels of some disasters that you see. I just wanted to put that in some perspective in our hopes of getting some federal funding.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Members of Council, I've noticed now that we have a problem here. It seems to me that we go to war and after the war's over, we win. We rebuild the towns, new buildings, new sewer systems, anything to make them modern towns, but our government seems to fail to take care of their own. I think it's time that you do go after our federal government and make them give us some money to take care of our own problems ... (SOME APPLAUSE) ... and not those problem in foreign countries. It's disgusting. The time has come to stop that. Is there any other Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adjourn; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adjourn. Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS PERMITTED ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 9:36 P.M.

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