

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2003

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, December 15, 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 Ray Denczak.

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

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK OF COUNCIL:

ALL 12 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, MARY M. BABCOCK, BILL SMUCKLER, GREG HAWK, KATHLEEN ALTIERI-BUCHER, R. A. MALLONN II, CRAIG MASSEY, JOHN MROCZKOWSKI, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART, ROSEMARY DIAMOND & JOE CARBENIA)

NO COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you, Member Smuckler. To bring your Agendas up to date, Members of Council, you're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add Communication 518, 2nd Reading of O#1 through and including #9er. Member Smuckler?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22 and add Communication #518 and Ordinances A and 1 through 9 to the Agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All right, the motion wasn't completed yet when he made the second. Moved and seconded.... Moved and seconded that you suspend Rule 22A to add Communications, Communication 518, Ordinances A for first reading and second reading of Ordinances 1 through and including number 9er. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 22A is suspended and Ordinances A under first reading, Ordinances 1 through and including 1 through 9er and Communication #518 are a legal part of your agenda. To further correct your Agenda, Members of Council, you're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add....you're being asked to suspend Rule 24B to add Resolution #96 to the agenda. The Chair will recognize that motion, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 24B and add Resolution #96 to the Agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Rule 24B be suspended to add Resolution #96 to the agenda.

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Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 24B is suspended and Resolution #96 is a legal part of your agenda. Members of Council, you're also being asked to amend Ordinance #2, 6 and 8 later on this evening under your agenda. This brings your agenda up to date, Members of Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We had a scheduled public hearing for 7:30 pm . The Chair opens up the public hearing in regards to a matter of the request to rezone lots 249er49er, 259er51 located at 3865 Mahoning Road NE from R-1A, single family residential, to PR-4 Planned Multi-Family Residential to add to an existing apartment building a 6th efficiency apartment as requested by Martin & Darlene Morris. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this rezoning, please come forward... Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this rezoning, please come forward... Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this rezoning, 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: We have one person signed up under Public Speaks Ordinances and Resolutions for adoption only. That speaker is Rick Zengler.

MR. ZENGLER: Good evening. I hope Council will look favorably tonight on the proposed.....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your name... State your name and address.

MR. ZENGLER: Rick Zengler, 940 Las Olas NW. I hope Council will look favorably on the proposed tentative agreement tonight that's being offered between the City of Canton and Local 3449. There is nothing in the agreement costing the city additional monies for 2004 and, in fact, the local, once more is increasing the amount that they pay for their medical benefits. We, the local, consider this another effort in trying to help the city through its fiscal nightmares. I point out that Local 3449 is apparently leading the league in that particular column. However, in 2004 when our contract is reopened in toto, there must be changes. The band aid we have been using is old and more must be done to heal the ever-increasing wound. All employees are important, as are the jobs that they do, be it promising you and prompt on promising your pay, collecting utility bills, assisting in annexation, helping home owners get financial relief or obtaining grant monies, it's Local 3449 employees who are doing the work. And also, in closing, I hope all of you have a happy holiday but more importantly for those of you who still will be continuing to devote your, some of your private life to the public service, and those of you who have, have a happy holiday and we thank you all for your devotion.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Mr. Zengler, I have to have your address on the sign up sheet.

MR. ZENGLER: 940 Las Olas. L-A-S.....O-L-A-S.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: New Mexico?

MR. ZENGLER: Por favor? *(laughter)*

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: For Council's information, nobody signed up for the next portion of Public Speaks.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: It will not be necessary to excuse members. Let the journal show that all members of Council are present this evening. Resolution #96, and Members of Council, the Chair is going to exercise a prerogative here and go to the Informal Resolutions commending Members of Council leaving us, under Miscellaneous Business. At this time we will take care of Resolution #96.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Never mind, let her

PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK OF COUNCIL VANCKUNAS TO READ RESOLUTION #96 BY TITLE, AS SHOWN BELOW. THE RESOLUTION IS ON FILE IN ITS ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED DECEMBER 15, 2003.

96. INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: OBJECTING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A C2, C2X, D6 LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER REQUESTED BY M & K SUPER SERVICE, dba GASCO EXPRESS MART AT 3325 HARMONT AVENUE NE - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we support Resolution #96; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #96. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote all those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #96 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #96 is adopted.

THE REMAINDER OF INFORMAL RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED UNDER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All Communications are received as read.

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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 DECEMBER 15, 2003

507. CLERK DEBRA VANCKUNAS, COUNCIL OFFICE, CITY OF CANTON: ADVISING ALL COUNCILMEMBERS & ORIGINATORS OF 2002-2003 TERM LEGISLATION THAT PURSUANT TO RULE 29 OF THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEEDINGS ANY ORDINANCE REMAINING UNREPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE AT THE CONCLUSION OF A TERM SHALL BE RESUBMITTED TO THE NEXT TERM OF COUNCIL. - RECEIVED & FILED
508. HEALTH BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR ROSE BRESSON, CITY OF CANTON: NOVEMBER MONTHLY COMPARATIVE REPORT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS & JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2003 PAID CLAIMS & COMPARATIVE REPORT. - RECEIVED & FILED
509. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, STATE OF OHIO, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068-9005: NOTICE OF HEARING SET FOR 1/6/04 @ 11:30 AM ON JIMMY E. BALL, dba BALLROOM, LIQUOR LICENSE APPEAL TO BE HELD AT THE VERN RIFFE CENTER IN COLUMBUS. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUB SERV COMMITTEE
510. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, STATE OF OHIO, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068-9005: REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF C2, C2X, D6 LIQUOR PERMIT BY M&K SUPER SERVICEDBA GASCO EXPRESS MART LOCATED @ 3325 HARMONT AVE NE - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERV COMMITTEE
511. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, STATE OF OHIO, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068-9005: REQUEST FOR NEW C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT BY MAGGIORE DRIVE THRU dba MAGGIORES DRIVE THRU #15, LOCATED @ 1037 DUEBER AVE SW. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
512. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, STATE OF OHIO, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068-9005: REQUEST FOR NEW C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT BY DABA, INC. LOCATED AT 1939 MAHONING RD NE. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUB SERVICE COMMITTEE
513. OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION, 6606 TUSSING RD, PO BOX 4005, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068-9005: NOTICE OF TENTATIVE HEARING DATE SET FOR 1/12/04 ON OBJECTION TO C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT REQUESTED BY R&S CONVENIENT MART, dba B&B SUPERMARKET LOCATED @ 636 CHERRY AVE NE. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
514. WILLIAMS, BRUCE, AGENT FOR PETITIONER, CITY OF CANTON DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MANAGEMENT: RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF ZONE CHANGE REQUEST BY TERESA TOMASSETTI FROM R-1A TO PB-2 TO PERMIT A FIRST FLOOR CONSIGNMENT STORE & SECOND STORY APT. - LAW DIRECTOR **PUB HRG TO BE HELD 2/2/2004 @ 7:30PM**

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515. REPUBLIC ENGINEERED PRODUCTS, 3770 EMBASSY PARKWAY, AKRON, OH 44333-8367: ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF ASSETS TO PERRY STRATEGIC CAPITAL. - RECEIVED & FILED
516. SERVICE DIRECTOR MICHAEL L. MILLER, CITY OF CANTON: ADVISING MAYOR-ELECT JANET WEIR CREIGHTON OF THE STATUS OF THE JACKSON POOL REPAIR PROJECT AND SETTING FORTH THE NECESSARY STEPS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT BY JUNE, 2004. - RECEIVED & FILED
517. TREASURER GARY D. ZEIGLER, STARK COUNTY: ATTACHING A COPY OF H.B. 127 & ACCOMPANYING SUMMARY WITH EMPHASIS ON PORTION ALLOWING FOR ACQUISITION OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY WITHOUT ASSUMING ENTIRE TAX BILL. - MEMBER HAWK

SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD COMMUNICATION #518:

518. SAFETY DIRECTOR JOSEPH CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: REPORT AND AWARD OF CONCILIATOR DATED 12/10/03 IN THE MATTER OF CANTON POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND CITY OF CANTON. - RECEIVED & FILED

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We are now under Resolutions for their first reading and referral. Let the journal show that all ordinances are being read as required by State Law. Ordinance #A.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES A & B FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCES #A & B WERE ADOPTED FOLLOWING THEIR FIRST READING & COMMITTEE MEETING.

- A (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 266/2003** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TERMS AND CONTRACT AMENDMENTS TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANTON AND LOCAL 3449 AND OHIO COUNCIL 8 AFSCME; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.
Referred to Personnel Committee

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that Canton City Council, the Law Director, City Council President, Treasurer, the Treasurer's Management Staff, the Auditor and the Mayor, Safety Director and the Service Director, please join us in Executive Session to discuss the Local 3449 Contract; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to go into Executive Session, are there any remarks?.. If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Council you are cleared to go into Executive Session. Make sure you return back to your seats as soon as you're finished.

Recessed for executive session from 7:44pm to 8:15pm regarding Ordinances A & B.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Councilmembers, take your seats please. Member Smuckler, adjourn the Executive Session.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that we come out of Executive Session and go back to the regular meeting of Council; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Council go back into regular session. Are there any remarks?..... If not, roll call vote.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

(Member Diamond absent – not yet returned from Executive Session)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: At 8:17, Council is back in regular session.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinance #B to the Agenda for First Reading; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add, is that 22B or A?... A to add Ordinance B to the Agenda. Are there any remarks?..... If not, roll call vote.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance B is a legal part of your Agenda.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, we need a First Reading of that Ordinance.

B (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING DECEMBER 26, 2003 A ONE-TIME, NON-PRECEDENTIAL HOLIDAY FOR SPECIFIED MANAGEMENT NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Personnel Committee

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, do we want to readjust the wording in the heading that Debbie has just read?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Let me check with the Law Director..... The Chair is going to declare a 5 minute recess to get this together here.

Recessed from 8:19pm to 8:27pm. in order that an amended re-typed Ordinance B might be prepared.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: So the recess is expended now. So, let's start the meeting so we can expedite this issue. It may turn out to be a long evening tonight. Where is the Majority Leader?... *(Pause as Majority Leader returns to the Council Chamber)* Okay, Council is reconvening after the recess. The ordinance is being retyped. We'll go on from here, Member Smuckler, to expedite this meeting. You're to add Ordinances A and B under First Reading. The Chair will....why is it every Christmas, the last meeting, we have to go through this...rush, panic legislation.

CLERK VANCKUNAS: Mr. President, would it not be proper to recess for a committee hearing prior to placing these back on the Agenda?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: It would be but you need the finished, typed copy to do that.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President, I have A, I think, intact. So, I could do the Committee meeting on A while B is being typed to expedite matters.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Alright, if Council has no objection, that's the way we'll go. You want to go into recess now to have your committee meeting?... *(inaudible response)* The Chair declares an in-house recess for the Personnel Committee to meet on Ordinance A.

Recessed for Personnel Committee meeting on Ordinances A & B from 8:29pm to 8:37pm.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Smuckler?...

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I'd like to suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinances A and B back to the Agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances A and B to the Agenda for the second reading. Are there any remarks?..... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Rule 22A has been suspended and A & B are a legal part of your Agenda, Member Smuckler.

A **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 266/2003** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TERMS AND CONTRACT AMENDMENTS TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANTON AND LOCAL 3449 AND OHIO COUNCIL 8 AFSCME; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I'd like to suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance A; seconded.

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

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #A; seconded.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #A is adopted.

A ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 266/2003

B ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 267/2003 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING DECEMBER 26, 2003 A ONE-TIME, NON-PRECEDENTIAL PAID DAY OFF FOR SPECIFIED MANAGEMENT NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance B; seconded.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

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

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance B is adopted.

#B ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 267/2003**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances for the Second Readings.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES 1 THROUGH & INCLUDING #9 FOR THE 2ND TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS. ALL SECOND READING ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED FOLLOWING DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS WAS THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 2002-3 TERM.

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#1 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 268/2003** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 943, SEWER REGULATIONS, OF PART 9, STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANTON.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance #1; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #1. Are there any remarks?..... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I move we adopt Ordinance #1; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #1. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?.... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #1 is adopted. **#1 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 268/2003**

#2 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 269/2003 (AS AMENDED)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE No. 236/2002, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No, no.....

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I'm sorry, I move we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance #2; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #2. Are there any remarks?.... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I move we adopt Ordinance #2; seconded.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #2. Are there any remarks under this ordinance?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that we amend Ordinance #2 pursuant to the written amendment before every Councilmember.

AMENDMENT: Pursuant to Rule No. 36, I hereby move to amend Agenda Item No. 2 by the substitution of attached Amended Exhibit A for the original Exhibit A attached to the ordinance currently pending before Council.

SEE AMENDED EXHIBIT A BEGINNING ON NEXT PAGE.

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**EXHIBIT A
(Amended)**

A M E N D E D

Supplemental Appropriations

FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 2101 Police & Fire Pension Fund	(1131,644.42)
TO:	2101 102001 Police	\$65,822.21
	2101 103001 Fire	\$65,472.21
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 2650 Summer Food Program Fund	(\$7,000.00)
TO:	2650 Summer Food Program Fund	\$7,000.00
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 2777 Canton Police Youth Corps Fund	\$1,000.00
TO:	2777 Canton Police Youth Corps Fund	\$1,000.00
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 5219 Lake-Harville Water Line Fund	(\$17,500.00)
TO:	5219 Lake-Harville Water Line Fund	\$17,500.00
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 5410 Sewer Operating Fund	(\$5,395.92)
TO:	5410 206031 OW11A J&I Steel	\$0.92
	5410 206036 Hamontt Avenue NE Pump Station	\$5,395.00
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 5412 Sewer Debt Service Fund	(\$5,395.92)
TO:	5412 206031 OW11A J&I Steel	\$0.92
	5412 206036 Hamontt Avenue NE Pump Station	\$5,395.00
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 5429 Odor/Commission/Dewatering Fund	(\$54,958.10)
TO:	5429 Odor/Commission/Dewatering Fund	\$54,958.10
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 7131 Downtown Canton SID Fund	(\$23,831.64)
TO:	7131 Downtown Canton SID Fund	\$23,831.64
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 7501 Auditor's Transfer Fund	(\$29,000.00)
TO:	7501 Auditor's Transfer Fund	\$29,000.00

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**EXHIBIT A
(Amended)**

FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 7502 Payroll Clearing Fund	(\$300,000.00)
TO:	7502 Payroll Clearing Fund	\$300,000.00
FROM:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 7505 Ticketmaster Fund	(\$5,000.00)
TO:	7505 Ticketmaster Fund	\$5,000.00

Transfers

FROM:	1001 102200 Police	\$35,100.00
	1001 102399 Police - News	(\$50,000.00)
	1001 202220 Downtown Maintenance	(\$35,000.00)
TO:	1001 162000 Police - Crime Lab	\$15,100.00
	1001 200501 General Government	\$50,000.00
	1001 201205 Purchasing	\$2,000.00
	1001 901001 Auditor	\$3,000.00
	1001 802001 Auditor/Clerk of Courts ATM	\$10,000.00

Reductions in Appropriations

FROM:	2111 104001 Traffic Engineering	\$6,000.00
	2111 104020 Traffic Signal	(\$5,000.00)
	2111 202210 Street	(\$25,000.00)
TO:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 2111 Street Maintenance Fund	\$35,000.00
FROM:	2112 202210 Street	(\$28,372.00)
TO:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 2112 Highway Maintenance Fund	\$28,372.00
FROM:	2413 Court's Computer Fund	(\$107,300.00)
TO:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 2413 Court's Computer Fund	\$107,300.00

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**EXHIBIT A
(Amended)**

Interfund Transfer Authorizations

FROM:	1001	202210	72653 - DMV Service and Repair	(\$23,372.00)
TO:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 6001 DMV Fund			\$23,372.00
FROM:	2101	132001	81960 Operating Transfer Out	(\$65,822.21)
	2101	133001	81960 Operating Transfer Out	(\$65,822.21)
TO:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 1001 General Fund			\$131,644.42
FROM:	5410	206031	81920 - Transfer Out for Debt Service - Prin.	(\$0.92)
	5410	206036	81920 - Transfer Out for Debt Service - Prin.	(\$5,395.02)
TO:	The Unappropriated Balance of the 5412 Sewer Debt Service Fund			\$5,395.92

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to amend the Ordinance per the copy before each of you. Are there any remarks under the amendment?... The question you're voting on now is the amendment. By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The amendment has passed. The question you're voting on now is the Ordinance as amended. Are there any remarks on this Ordinance as amended?..... Roll call vote please.

NO FURTHER REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #2 as amended is adopted.

#2 (AS AMENDED) ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 269/2003

#3 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 270/2003** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750.00 TO WASTE REMOVAL EQUIPMENT INC.; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance #3; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #3. Are there any remarks?.... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #3; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt O#3. Are there any remarks under this ordinance?..... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #3 is adopted.

#3 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 270/2003

#4 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 271/2003** AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A PORTION OF SHORB AVENUE NW IN THE CITY OF CANTON "FULTON ROADNW"

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance #4; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #4. Are there any

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President. I move we adopt Ordinance #4; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 4. Are there any remarks under this ordinance?..... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #4 is adopted.

#4 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 271/2003

#5 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 272/2003** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE WORKSHOPS, INC. FOR SNACK BAR SERVICES FOR CITY HALL; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance #5; seconded..

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #5. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #5; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #5. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?..... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #5 is adopted.

#5 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 272/2003

#6 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 273/2003 (AS AMENDED)** A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE RENEWAL OF THREE LIQUOR PERMITS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend the Statutory three readings of Ordinance #6; seconded.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense for the three readings of Ordinance #6. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President. I'm sorry.... Go ahead.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Thank you. Are there any remarks under the motion?... The motion is to dispense with the three readings, are there any remarks?..... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #6.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #6. Are there any remarks under this ordinance?... Member Smuckler.

AMENDMENT: Pursuant to Rule No. 36, I hereby move to amend Section 1 to Agenda Item No. 6 as follows: amend the name contained in the first line of item 2 to Canton Horizon Petroleum, Inc.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we amend Ordinance #6 pursuant to the written amendment before every Councilmember; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to amend the Ordinance #6 per the copy before each of you. Are there any remarks?... The question you're voting on now is the amendment. By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed, no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The amendment has passed. The question before you now is the Ordinance as amended. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance as amended?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO FURTHER REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #6 as amended is adopted.

#6 (AS AMENDED) ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 273/2003

#7 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 274/2003** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER IN THE FORD/REPUBLIC GEORGETOWN ROAD 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

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance #7; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #7. Are there any remarks?.... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #7.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #7. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?.... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #7 is adopted.

#7 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 274/2003

#8 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 275/2003 (AS AMENDED)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 INCOME TAX OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend the Statutory three readings of Ordinance #8; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #8. Are there any remarks?..... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statu.....I'm sorry. Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #8; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Smuckler, what was your motion? ...

MEMBER SMUCKLER: To adopt ordinance #8.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The motion is to adopt Ordinance #8?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Correct.

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #8. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we amend Ordinance #8 pursuant to the written amendment before every Councilperson; seconded.

AMENDMENT: Pursuant to Rule No. 36, I hereby move to amend Section 4 to Agenda Item No. 8 as follows: delete subparagraph (c) and reletter subparagraphs (d), (e), and (f) as (c), (d), and (e).

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to amend the Ordinance #8 per the copy before each of you members of Council. Are there any remarks under the amendment?... The question you're voting on now is the amendment. By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The amendment has passed. The question you're voting on now is the amendment, Ordinance #8 as amended. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance as amended?..... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #8 as amended has been adopted.

#8 (AS AMENDED) ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 275/2003

#9 (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 276/2003** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN ACTING BY AND THROUGH GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO ACT AS THE GOVERNMENT'S AGENT TO ACQUIRE FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO A VIABLE SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS TO BE LEASED BY GSA FOR FEDERAL COURTS, COURT RELATED AGENCIES, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, AND THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend the Statutory three readings of Ordinance #9; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There's a move to dispense with the three readings of Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks?..... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #9; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #9 is adopted. **#9 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 276/2003**

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the third and final reading. Ordinance #10 please.

NOTE: PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK VANCKUNAS TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE #10 FOR THE THIRD & FINAL TIME BY TITLE, AS FOLLOWS. THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED FOLLOWING ITS THIRD & FINAL READING.

#10 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 277/2003** 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 (MARTIN & DARLENE MORRIS ZONE CHANGE)

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #10; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #10. Are there any remarks under this ordinance?... Very well, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Ordinance #10 is adopted. **#10 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 277/2003**

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I move we reconsider Ordinance #6 based on a Councilperson wanting to change his vote; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded to reconsider Ordinance, was that #6?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Yeah, #6.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: State your point of order.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: I believe our Council rules and Ohio State Code, provide that an Ordinance passed

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as an emergency cannot be reconsidered. We do have a rule that allows it to be reconsidered if it's acknowledged before the President Council before the vote is passed but I believe once the vote is passed and the Ordinance is passed and signed—if it's an emergency, you cannot reconsider it.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Is it signed?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No it's not signed.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President. To the Law Director, we also have a rule on the books that Council can reconsider an ordinance for one week.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: I 'd need to consult it, I'm not aware of that law.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Yes there is a time limit of one week...

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I direct your attention to Rule #41. Any members or member who was absent, abstained or voted, or voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider of any kind, action of Council, except the members...measures which have been put into immediate effect. If the Mayor hasn't signed that, and I'm hoping he hasn't, it's not in immediate effect yet. I win that one?... Took me 20 years.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Send the bill for it.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we reconsider Ordinance #6; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: For the second time, moved and seconded to reconsider Ordinance #6. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO FURTHER REMARKS

MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

#6 **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 273/2003 (AS AMENDED)** A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE RENEWAL OF THREE LIQUOR PERMITS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Motion to adopt the Ordinance, Member Smuckler?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #6; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #6. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION
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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: There is no announcement of Committee meetings this being the final Council meeting of this term.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: No one signed up for public speaks under city business only.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I would like to go back to Resolutions and begin with Resolution #95.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: All right, the Chair will go back to Informal Resolutions. We'll start off with Resolution #95.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK CALLED UPON CLERK OF COUNCIL VANCKUNAS TO READ RESOLUTION #91 THROUGH #95 BY TITLE, AS SHOWN BELOW. THE RESOLUTIONS ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED DECEMBER 15, 2003.

95. BY COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE AND PRESIDENT DENCZAK: COMMENDING MAYOR RICHARD WATKINS FOR HIS SERVICE TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF CANTON. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolutions #95; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #95. This may be a controversial vote. I may have to break the tie. I should call for a roll call vote. Are there any remarks?..... If not, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is adopted. Resolution #91.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President. We were going to handle this the same way we normally handle...

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Nobody said anything to me.

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: What happened to your leniency factor? It's already gone and we haven't got through the first one yet?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Alright. Do you want to make that presentation then.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I would love to.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: It would be nice if you'd inform the Chair.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: You spent most of the time tonight talking to the Clerk.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: ...1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. (*Calls Mayor forward to receive commendation*)

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Canton has a history of not doing this very often. Most Mayors that serve, serve 2, 3, 4 terms, so this is not a moment that a lot of Council people get to witness. Especially one where a Mayor decides to call it quits himself. It's been my pleasure, and I honestly mean this Mr. Mayor, I came up to see you shortly before the election and I told you that this was my pleasure, to have served the last 12 years with you. It's been a lot of fun, it's been a lot of work, it's been very tenuous with you and me sometimes on the 8th floor, but the one thing that I can always say, that was put in this one whereas, "Watkins remains optimistic that the City is moving forward and that downtown is turning around. His heart will forever be with Canton and its people." And, I think that says it all because this Mayor has been very concerned about the people of this community, he's been very concerned about each and every Councilmember, and he's always been concerned about what direction this city's headed, and, I congratulate you on your 3 terms, and I very much hope that shortly after all this is over that we can get together. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. (*Applause as he receives commendation*)

MAYOR WATKINS: Thank you very much Bill. We've had our ups and downs and our battles and differences from time to time, but it's been a real honor and a pleasure for me to serve with almost everybody that's here tonight. A lot of the folks that are here tonight were here when I started and I'm looking at Member Smuckler, Member Casar, Member Babcock. Mr. Mallonn, I was with your dad before you and going around the table, Debbie Vanckunas was here then, Joe was in the Law Department, and Ray Denczak was here when Noah floated the boat. Mr. Perez, Mr. Mroczkowski, all you good folks, and Mr. Dougherty you weren't here in the beginning but you came along shortly thereafter.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Oh, I was here.

MAYOR WATKINS: Because when I came in, Bill Healy was the Councilman, the first time, and Rosemary and Joe, Richard. It's been a wonderful opportunity for me to serve. It's been a great pleasure for me to have had an association with all of you folks and while we have differed from time to time on issues, I don't think that I've ever once questioned your integrity or your honesty or your devotion or your love of this City, and that has made a big difference as far as my life is concerned and as far as my opportunity to serve. I'm grateful for that. I'm not gonna get maudlin here tonight. Somebody told me earlier, don't get maudlin, and I won't. But, we've had some good times and some bad. We've had....I could go down for, with everybody sitting at this table and go through some interesting history that we've had. Bill and I've had our differences from time to time ranging all the way from shaking hands and holding hands to swearing

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at each other. But, it's....it was done in a different spirit, it wasn't mean spirited at any time. Casar never knew how to play ball, but I played with him back in the old days, in the 70s. Mary has been around for as long as I have and a lot longer and happy to have had the opportunity. Greg, you've done a lot of good things since you've come in and I know that we've had a lot of debates when we decided to re-open the ice rink and move it and you became a part of that. And Kathy, I know that we've had a number of events that we've participated in together that have been good things for us. RA, I started out with your dad, but he was in Council then and later then became the Auditor. We had a lot of good times and I still remember your mom and she was at Light Up Downtown this last time. And it was very fascinating for me because there she was, in a wheelchair, but she had to come down for Light Up and I re-introduced her to my daughter Malia. JoAnn was the nurse for Dr. Graham at that time and she used to hold the kids when they'd get their shots and always good took care of them and we're grateful for that. Joe, we've...I've known Joe with the Fire Department and now as Safety Director. I'm grateful for that opportunity to serve together. And Mike, I can't begin to tell you how much your services have meant to me personally because you were always there. You were always there when I needed you. Joe Martuccio, I appointed you to your first job as Law Director. Somebody said, "Are you out of your mind, you're supposed to appoint a Republican?" I said, "gee, you mean he's not a Republican?" Ray, we go back an awful lot of years together, all the way to the time when I was fighting you about putting a fence in front of your house. I had to say that. I said it before so I had to say it one more time.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Get the correct nomenclature, it's not a fence it's a guardrail--and I'll probably never get a chance to do it again, but your 3 minutes are up Mayor.

MAYOR WATKINS: I think I could get you overruled right now, with half the house yet to speak. Debbie, we started out way back with you in Council. You were a clerk there at that time, not the Clerk but you were an employee and we go back a long ways so I'm grateful for that, and your sidekick there, I haven't known her that long but, she's done a good job and we're grateful for that. Kim, we fought, I remember Kim when he was just a little guy and he ran around with my nephew Mike and he would get out of line and I'd slap him up side the head. I swear, didn't I?

AUDITOR PEREZ: We had our days.

MAYOR WATKINS: Yeah, but they were both pretty wild young men, but we had, we had some good times with my brother George. And Craig, it's been real good knowing you and working with you. You've been a credit to your Ward and to the citizens of this community and you've been very, very caring. John, you know, I've known John for a lot of years. I knew him back in the days when he was still a big muckitymuck with the Union. We didn't fight then either, did we? We got along well, and John's been very, very supportive of the things we've tried to do that I think were productive and valuable to the City and I thank you for that service. And, Dougherty, I don't know what to say about him because this guy gave me more trouble since I've been Mayor in 12 years than anybody I've ever known.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Thank you.

MAYOR WATKINS: Constantly! 3:00 in the morning the phone rings and he says "I got a problem." I said "Why don't you call the Saf...Service Director?" "Well I did but he's not available." But we would go out and we got together and got things worked out, and I'm grateful for that and I appreciate it and we did the Light Up in the NEAR area for a number of years and your kids, you know your kids like me better than they like you.

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MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Yeah.

MAYOR WATKINS: Richard, our stay together hasn't been quite as long but it's been very eventful and one of these days, one of these days, Richard, you're going to find a Mayor who will find \$250 million to build a zoo. And that will be the crowning achievement of your life and I know that.

MEMBER HART: That and recycling.

MAYOR WATKINS: And recycling...Yeah. But, I thank you for your service and your friendship. Rosemary, we go back an awful long way too and I'm grateful for your friendship and that of your husband Don and worked with him in the Police Department and a lot of other areas too and that's been a good thing for us and a good thing for me. And, Joe, you're now the Councilman of what used to be my ward. And our association goes way back to the Fire Department when you brought in Uncle Guido from Youngstown to hold a gun at my head to sign a contract. And you did.----I'm kidding. We're talking about Rocky Russo who was in the negotiation process with us and he came from Youngstown and we went to a meeting, a dinner at the 4 Winds and Rocky got up at the lectern and if you've ever, for those of you who don't know Rocky, he's kind of a bald-headed fellow, stout, short, but he looks like Uncle Guido, I swear he does. And he reaches in his pocket and brings out a 38 and puts it on the lectern. And he looked at me and he said "Mayor, we're gonna have a contract when we leave here tonight, aren't we?" We did, I didn't argue with him. I'm not arguing with a guy with a 38 in his hand, but that's been a lot of fun and some good years together. And all the folks that are here tonight, many of you that I've known from the Press and from other areas, thank you. Thank you for everything you've done and everything you've been to my life. And our Union friends who we've worked with for so many years. I guess I could talk for an hour and a half but the President won't allow me. But, I am grateful and it's been a wonderful opportunity for me to serve, a wonderful opportunity to make some great friends over the years. From the bottom of my heart and that of my wife, and my family, thank you for your friendship and thank you for your help. Anything that I ever did that was worthwhile, I never could have done without your help and your support. So I am grateful for that and I will never forget it. Thank you much. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. Council President, can we go back to Resolution #91?

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: We will go back to Resolution #91. Madam Clerk?...

91. BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT DENCZAK: COMMENDING KATHLEEN ALTIERI-BUCHER FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WARD 2. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #91; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 91. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?....

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Same program, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Okay. By voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed no.

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NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #91 APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is adopted. Member Altieri would you join Member Smuckler at the podium there?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I have always said that over the years, that every Councilperson that's here has something to offer and I truly believe that Kathy brought a perspective not only on preservation which I know is her love, but also the wanting to do something more with neighborhoods and Habitat. And take it even a step farther in working very closely with Member Hawk on adjoining problems in wards including ward cleanups and also dealing with the Weed and Seed Program which I hope, in the future, does get off the ground. You've had a short stay here Kathy, but, I think it's been of benefit for everybody to have you here and I wish you the best of luck in the future. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER ALTIERI-BUCHER: I just wanted to thank all of Council and it's been a privilege working with everyone here and including Mayor Watkins as well, I said that before in my article, and it's been very enjoyable and it's nice meeting the new girls in the office too and including Debbie. Thank you very much. Bye-bye. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The next resolution.

92. BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT DENCZAK: COMMENDING CRAIG MASSEY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WARD 4. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #92; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #92. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor, signify by saying aye. All those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #92 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution 92 is adopted.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: It is always very difficult to be a ward councilperson and since I've served in almost every capacity here in Council, I understand the difficulties of most every job. The area of ward 4 has a lot of needs and I know that Councilman Massey tried to fill those needs. He was preceded especially with large shoes to fill when Councilman Ede of trying to take care of those needs. You will be missed at trying to do what's best for the neighborhoods. You will be missed because there's going to be many issues coming up and some of them very near and dear to your heart such as the Peel Coleman/Southeast Community Center and I can't tell you how much I appreciate being able to work with you over the last 2 years and I know that the rest of Council feels that way too. Congratulations. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER MASSEY: I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity of serving my City and my Ward. Secondly, I would like to thank each and every one of you who have affected my life in a positive way. I really do appreciate that. Third and finally, back in July, I pulled a petition for State Rep and I would appreciate all your support and your vote. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #93.

93. BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT DENCZAK: COMMENDING JOHN MROCKOWSKI FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WARD 5. - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #93; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution #93. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?..... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #93 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is adopted.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: John Mrockowski has been my life raft the last 2 years. I called John up 2 years ago when I said "Would you be Finance Chairman?" And I gotta tell you, instead of running and hiding, which would have been very easy to do, then I would have drawn straws with Casar, John said "yeah, under certain conditions." We have a pact of what those conditions were and I met his on day one and he met each and every one of my expectations after that. John made sure on a monthly oversight committee meeting that we did work within the means that we were provided in order to provide the best city service that was possible, and that's key here because I know we didn't balance based on what we were taking in, but the needs of this community are important too. And we worked with what we have. John, I am forever grateful for that. I'm forever grateful for a lot of things you did for me in the last election and I will always remember this, even though your stay was short, it was a fun-filled packed one, to say the least. You'll sorely be missed. Thank you John. (APPLAUSE)

MEMBER MROCKOWSKI: Thank you Bill. Mayor, President of the Council. I don't know what, what, what to say, to be honest with you. The thank yous, I could go around this room. For the President of Council for taking me under his wing at times, leading me in some areas where I wanted to go and others that I didn't know really where I was going. To my good friend Don Casar, who gave me a lot of wisdom because of his years of service and what we can and should and how to do it. To the Mayor and his Administration for really turning everything over to the Finance Committee to look at what we could do in the City. To Perez and his staff. Kim, without it, I don't know how much we would have been able to achieve because it was a task that no one person could do it. To all the members of Council, both those who supported and those who didn't, I don't....some of the ideas of the Finance Committee and the way we went. I'm thankful for that. We learned from each other whether we agree or disagree and I truly mean that the learning experience and my learning curve in the 6 years was great but it couldn't have been achieved without each and every one of you and your help. To the new Chief in the new position, Joe, thank you. It was a task that we set out to make sure that we weren't embarrassed as Cleveland now is; we didn't have to lay off any police, any fire, any services, we did what we had to do with a heck of a lot of help. And I truly mean from the Law Department to those who are not here and, I'll thank as I see them as I see them on the street. It's very difficult not running again, making that decision, but I met with a young man who said he believed in our city, wanted to do the job, Terry, I wish you the best. And to everyone, God speed and happy holidays. (APPLAUSE)

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PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Resolution #94 please.

94. BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT DENCZAK: COMMENDING BILL SMUCKLER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CANTON AS COUNCILMEMBER AT LARGE.
- ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #94; seconded.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Moved and seconded that Council adopt Resolution #94. Are there any remarks under this Resolution?..... Very well, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #94 ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The Resolution is adopted.

MEMBER CASAR: Member Smuckler, it is my privilege and honor to give this Resolution to you from this Council-of-the-Whole. I just want to say that as elected Majority Leader for next year, I just hope and pray that I can do the job that you were able to fulfill. I know the dedication you've had over the years as Councilmember and also as trying to lead this Council is very great and very appreciative by many members of this Council. And I know that if it wasn't for your leadership, we probably wouldn't have accomplished as much as we have accomplished, especially this last year. As you know, Bill, in the past we've had some rocky moments between us also-- but also in the last 2 years, 3 to 4 years I should say, we've learned from each other's mistakes, we learned to cooperate, we learned to get along and we did get along, and we did get along and I want to commend you, Bill, for the wonderful campaign you put on just lately and I, you know, things just didn't come your way. But I'd also like to say that this is the second time you're leaving Council and I too left Council 2 times, and came back the third time so I'm sure if you choose to come back, you'll be back here. And again, good luck and congratulations for everything you've done, and for you and your family, God speed. (*APPLAUSE*)

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Some 28 years ago, I joined Canton City Council fresh off a Council victory that led me to believe at the age of 28 I could climb any mountain. A number of times, I chose to climb mountains whether than walk through the valleys. What I found was as the years went on, I grew older and the mountains got higher. At the age of 48 and a whole lot smarter for the experiences in government as well as in life, I pursued a dream. In August 2002, I announced for Mayor of Canton, knowing full well only a small group of followers led by long-time friend Donna Weiss, Greg Hawk, James Carmen and my family would help me scale a mountain in the Democratic primary. Thank you for your friendship and sticking your neck out for me and my family. My wife who stood there 20 years ago ready to scale the first mountain and ready to climb every mountain in between, would stand again to help me obtain my dream. Randi, thank you for giving me the chance to dream. Missing there were 3 followers who would climb mountains for me anytime I called, Ralph Sussman, Mike Cirelli and former councilman Dick Davy. In death, I miss you all so much, especially the last election. The primary victory was bittersweet knowing the General Election cast was limited and the mountain which lay before me looked insurmountable and I didn't know which way to turn. What happened, as so often does in my life, a rescue attempt was made. Once again, someone else who would climb mountains for me and not ask for anything in return, Tom Harmon, would re-enter my life. Tom Harmon had offered me help, kindness and direction when I didn't know which way to turn. Tom gave me the confidence I didn't have, the ability to bring people together who I had alienated, and the capability to see things differently than I have seen over the last 20 years. Tom Harmon, you taught

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me the meaning of giving and I will always be indebted to you for that. With 1 or 2 exceptions, all of you in City Council gave your support, endorsements and some of your time to go door to door with me. I will forever remember what it took for you to come to my rescue. You will always be remembered and I'm only a phone call away to help you climb any of your mountains you have. Even though I was unsuccessful and was not elected Mayor of Canton, I learned some valuable lessons in climbing mountains which I would like to share with you during this last Council meeting of 2003. Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth -- you will not understand the power and the beauty of your youth until they have faded. You can't grasp how much possibly lay before you. Remember the compliments received, forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how. Get to know your parents, you never know when they'll be gone for good. Be nice to your siblings, they are the best link to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future. Appreciate the innocence of your children, stop to smell the roses with them because all too quickly seasons change, the roses will wilt and your children's youth will fade into memories. Understand that friends come and go but for the precious few you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography or in lifestyle because the older you get, the more you need the people you knew when you were young. Be careful whose advice you buy, but, be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia. Dispensing it is a way of fishing from the past from disposal--wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth. This holiday season, more than any holiday season has taken on a new meaning and a chance to reflect on my 20 years in government. For those of you I've hurt along the way over the last 20 years, I apologize. For those of you who have helped along the way, I am glad I was given the opportunity. For those of you who have climbed mountains for me, I am grateful. As I leave Canton City Council and look for the next mountain to climb, I can't say good bye, but just let me say until we meet again. Thank you everybody. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: As the Presiding Officer, I haven't had an opportunity to speak tonight. I'm going to make it very brief. Bill, you are one professional campaigner. I recall when you and I ran in the Democrat party for President of Council, you conducted a very professional, high-caliber campaign. In fact, I think if the election was in another two days, I would have probably voted for you myself. But your voice will be missed in this Council and I'm sure we'll see you again somewhere on the political horizon. Who's next? Kathy Altieri, you are a dedicated Councilperson. You did wonders for your area, for your ward and for your city and I'll miss your voice also. Craig Massey, what can I say?-- your ward is the ward that got me started in politics, the 4th ward. And it's a good ward to come from. Believe me, I know that you've done a dedicated job for the people of your ward, for the City of Canton, and you will too be seen on the horizon in the future. What's that? Oh, the Clerk said speak into the microphone. I don't wanna speak into the microphone, I'll probably start crying. John, I admired your tenacity when you took over as Finance Chairman. I knew it was a big problem, but I knew you'd be the type of caliber of a person that could handle the job. And I'll miss your voice here also. Who else, is there anybody else?... RA Mallonn, oh, you got re-elected, didn't you?... (*laughter*) I'll miss all of your voices, you were a credit to the community and to your particular political party.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RETURNED TO MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AT 9:33PM

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: The first meeting of the new term will be January 1st at 11:00 am here in these chambers. We'll have the swearing in ceremonies and immediately following we will have the regular business meeting, the first meeting of the new term. So, that's January 1st at 11:00 am here in these Chambers. We're still under miscellaneous business. Is there any other miscellaneous business?

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MEMBER HART: Mr. President, just one person I want to thank Mike Miller for everything he's done for me in Ward 7.

MEMBER MALLONN: Mr. President. Yes, I would just like to personally thank Member Mroczkowski, Member Massey, Member Altieri, it's been a pleasure serving with you folks the past several years and you are definitely an asset to the City of Canton in your Ward and you will be greatly missed. To Bill Smuckler, Bill, we haven't always been on the same page for the last 7, 8 years, but in the last 6 months or so, I think we became close during your election bid for Mayor of the City of Canton. I truly appreciate your friendship, we've grown closer in the last couple of months and I consider you a true friend. You will be greatly missed and I'm looking forward to seeing you back here in the next couple years. To the Mayor. Mayor Watkins, thank you for everything. You've always been there when I've needed you. You never played party politics and whenever I've called you, you've always been there and tried to assist me and the constituents of Ward 3 and, while we're commending people, I would personally like to commend our Service Director Mike Miller. Michael, when I was elected 8 years ago, I think it was the first week I was thrown into the fire in regards to the widening of Whipple Road and I was very new at this political game and you were right there along with Smuckler to guide me through that. And Michael, I want to personally thank you for everything you've done for me throughout the past 8 years. You've always been there and taken care of my problems and the constituents of Ward 3. So to each and everyone of you, happy holidays and everyone of you will be greatly missed. Thank you.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President. Yeah, I too want to thank all of you Council people who are leaving. I appreciate your dedication. You're all very honest people and that's very important. Bill, thank you for everything. You were a true leader. Thank you. Mayor, I thank you and Bill you too, when you guys go through Ward 6, you'll see things you were a part of that'll be there forever--new day care centers, golf courses, Mahoning Road Plaza--you guys were a part of that. So come over and visit any time. Mike, I think I was here 2 years before you came and I called you the first day you were here and I have called you, and I think I have called you every day since. But, anytime I called you were there, 10:00 at night, 1 in the morning you were right by my side, no matter what the problem was. You never gave me an ounce of problem, always willing to help and take care of things. That, I'll never forget. Thank you.

MEMBER DIAMOND: Mr. President. There's one quality that both the Mayor and Bill Smuckler share, and that is, that they look at every issue that came before this body as to how it would effect the citizens of Canton. Dave Dougherty just gave you a laundry list of what Mike Miller and the Mayor have approved for his ward and that's a testament to the Mayor, never, ever playing politics with these Council people and more importantly, the citizens of Canton. If the Mayor thought it was a good idea, he didn't care if the sponsor was a Democrat or a Republican. He was a man of integrity and a true leader and those qualities came from our majority leader and also from the Mayor, so I thank them both. And I really think there should be a trophy that goes to Mike Miller because, despite what I'm sure Mike Miller thought of many of us, many different times, he very rarely lost his temper, he always patiently explained his position and he was always accessible. And, that is a tribute to the Mayor who chose him to be his Service Director and it was certainly an asset to anybody that wanted to get something accomplished on this Council. So, I thank you all.

AUDITOR PEREZ: Mr. Chairman. John Mroczkowski has now taken his knowledge that he's learned of city finance and he's applying it down at the Mayfield Center. If you want to find John on any given day, just go down there and ask for Bingo Bob. John is now running the bingo show down there and making sure that the Mayfield Center keeps active. John, good luck, it's been fun working with you and we've enjoyed it. I just happened to know John when I was in the steel mill and the first time I got to met him was when he was trying to sell concessions at 7:00 at night to a bunch

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of steel workers that's been drinking from 4:00 to 7:00 and I remember the comment out of them, "Let's shoot him". Willie Moore stood up and says "hey, they'll be no killing here. You guys go down and get some more beer", and they ushered John out the back door. But, we have a long history, John, and I think we're going to have a long future also. Craig, I'm going to miss your comments, every time I walk out somewhere and hear Carl Munday. Craig has called me that, I think, since he's first come in because he's always asked me what's up, what's going on and where's, ya know. Craig has a lot of energy and good luck in your future endeavors. Kathy, I remember when you first ran against Peel Coleman. I said "Peel, why is she running against you?" "Oh, I pissed her off," he said. He says, "I can't get that damn store down and she's going to run against me until I get it down." Well, he got it down, Kathy, no, is it?...did he get it down? You couldn't get it down, he got it closed off. He got it shut down but he couldn't get it torn down and I know that was one thing in that area that needs to be done and hopefully it will be done with the new Chief of Staff sitting there. He'll remember Peel and Kathy both would love to have that thing down and well, I know the Building Department doesn't fall under your supervision after the 31st, so if you could do it as a passing present, they would appreciate it. Mayor, we grew up together. I mean, I can tell stories about Dick for years. When I first started, when I first decided to run for office, Dick bought my first fund raising ticket that I ever sold. Dick, it's been like a marriage and you know, it's been one hell of a marriage. We had the rocks, we've had fun. We've had, we've had everything that memories can ever be there for and I appreciate everything that we've done and everything that we've worked together for and just want to say thank you. Michael Miller, we went to school together, I've known you for many years. Some people call you arrogant, conceited, and I agree with them. But, you have this photographic mind that you remember numbers, you remember things off the top of your head that's unbelievable. Sometimes I don't believe everything you remember, but you can always throw something out in the wind. Mike, you probably could cover the worst nightmare and come out smelling like roses. You always seem to have that ability. So, good luck in your future and I think no matter how far north you go, you should have a pretty successful career. And last but not least, I'd like to, Bill, we grew up together, we've been friends forever, we've been political allies, we've had our battles. I remember a gun issue when you brought your daughter in. And you used your own daughter to defeat an ordinance that we had down here. Bill is probably a political analyst at the best, I mean, he can look at things, figure out the way things are going and know which way his constituents want him to go. I'm more like the bull in the china shop that just tries to knock all the china over than to go that route. Bill, you know, you worked hard, you probably, of everybody I've ever known running for office, I've never seen anybody change as much as you changed this last election. You've went into rooms of 3-400 people, and you used to feel so uncomfortable, and you could walk up to everybody in that room and say hello. I watched you do things that you never did things in the past, you've done everything that anybody could ask when you ran for office and, I'll tell you what, as one of your supporters, I could never ask any more of you and I know that you will be back in the future. And, you know, January 9th, we'll sit and talk.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other miscellaneous business? ... Mayor and then you.

MAYOR WATKINS: Just one brief addendum to everything that I've said already and that is, this is to Bill. We've had a lot of fun and a lot of fights and a lot of good and a lot of bad things that have gone on over the years. I think it's important that I say this. Your political career is not ending, mine is, yours is not. You are very young, inexperienced, but you're getting a lot of experience as you go along. But the kinda guy Bill is, he came out on election night and he came down to the Marriott Hotel after the election results were announced. He brought his wife and children along to congratulate the winner. This was a class act. And Bill is a class act and so is his family. It's been my pleasure to be associated with all you all these years. Thanks, Bill.

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. Chair.....

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Law Director and then Member Babcock.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Thank you, Mr. President. I have one word for all of our leaders who are departing as they're in transition. One four letter word and it's love. Despite all our differences in generations and parties and approaches and in the way some of you demonstrate your love, sometimes, not always, normally, the one thing that you all have in common is a love for the city. The two newer folks, you had the misfortune of coming in during a down-cycle. The older I get, the more I'm convinced everything moves in cycles. And you happened to ride into a rough cycle, but you rode it well. Never losing sight of your constituents and their needs. John Mroczkowski is a manly man who brought a sense of calm and diplomacy when we needed it most as Finance Chairperson. He bridged the gap between management and labor and did it as well as any diplomat could do. Bill, you have blossomed into an amazing leader. You have all of the qualities that go into that ingredient of intelligence, wisdom and experience, and I know that you will make better use of it in one way or another. Mayor, Mike Miller, your team has always made us feel welcome. I have always felt trust, and friendship and support on the 8th floor and all of the things we've done together through all of these years. Mike, your passion is exemplary in terms of your detail, work habits, your devotion to your kids and your hobbies. And the Mayor is a consummate definition of the word gentleman. So, as we transition out one third of our Council and a three term Mayor and a three term Service Director, I feel privileged to have worked with all of you. Be proud, I know it's been a rough time but if we keep pace as we do, with news reports, you Council, Administration, Auditor, Union Leaders, these Unions particularly, have the foresight well over a year ago to see what was coming to most of the cities, most of the states and the federal government. You saw it coming well in advance of many others and called it for what it was and dealt with it. Now, we didn't resolve all of our differences, but you were able to avoid a lot of the misery that some of our neighbors are going through in Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo and last week Pittsburgh was written up in the paper as the city with a new convention center and a sterling future whose credit rating is now at junk bond status. So, it's a credit to you, all of you, with all of our differences that we were able to ride that through. I'll conclude by saying a quote from one of my favorite authors, one of my favorite books and it's very timely of course at this time of year, and that is "God Bless Us Everyone."

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Well, I've been in Council about as long as anybody and I was acquainted with all these people before I got in Council. All but Greg and Kathy. And, Mayor, the Mayor and his wife and me are real good Indian fans so we got to be real friendly. The Mayor has always been a friend of mine. He used to sit behind me in Council before. And Mike, I, Mike knows that I think a lot of him and I think that I tried to see that he held his job but I guess I didn't do any good. But I want to wish everybody good luck in the next couple years, I think some of them will be back

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd be remiss if I didn't say something in regards to the...first of all, the four Council people, Councilpersons that are leaving here, it goes without saying, my respect and my thanks that I can personally give them for their diligent, hard work that they've done to help Canton get back on its feet, it's going to become the city that it used to be and probably better than it used to be. That goes without saying. But I would

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especially like to say thanks to the Mayor. Mayor, you and I been came into government together in 1970. Got sworn-in in these Chambers here. We served together for 10 years in Council and a couple years as Majority Leader-- and especially you as Minority Leader because the Republicans never have bee in the majority in Council. And I want to say that even though we had many disagreements, we were never disagreeable. After we discussed what we had to do on the floor, we went next door and had a soda pop or whatever. And, I thank you for your friendship that we've grown stronger over the years, and hopefully it will continue with your wife and my wife being friends as we have been with you all these years. And I just want to thank you for the opportunity to be your friend all these years and continue to be. And Mike Miller, I'll never forget in 1992 when you came in as Service Director and I said to Dick, I said, where did you get that guy? I mean, that's exactly what I said. And you told me at that time, you said, he's young, he'll learn. Well, I just want to say, Mr. Miller, Mike, I used to call another individual the best Service Director I ever served under, but I must admit, you are the best Service Director I have ever served under and it's going to be a sorry state of affairs around here without you. And I honestly, truly mean that because you have done a yeoman's job for any councilman that ever asked you to do something for them. But you know every project that's going on and you've known everything that's gone on for the last 5, 10 years past and you know what's going on in the next 5 or 10 years ahead. You're a remarkable individual and I really welcome the opportunity to have known you and to continue to be your friend, especially we have grown to be friends in the last 6, 7 years. And I really appreciate what you've done for this city because you are true Cantonian that's worked hard for your city and I only wish, and I mean this, that you were coming back here on January 1st because this city is dearly going to miss you.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. Chairman. You can't see this far, I know you can't. But, I would be remiss if I didn't say something. I think that I would like to thank all of you for working with me and for me and, Bill, you taught me a few things. You taught me how to count, that's an inside joke, but he taught me how to count. This last 6 months, I think we did get fairly close, I think you helped me by walking in my ward and I think I helped you by walking in our ward. And, I would like to thank you for all the time that you have put in city council because I've known you for quite a few years. Even though I didn't go to school with you guys, since I'm older, I still enjoyed the friendship with 'ya. Kathy, I had a good time negotiating, or working with you on some of these things that are coming down like Habitat for Humanity and all the things that you've done. You've done a great job, I'm sorry to see you go, but I know you're going to be trying to come back. Mayor, I've known you for a long time, a long time. You were my councilman, years ago when I was President of Firefighters, I'll never forget you coming forward and helping us, always helping us, even as a councilman. And Mayor, I think you've helped all the city workers, you've given them a good living wage, and I think that they all appreciate that once, in the future years, I think you'll be one of the better Mayors that's served this city. Mike Miller, I don't know about you buddy. They say he doesn't get mad but I think he gets it all off when he plays basketball. You know, that's where he gets his frustration and anger out. But, I'll tell you one thing, I think he's the best Service Director that I've ever seen and I've seen a lot of Service Directors here and negotiated with them too. And I know one thing, he always tried to do what was right and you are correct about a person that can look down the road 5 years ahead. He could look down the road and see that. I hate to see you go, I wish we could have kept you. Mr. Massey, I've known you for along time too, when you were a young man. I knew you when you played football with my son, and you've grown up to be one hell of a guy and I wish you, I wish you, all the happiness in the world. I hope that you can be one of the Legislators. I hope you work hard and I hope you achieve that. And now my buddy John Mroczkowski, I've known this guy for many years. We grew up together, me, him and Dan Sciury. Dan Sciury used to shine our shoes (*laughs*), and I know one thing, this guy was tenacious when it come to negotiating. I've been with him many, many times and I would pick this guy to be with anywhere, under any conditions, I would pick this guy. I don't know how you guys talked him into being Finance Chairman, that's one time I only thought, that's the only time I

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ever thought he didn't know what the hell he was doing. So, at that, I hope everybody here has a nice holiday. Thank you.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President. I would like to thank Members Massey and Member Altieri. Two years ago we came in here together and we worked in the spirit of cooperation. That's something I'm truly going to miss when you're gone. I've really enjoyed working with both of you. It's been, it's made everybody's job in this Council a lot easier. Member Mroczkowski, taking care of a budget and working hard as you did and using his own words, got his hands around it, to make a difference in our city, your leadership will be sorely missed. Bill Smuckler, the guy who I call up yelling and screaming, and he calms me down and gives me the correct advice. I thank you Bill for all of your guidance. Mike Miller, a gentleman who's always done everything in the best interest of the city. Finally, to Mayor Watkins, what a tremendous job you've done. I don't think that anybody in this town can ever walk into our downtown area and not look at it and think of you. I remember when I first came down here and looked at that and saw, and I can now still picture the changes and the things you've done down there. Congratulations, Mayor, and thank you so much for everything you've done for me. Thank you everyone.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Member Mroczkowski, were you asking for the floor?

MEMBER MROCKZKOWSKI: Yes, thank you. Very short, the evening is long, and I want to thank everyone for the kind words and some of them, this bingo stuff, I don't know about, Kim. But, through this whole thing and thinking about what to say, I forgot about Mike Miller. He's, we've been counting the days down together. Mike, I apologize, you were a big, a big help in the finance. You led the way, you showed what could be done within that department and how to do things. You'll take that knowledge and someone will use it. Too bad it's not going to be us but I hope some day to work with you again. And in my 6 years, you were the best Service Director I ever knew.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Is there any other miscellaneous business?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MILLER: Mr. President. I just want to thank everybody for the kind compliments tonight. It's been a pleasure working with all of you. January 2nd I'm going to be kinda shuddering wondering whether Dave Dougherty's still going to call me at home, if he's got a flooding problem or he's got a snow problem. But it's been a pleasure working with all of you. You've made it easy to do my job and we've all worked together, I think, for the citizens of Canton. Mayor, I can't thank you enough for the opportunity. And hopefully, I've got a letter to the editor going in the newspaper in a few days that will tell you how much I appreciate that. Thank you.

CLERK VANCKUNAS: Mr. President. I would just like to say that it was truly a pleasure to prepare each and every one of these Resolutions that was passed out tonight and I hope that you will enjoy them for years to come. I did my best and I hope that they're appreciated. A special note, I've done school tours with the Mayor and to hear him talk to young people is truly inspirational. He is a gifted speaker. And, a special note John Mroczkowski. I've attended budget oversight committee meetings and as a result gained a great deal more respect than I had previously for our department heads. And I think it takes a special person to walk into a room and redirect people toward one common goal and you did that -- just like a pit bulldog, but you did it. And, best of luck to all of you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: Any other miscellaneous business?

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adjourn for 2003; seconded.

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

NO REMARKS PERMITTED ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT DENCZAK: This meeting is adjourned. (*Sounds gavel*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 9:59 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

DEBRA VANCKUNAS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

RAY DENCZAK
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL