

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2003

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, October 6, 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 Ward 4 Councilmember Craig Massey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Hare, Scout Troop 200.

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:

11 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, MARY M. BABCOCK, GREG HAWK, KATHLEEN ALTIERI-BUCHER, R. A. MALLONN II, CRAIG MASSEY, JOHN R. MROCKOWSKI, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART, ROSEMARY DIAMOND & JOE CARBENIA)

1 COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: (BILL SMUCKLER)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: *(IN REFERENCE TO BOY SCOUT WHO LED PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)* With kids like that we don't have anything to worry about in the future, I'll tell you that.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Same height as the President.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: What's that? What did you say?

MEMBER CARBENIA: I said he was as tall as the President sitting up there.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You're out of order, you know that, don't you? *(LAUGHTER)*

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. Agenda corrections and changes. You're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add 2nd readings of Ordinances #11 through and including #15. Member Casar, the Chair will recognize that motion.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Ordinance #22A to add Ordinances for 2nd reading, #11 through #15, back to the agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: What was the motion? To suspend Rule 22A. You said 'ordinance.'

MEMBER CASAR: I thought I said suspend Rule 22A...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Alright.

MEMBER CASAR: ...to add Ordinances for 2nd reading back on the agenda, for Ordinance #11 through #15.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances for 2nd reading #11 through #15. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We have no scheduled public hearing at this time.

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Informal Resolutions--excusing members. Member Casar?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we excuse Member Smuckler from this evening's meeting; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Member Smuckler be excused. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let the journal show that Member Smuckler has been excused.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK OF COUNCIL VANCKUNAS TO READ RESOLUTION #76 BY TITLE, AS SHOWN BELOW. THE RESOLUTION IS ON FILE IN ITS ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED OCTOBER 6, 2003.

76. BY THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: ADOPTING THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES OF THE DOWNTOWN CANTON DEVELOPMENT PLAN. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #76; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #76. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?...

MEMBER MASSEY: Mr. President, could I have the secretary read that?

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Madam Clerk, will you please read the Resolution.

RESOLUTION #76 READ BY CLERK OF COUNCIL VANCKUNAS: Submitted by the Community and Economic Development Committee on this 29th day of September 2003. Whereas, several entities including the City of Canton, Canton Development Partnership, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Canton Tomorrow Inc., Downtown Canton Land Bank and Downtown Canton Special Improvement District have collaborated to advance concepts developed for downtown development first published in 1995 by Motter & Meadows Architects, and whereas, the "Downtown Canton Development Plan" was realized by both public and private investments, citizen participation through workshops and meetings, and the guidance of professional consultants, and whereas, the Downtown Development Plan provides a framework and a series of planning systems for coordinating individual projects in ways that governmental agencies, civic groups and individuals can make informed, strategic investment decisions over the coming years; and whereas, the City of Canton Planning Commission reviewed the Downtown Development Plan at its meeting on September 9, 2003, and voted to recommend approval of the implementation of the concepts contained therein through Canton City Council. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Canton, State of Ohio, that by the adoption of this Resolution, Canton City Council hereby adopts the conceptual framework, objectives and strategies of the Downtown Canton Development Plan and will consider the Downtown Development Plan when passing legislation proposed or sponsored by authorized officials on behalf of affected City Departments.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any remarks?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I have one question. I guess maybe Member Massey could answer this. If we accept and vote for this Resolution this evening, is it binding? In other words, when it comes down to Council for further legislation, although we agree to the concept of what's in this, does it mean that we have to in the future go along with any suggestions or expansions or whatever plan for the downtown? Are we committed to do so?

MEMBER MASSEY: Mr. President, I'd like to refer that question to the Law Department.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President, Mr. Chairman Massey, Member Casar, no. In a word, no. What you are obligating yourselves to do, however, is to -- you are saying as a Council that you approve of the concepts of the framework and the strategies contained in this master plan, and that any future legislation that comes down that is somehow related to it, whether it's frontage of buildings, facades, set backs, zoning, neighborhood development around downtown, you'll at least consider the master plan before you vote the tangentially related ordinances up or down.

MEMBER CASAR: Thank you, Law Director Martuccio. And I personally want to thank Kathy Altieri and Craig Massey, and especially the two members from the Chamber that's worked very hard and diligently on this plan, and I hope that it will come true in the near future and hopefully bring our Canton, downtown, to a better state. I know, you know, the infrastructure work's all finished and hopefully it will go into the neighborhoods and make Canton a better place in which to live and raise a family.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Are there any other remarks?... If not, the question you're voting on now is Resolution #76. All those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

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NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #76 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #76 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 OCTOBER 6, 2003

380. AUDITOR KIM PEREZ, CITY OF CANTON: MONTHLY REPORT BY FUND FOR 9/1/03 - 9/30/03. - RECEIVED & FILED
381. AUDITOR KIM PEREZ, CITY OF CANTON: YEARLY REPORT BY FUND FOR 9/1/03 - 9/30/03. - RECEIVED & FILED
382. CANTON FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 522 - 30TH ST NW, CANTON, OHIO 44709: REQUEST TO REZONE 522 - 30TH STREET NW FROM R-1 TO PI-1 TO INSTALL 2 37" x 144" TIME-O-MATIC WATCHFIRE UNITS BELOW THE EXISTING SIGN. - PLANNING COMMISSION
383. CURTIS, TRENA & SOLADENE, 351 CORNELIA NE, CANTON, OHIO: REQUEST TO REZONE LOT #24694 ON WEST SIDE OF CORNELIA AVENUE NE FROM R-1a TO PB-3 TO BUILD A STRUCTURE FOR OPERATION OF A CHILD DAYCARE FACILITY ACCOMMODATING 35 CHILDREN AND STAFF MEMBERS. - PLANNING COMMISSION
384. HART, RICHARD D., WARD 7 COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF CANTON: SUBMITTING A LETTER RE: PARCELS OF LAND FOR SALE WITHIN CITY LIMITS. - RECEIVED & FILED
385. HEALTH COMMISSIONER ROBERT PATTISON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR \$14,000 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE 2313 PREVENTIVE HEALTH FUND - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#6, 1st Rdg)
386. HEALTH COMMISSIONER ROBERT PATTISON, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR \$210,500 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE 2316 WIC FUND. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#6, 1st Rdg)
387. HEALTH COMMISSIONER ROBERT PATTISON, CITY OF CANTON: 2002 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CANTON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. - RECEIVED & FILED
388. MAYOR RICHARD D. WATKINS, CITY OF CANTON: ADVISING OF RESULTS OF CITY

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389. MAYOR RICHARD D. WATKINS, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ACCEPT \$157,500 GRANT FROM THE TIMKEN FOUNDATION FOR PAYMENT OF HALF OF RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS FOR JACKSON POOL. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#7, 1st Rdg)
390. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, SHEILA K. THARP-BARRINO, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO REPLAT PART OF OUTLOT 827 INTO FIVE RECONFIGURED LOTS & DEDICATION OF PART OF LESH & RICHMOND NE AS REQUESTED BY BUCKEYE SURVEYING FOR COUNTRYTIME LODI, LTD. - LAW DIRECTOR
391. PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF CANTON, SHEILA K. THARP-BARRINO, SECRETARY: RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCEPTS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (See Re#76)
392. PREMIER OFFICE COMPLEX, EUGENE DEAL, 1456 PARK AVE W, SUITE E, MANSFIELD, OHIO 44906: REQUEST TO VACATE A 30-FOOT PORTION OF MELCHOIR PLACE SW FROM COURT TO MARKET, & REPLAT VARIOUS LOTS. - PLANNING COMMISSION
393. SAFETY DIRECTOR JOSEPH CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ESTABLISH 7506 BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATE ASSESSMENT FUND FOR PURPOSE OF COLLECTING & PAYING STATE ASSESSMENTS TO ALL COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#8, 1st Rdg)
394. SAFETY DIRECTOR JOSEPH CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST FOR \$1,240 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE 2773 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND & \$50,000 FROM THE 2763 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#9, 1st Rdg)
395. SERVICE DIRECTOR MICHAEL MILLER, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO APPROVE A WATER MAIN EXTENSION ON MCDOWELL STREET NE TO GROVE CREEK DEVELOPMENT IN PLAIN TOWNSHIP. - LAW DIRECTOR (See O#10, 1st Rdg)
396. TREASURER ROBERT C. SCHIRACK, CITY OF CANTON: COMPARATIVE REPORT OF INCOME TAX CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 9/30/03. - RECEIVED & FILED

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

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

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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 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (OSTER ZONE CHANGE)
Referred to Second Reading Portion of Next Agenda
- #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. (AMBULANCE ASSOCIATES ZONE CHANGE)
Referred to Second Reading Portion of Next Agenda
- #3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE. (CHANGE TO ZONING MAP PROPOSED BY WARD 7 COUNCILMEMBER HART)
Referred to Second Reading Portion of Next Agenda
- #4 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. (CHANGES TO ZONING MAP PROPOSED BY COUNCILMEMBERS & PLANNING)
Referred to Second Reading Portion of Next Agenda
- #5 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO WORK AGREEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FULTON ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares and Finance Committees
- #6 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 236/2002, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.
Referred to Finance Committee
- #7 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,500.00 FROM THE TIMKEN FOUNDATION FOR THE JACKSON POOL; AUTHORIZING A CASH MATCH OF 4157,500.00 FROM THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement and Finance Committees
- #8 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH THE 7506 BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATE ASSESSMENT FUND; AND DECLARING THE SAME

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TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Finance Committee

#9 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 236/2002, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Finance Committee

#10 (1ST RDG) 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.

Referred to Environmental & Public Utilities 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 #15 FOR THE SECOND TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS.

RULE 22A SUSPENDED TO ADD #11 THROUGH #15:

#11 (2ND 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. (FRICKER ZONE CHANGE)

#12 (2ND 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. (MAGGIORE ZONE CHANGE)

#13 (2ND 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 (HARDING ZONE CHANGE)

#14 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE JEFFRIES BROTHERS ANNEXATION AREA, CONTAINING 147 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4 OF THE CITY, ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-1; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#15 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE RESURFACING OF STATE ROUTE 43 FROM US RT 30 NORTH TO THE CHERRY AVENUE RAILROAD

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BRIDGE & STATE ROUTE 43D (WALNUT AVENUE) FROM STATE ROUTE 172 (TUSCARAWAS STREET EAST) SOUTH TO CHERRY AVENUE RAILROAD BRIDGE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances or Formal Resolutions for the third and final reading.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #16; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #16. Wait til we have it read, then you can ask...

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE #16 FOR THE THIRD & FINAL TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS.

#16 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 205/2003** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL SEWER AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CANTON AND STARK COUNTY FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER'S "DIGESTER PROJECT"; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Now, Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Sorry, Mr. President, I jumped the gun. I move we adopt Ordinance #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: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #16 is adopted.

#16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 205/2003

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS - POSTPONED MATTER:

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and Formal Resolutions, Postponed Matter. Number 17, Member Casar.

#17 **REFERRED BACK TO COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEES: (POSTPONED FROM 9/22/03 & 9/29/03 COUNCIL MTGS; HAS REC'D 3 RDGS)** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER CANTON, INC., TO

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PROVIDE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ACQUISITION AND SITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I move we adopt Ordinance #17; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #17. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?...

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move that Ordinance #17 be referred back to the Community Economic Development Committee for further investigation; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that this Ordinance be referred back to committee.

MEMBER MROCKOWSKI: Mr. President, also the Finance Committee is part of that.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Chair's going to make that announcement. It's been moved and seconded that Ordinance #17 be referred back to committees; the committees Community Economic Development and Finance. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Announcement of Committee Meetings please.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, Public Safety & Thoroughfares will meet at 6:30 PM on October 20.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other committees?

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President, Environmental & Public Utilities Committee will meet at 6:30, 10-20-03. Thank you.

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

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Public Property Capital Improvement will also meet that evening at 6:30.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Public Speaks, Open Forum, City Business. We have one person signed up to speak. The speaker is Kent Oliver.

MR. OLIVER: Good evening, President, Mayor and City Council members. I'd like to briefly address you on two things.

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The first of all is the hard...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name and address.

MR. OLIVER: I'm sorry. Kent Oliver. I'm the director of the Stark County District Library. And it was my pleasure this weekend to preside over the dedication of the Madge Youtz Library on Mahoning Road. Any many of you will recall, at least most of you, that the City played a large part in helping the Library to exchange the properties that made the new Madge Youtz possible there next to the Head Start Center. And I always think it's worth a personal thank you to public bodies when they make such a good partnership work. It was my pleasure to have Mayor Watkins and Councilman Dougherty with us Saturday morning, and I think it was a wonderful occasion and it's certainly a great example of what libraries are for communities. We hope that that is a corner stone for many years in that particular community, and we want to thank you for that. The other reason I'm here is to make you aware, if you were not already, that the Library has an issue on the November 4th ballot. It is Issue #17. What that issue involves is an operating levy of a five year duration of 1.2 mills for the library's operating district, the Stark County Library District. The Library is an important part of the community, and as you may or may not be aware, we've been losing funds the last few years through the State funding. We are 95% funded by the LOGSF. We currently do not have an operating levy, and we are seeking local support at a 1.2 mill level for five years, and we hope that if you believe libraries are important, that either individually or collectively, you will support that levy, 'cause it is important to the life of this community and many parts of Stark County. But again, I'd like to thank you for your help with Madge Youtz. We feel that that is a very important part of this community. If you would wish more information concerning our levy, I will leave that information here, and I wish you good evening.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Kent, what was your address again?

MR. OLIVER: Stark County District Library...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No, your home address I have to have.

MR. OLIVER: 6540 Avalon Street NW.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Avalon?

MR. OLIVER: Avalon, Canton.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. That's good. Thank you.

MAYOR WATKINS: Mr. President, Kent, I had the opportunity to visit the new library on Saturday morning along with Members of Council. Member Dougherty fought long and hard for this facility and helped us out a great deal. So did City Council. For that, we're grateful. What you bring to the community with the Madge Youtz new library is a very, very modern facility. It's light, it's airy, and those who haven't visited it yet, should. It's worthwhile in making the trip. What we give to our kids for the future in learning ability is beyond measure in dollars and cents. We appreciate your efforts and all the work that you do, and want you to know that.

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MR. OLIVER: Thank you. We appreciate it.

MEMBER ALTIERI: Mr. President, Mr. Oliver, when the meeting's over, may I speak with you...?

MR. OLIVER: Absolutely.

MEMBER ALTIERI: ...about the Library? Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Before we go into the Miscellaneous Business portion, the Chair would like to recognize Jeff Hare and his Troop 200 scouts. Would you please stand for Council's recognition?... (*APPLAUSE*) Thank you. That was your son that led us in the Pledge of Allegiance? (*INAUDIBLE RESPONSE*)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER MROCZKOWSKI: Mr. President, question for the Service Director?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: You may.

MEMBER MROCZKOWSKI: Mr. Miller, I noticed that next week we're gonna be acting on a Cherry Avenue resolution of such. Is Cherry Avenue scheduled to be resurfaced or not resurfaced this year?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: It's not scheduled to be resurfaced this year. It's scheduled to be redone by the State of Ohio, and I'll have to check the date that they expect to begin on that. It is in bad shape. I drive over that on more than one occasion during the week, and it does need some work, and ODOT is well aware of that.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Is there any other Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, move to adjourn; seconded..

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

NO REMARKS PERMITTED ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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DEBRA VANCKUNAS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RAY DENCZAK
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL