

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2006**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Before we begin our meeting tonight, I've, I know I've talked to all members of Council in this tragic circumstances, but we'd like to have a moment of silence for Jennifer Milburn, the Letter Carrier who was tragically and senselessly shot to death this last week. I know we have some citizens from our community that want to talk about the violence in our neighborhoods and ah, obviously, this is epidemic all over the United States, not just Canton, Ohio, unfortunately. But, let's at least have a moment of silence for Jennifer and her family. *(A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS TAKEN FOR THE LOSS OF JENNIFER MILBURN, US POSTAL EMPLOYEE MURDERED WHILE DOING HER JOB)*. Thank you. The Chair calls this meeting of City Cou... City, Canton City Council to order. We are gonna change the beginning because I've not gotten that right in 2 weeks. Ah, will you please call the roll, madame Clerk.

***ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK TIMBERLAKE:***

10 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (JOE CARBENIA, MARY M. CIRELLI, BILL SMUCKLER, GREG HAWK, THOMAS E. WEST, JAMES GRIFFIN, TERRY PRATER, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, RICHARD D. HART, & KARL "BUTCH" KRAUS)

10 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT, 2 ABSENT (DON CASAR & KELLY ZACHARY)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. We'll have the invocation tonight given by Councilmember Griffin. Please remain standing, ladies and gentlemen, for the Pledge of Allegiance.

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, October 23, 2006, at 7:30 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council Cynthia Timberlake. The invocation was given by Ward 3 Councilmember James E. Griffin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Schulman.*

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under agenda corrections and changes. The Chair will recognize the motion to suspend Rule 22A to add second reading Ordinances #15 through and including #20.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President. I move Rule 22 be suspended to add second reading Ordinances 15 through and including 20, to the agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Carbenia. Thank you Member Cirelli. Member Clerk, Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The motion passes.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now in the public hearings scheduled for this evening. There are none.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under the public speaks on ordinances and resolutions for adoption. We have no speakers signed up to speak this evening.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under information resolutions. The Chair will recognize a motion to excuse members.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President. I move we excuse Member Casar and Member Zachary from tonight's meeting; seconded

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded. Any remarks?... If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Motion passes.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under communications. Let the Journal show that 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 23, 2006.***

494. ANNEXATION DIR., SLIMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO INITIATE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE REIFSNYDER PARK/PARK POULTRY ANNEXATION. - RECEIVED & FILED
495. ANNEXATION DIR., SLIMAN, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO INITIATE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE HARMONT EAST ANNEXATION. - RECEIVED & FILED
496. LAW DIR., MARTUCCIO, CITY OF CANTON: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
497. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): REQUEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT FR: HOLLAND OIL CO. TO: MACS CONVENIENCE STORES LLC, DBA CIRCLE K 5618 @ 1212 - 12<sup>TH</sup> ST NW. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

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498. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): REQUEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF D2, D2X, D3 LIQUOR PERMIT FR: DENISE MUCCI DBA LITTLE CHICAGO TO: JAMES A. PASTORE, JR., LITTLE CHICAGO INVESTMENTS INC DBA LITTLE CHICAGO BISTRO @585 MARKET AV N. - INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
499. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): DENYING AND REJECTING THE 2006-2007 RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR PERMIT FOR MARTIN JOSEPH STURIALE DBA PASTIME INN @ 606 9<sup>TH</sup> ST SW. - RECEIVED & FILED
500. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): ADVISING THAT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 10/18/06 HAS BEEN CONTINUED REGARDING CANTON SOUTH DRIVE THRU, INC. @1837 CLEVELAND AVE., SW. - RECEIVED & FILED
501. OHIO EPA, STATE OF OHIO, 122 S. FRONT STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215: SUBMITTING PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS OR MODIFICATIONS. - RECEIVED & FILED
502. SAFETY DIR., HUNT, CITY OF CANTON: REQUEST TO ADOPT LEGISLATION FOR THE DIR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM WALMART ON BEHALF OF THE CANTON FIRE DEPT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF SMOKE DETECTORS; REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FR: UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE TO: 2783 FIRE DONATION FUND. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
503. SERVICE DIR., CONCATTO, CITY OF CANTON: AUTHORIZE DIR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE SANITARY SEWER CONVEYANCE RIGHTS FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED AREAS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$91,136.09. - FINANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEES
504. WINN, RADELY, APPLICANT, 1714 GROSS AVE., NE, CANTON, OH 44705: ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION FOR 1607 MAY PL., NE FR: SINGLE ZONING DISTRICT TO: DUPLEX ZONING DISTRICT. - PLANNING COMMISSION

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the first reading. Let the journal show that all ordinances are being given their readings as required by State Law. Madame Clerk, please read the first reading ordinance by title.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #14 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS.***

1. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 4682 THRU 4684; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF THE INTERSECTION OF TYLER AVENUE SE AND 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET SE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

2. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COT-PURITECH PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S JOB CREATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee

3. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT A \$120,000 PER YEAR GRANT FOR A 3-YR FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A MONTH TO MONTH CONTRACT WITH STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FAIR HOUSING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

4. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE WITH THE US DEPT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT A 2007 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, 2007 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM & 2007 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM; RATIFYING SUBMISSION & FILING OF SAID PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE US DEPT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR THE 3 PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

5. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH STARK COUNTY OUT OF POVERTY PARTNERSHIP, INC TO PROVIDE HOME FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$240,000 FOR THE WILLOW PARK HOUSING PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

6. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING & ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 7891 AND 40796; APPROVING & ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A 15-FOOT TURN-OUT RADIUS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

7. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING & ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PART OF LOT 793; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (St. Metro Housing)

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

8. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING & ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF PART OF OUTLOT 215; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

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9. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBLIGATIONS IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED \$3,155.96 TO EWING CHEVROLET AND \$4,862.81 TO TREAD CORPORATION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Finance Committee
10. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH MERCY MEDICAL CENTER AND CONCERN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Finance Committee
11. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AMENDED CONTRACTS WITH OHIO POWER COMPANY TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE HARRISBURG RD NE WATER FIELD AND SUGARCREEK WATER FIELD; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Judiciary Committee
12. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH DIGITAL AND ANALOG DESIGN CORPORATION FOR VOICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO ORC SECTION 125.04; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH KEY GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC. FOR A TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC. FOR A TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEASE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Finance Committee
13. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER IN THE REIFSNYDER PARK/PARK POULTRY ANNEXATION AREA UPON ITS BEING ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Annexation Committee
14. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER IN THE HARMONT EAST 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  
Referred to Annexation Committee

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Ordinances for their second reading. Madame Clerk, will you please read the Ordinances #15 through #20 by title.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING***

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- #15. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG.) AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF MARYLAND AVE S.W., ROSLYN AVE S.W. & BELLFLOWER AVE S.W.; APPROVING & ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF 13.999 ACRES OF LAND; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY **PUBLIC HRG. 10/30/06 @ 7:30 P.M.**
- #16. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG.) AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY **PUBLIC HRG. 10/30/06 @ 7:31 P.M.**
- #17. (2<sup>ND</sup> 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 **PUBLIC HRG. 10/30/06 @ 7:32 P.M.**
- #18. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG.) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 151.10, HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFITS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANTON.
- #19. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG.) AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 1/2006 AS AMENDED BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #20. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG.) AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$825.39 TO OFFICE MAX CONTRACT, INC.; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. We are now under Ordinances for their third and final reading. Madame Clerk, please read Ordinances #21 through 30 by title.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #21 THROUGH #30 FOR THE THIRD TIME BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS. ALL THE ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR THIRD READING***

- #21. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #187/2006** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize a motion to adopt Ordinance #21.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President. I move we adopt Ordinance 21; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #21 is adopted. **#21 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #187/2006**

#22. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #188/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY LLP FOR LEGAL & FINANCIAL UNDERWRITING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY'S 2006 BOND ISSUANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize a motion to adopt Ordinance #22.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I motion we adopt Resolu... or Ordinance 22; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Are there any remarks?... If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #22 is adopted. **#22 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #188/2006**

#23 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #189/2006** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$2,030,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEW FIELDS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WILLIG & BORS FIELDS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT HARTER FIELD AND WATER FACILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Chair will recognize a motion to adopt Ordinance #23.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance #23; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #23 is adopted. **#23 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #189/2006**

#24 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #190/2006** TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,485,000 FOR THE

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PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, AND IMPROVING CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND STREETSCAPES, AND INSTALLING; AND IMPROVING SEWERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Chair will recognize the motion to adopt Ordinance #24.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance 24; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded. Are there any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #24 is adopted. **#24 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #190/2006**

#25 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #191/2006** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$8,580,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING CITY BUILDINGS INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SERVICE CENTER FACILITY, AND THE RENOVATION, REMODELING AND REFURBISHING OF CITY HALL, THE CIVIC CENTER AND OTHER CITY FACILITIES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Chair will recognize a motion to adopt Ordinance #25

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance 25; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's moved and seconded. Any remarks?... If not, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #25 is adopted. **#25 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #191/2006**

#26 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #192/2006** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,535,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING AT A LOWER INTEREST COST \$7,325,000 OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING WATERWORKS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 1995, DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1995 AND STATED TO MATURE ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IN 2010 AND 2015, WHICH WERE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE MUNICIPAL



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WATERWORKS SYSTEM BY ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES FOR RAW WATER TREATMENT, FINISHED WATER STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION AND WATERWORKS ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE, INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND FURNISHINGS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF ANY REAL ESTATE OR INTERESTED THEREIN REQUIRED THEREFORE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize the motion to adopt Ordinance #26.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance 26; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's moved and seconded. Any remarks?... If not, Madame Clerk, call the roll.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #26 is adopted and the Law Director wanted me to say that he did not draft the language of that last ordinance. (*CHUCKLE*) That's the...

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Somebody did.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: ... big shot Cleveland Law Firm. (*CHUCKLE*)

**#26 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #192/2006**

#27 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE # 193/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH THE 2410 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FUND; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO 1/2006, AS AMENDED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize the motion to adopt Ordinance #27.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance 27; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded. Any remarks?... If not, call the roll please Madame Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #27 is adopted.

**#27 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #193/2006**

#28 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #194/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$723,975; AUTHORIZING

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THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH THE 2428 'CONVENTION CENTER FEASIBILITY GRANT FUND'; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CORMONY DEVELOPMENT, LLC; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 1/2006, AS AMENDED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize the motion to adopt Ordinance #28.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance 28; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Any discussion?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr., Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Question. Is this the grant that was given to the Civic Center during the Watkins Administration or is this a new grant?

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr. President. No, this is not the grant that was given to the City during the Watkins Administration. This is a new grant given through Kent State.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Any other remarks?... Any discussion?... If not, call the roll please Madame Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #28 is adopted. **#28 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #194/2006**

#29 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #195/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #4 WITH TAB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,742.45 FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET/SHORB AVENUE NW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize the motion to adopt Ordinance #29.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance #29; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded. Any remarks?... If not, call the roll please Madame Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #29 is adopted. **#29 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #195/2006**

#30 (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #196/2006** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SBC GLOBAL SERVICES, INC. DBA AT&T GLOBAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE PHONE CARRIER SERVICES TO THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The Chair will recognize the motion to adopt Ordinance #30.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move we adopt Ordinance #30; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion?... If not, call the roll please Madame Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #30 is adopted. **#30 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #196/2006**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now Announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Um, Community and Economic Development Committee will meet on, at 6:00 pm on ah, next Monday on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Annexation Committee will meet next Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West... or, I'm sorry, Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: I've got the gray hair.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are gonna get lights here.

MEMBER HAWK: I've got the gray hair. He shaved his head.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: I thought he was, I thought you were passing your voice to Member West. Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Finance Committee will meet Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West. (*CHUCKLE*)

MEMBER WEST: Judiciary will meet at 6:00 on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER KRAUS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Kraus.

MEMBER KRAUS: Public Safety and Thoroughfare will meet 6 pm, 10/30/06.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Madame Mayor.

MAYOR CREIGHTON. Thank you. The Water Facility Committee will meet at 5:00 on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Is that it?

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Yes.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Okay. We are now under Public Speaks and we have 2 speakers this evening who I referenced earlier when we took our moment of silence. Ah, as I'm gonna say, every time I do this, we appreciate your being here. We appreciate your civic activity. We do ask you, however, to limit your remarks

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to 3 minutes; and, our first speaker is Vincent Watts. Mr. Watts. And sir, we appreciate you being here as I said. If you would give us your name and your home address sir. Thank you.

MR. WATTS: Thank you. My name is Vince Watts. My address is 1445 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW in Canton. Eleven months ago, we were here with the tag of being the 30<sup>th</sup> most dangerous city in the country. I wonder where we are now, 25<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>? My Police Chief replied that compilation such as these don't always tell the whole story and I believe that he is correct. There's an elderly woman living on that block who knows the fear that that Mail Carrier felt when she called the day before being murdered, as she ducked for cover because that elderly woman lives in that neighborhood every day and has had to duck for cover more than once. Now there are children living every day in the shadow of the violence that we claim to be fighting against. Where's the plan that says where we'll be the 50<sup>th</sup> most dangerous city next year or the 100<sup>th</sup> most dangerous city the year after or the 200<sup>th</sup> most dangerous city the year after that. I'd like to know where's the plan? I grew up in the northeast section of Canton at Gibbs and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Then, you could mark a point at 8<sup>th</sup> and Gibbs and draw a circle a mile and half around and you could find a confectionary and 3 grocery stores. You could find 6 businesses and 5 churches an elementary school and a high school. You could find parks and playgrounds and a swimming pool. Draw a circle around that same area today and you'll find an address where a young man was shot in the eye; an apartment where a young man was found dead; drugs, needles, prostitution and drug dealing around every corner. What you won't find is a grocery store, an ATM, a bank branch, a dry cleaners or a school of any kind. While we sit contemplating the tragedy of the situation, there's a shoot-out going on in broad daylight and it's not that no one is giving police information, it's that they know nothing is going to be done about it except by the criminals themselves. So, here I am again, employing the powers that be to do something. Get involved somehow. The Bible tells us that we should help the widows and the fatherless. There's some widows and some fatherless in the northeast end and the southeast sections of Canton. They too have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They're not getting either of those from this Body of leadership, and because of that, the Constitution goes on to say whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of other people to alter or abolish it and institute new government that as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness. It's not the people's responsibility to come to this forum and express themselves as I am tonight but it is still their right to expect their needs to be addressed by those entrusted with leadership. Leadership isn't an act, it's an action. You've accepted the position of leadership every time you deposit a city pay check.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Mr. Watts, I'm sorry to interrupt, but your 3 minutes are up. If you could just bring your remarks to a close. Thank you sir.

MR. WATTS: Thank you. I'm calling on the leadership of my city on behalf of those who will not or cannot speak for themselves, don't just sit there. Do something.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much sir. (*APPLAUSE*) Our next speaker is, and if I pronounce, mispronounce anyone's name, please tell me. Mari Moss. Ms. Moss, good evening. If you could give us your name and your home address please.

MS. MOSS: My name is Mari Moss. I live at 1601 Harvard Avenue NW. I want to, first of all, I wanna thank you all for what you have done and what you are doing in the community, positively, to combat the negative things that are unfortunately happening among our young people in our communities. Um, I know that you all are trying to do all that you can. Many people in this community know my story. Growing up in Stark County in Canton City Schools, I lost over 10 friends to violence, from the time I was 14 to 23 and now this generation, which concerns me the most, is that they're facing 3 and 4 now per year; friends, family members, friends that have family members that are losing their lives to violence. Right now, PEACE TV is getting ready to do a show

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on young people getting involved in the political process because we want our young people to know that they should feel empowered to be a part of the political process and we had many of them ask questions or write down questions at Timken High School about things that are bothering them about their communities and one young man, I think pretty much summed up, a lot of them have a lot of issues with violence, education, jobs and so forth, but this young, one young man really put it in, in the best words and he quotes 'In the Canton community, as we speak, many kids literally, under 21 have been killed due to gang violence etc. Yes, a lot of politicians and public officials say they're going to increase patrols and stop the violence but all that has done really, is create more police brutality, harassment from the police and even more violence. Instead of increasing police patrols, what are you personally going to do to stop my piers and family from dying?' And, when our young people are starting to feel like this, I think that they need to know that we care and that we do want to do something about it. So, I ask of you to, to think about these young people who this is affecting. One young man was crying because that was his best friend's mother that got shot last night, and, we need to think about the youth who are our future in this community and we do need to do something about it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much Ms. Moss. *(APPLAUSE)*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any miscellaneous business?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler. *(INAUDIBLE COMMENT MADE BY AUDIENCE MEMBER)*

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: *(PRESIDENT SCHULMAN ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE MEMBER WHO ASKED IF HE COULD PUBLICLY SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL WITHOUT SIGNING UP)* Ah, sir, I'm sorry but you have to, I apologize, I'd love for you to do that. If you want to come back next Monday, if you can sign up before the next meeting. Thank you.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: If someone wishes to make a motion to allow this gentleman to speak?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I move that this gentleman be given 3 minutes to speak; seconded. *(APPLAUSE)*

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Would you tell us sir, your name and your home address please.

MR. MACHETT: My name is Robert Machett III. I stay at 1334 Louisiana Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio. Today is my birthday, I'm 47 years old. I came to Canton 7 years ago. I have no kids. *(MICROPHONE ADJUSTMENT)* I came to Canton 7 years ago. I have no children. All I had was a drug habit and was willing to do something about it. So, I changed my environment. I came to Canton. I didn't know anyone. I didn't ask to be a friend of anyone, I just know I needed something different. But, Canton has become the same way as

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Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown because of the down-sizing of jobs, because of the, the, the increase, influx of poverty we're all in the bind. It's touching everyone. It's not your fault, of course you got elected and the process happened long before you stepped into those shoes. It has nothing to do with you, it had everything to do with our environment. Unfortunately, the only thing we can do now is stop talking about it, make a decision to put all young black males, between the ages of 12 and 18 and make them listen to the pastors, the teachers, the principals and do it one time and make everybody involved because right now, it can't happen any more. I have a son that's 17 years old. He's chosen the streets over everything that I've taught him since I've been in his life and not only him, all of his friends, they don't see anyone caring or giving to 'em or reaching out for 'em. We'll reach out for 'em when it gets bad, when they get drugs and get guns, but we'll talk to them and find a way to lock 'em up and stop it, but all it does is permeates more because the one we locked up here has a brother that sees that, he has a cousin that sees that. He says where's the love at? They're not tryin' to reach out and give me a job when it's summer time come, I'm on my own. When I see my kids outside all I can do is give 'em direction, they have to make their choices. How can I make my child make real good choices if all the children outside of my house are negative? When are we gonna come to the ideals that we can make a change and we're gonna make a change because you know what? I had a promise to make to myself, the Lord helped me to elect the right staffing for the city and guess what? Everyone one of you guys wanted to be elected, made it and I'm a Democrat and I voted for her, she's a Republican, she made it. (*CHUCKLE*) I believe in you guys. I believe in everyone of you guys but you got to come together. You can't look at white, you can't look at black, you got to look at a young man that wants to make a difference with his life, but we have to push him and say you can make a change in your life. You can make a difference starting now. We can't wait 'til somebody come here and do this for us. This is our city. I live here every day and pay the taxes.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Sir, your 3 minutes are up. I apologize.

MR. MACHETT: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: If you could just wrap it up. Thank you very much.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler. I'm sorry we didn't vote on that motion. I apologize. I'll get it right the next time. Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Ah, we'll just call it the Chair's prerogative on that one.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: (*MR. MACHETT THANKED PRESIDENT SCHULMAN*) Thank you sir.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Sorry Member Carbenia. We're waiting for Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I ah, was out of town at the end of last week and I heard the news of this letter carrier and what had taken place. Um, I know it's a long process to hire police people and I think we ought to begin now on the next class of hiring police people. We also have, from what I understand today, 176, 177 police officers. To your credit, we're annexing everything we can find and creating more miles for these police officers to travel. We are, at one point in time in the 90's, had a 196 police officers with less miles for them to travel. We have more annexation next week and it's all positive but we need more police officers in this city. I'm asking you now. I'm asking the Finance Chairman now. We passed this as a Council under our goals and objectives to hire

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more police people. Above and beyond that, I'm asking you to go back to something that's very near and dear to my heart and that's Community Policing. We need bike patrols in this community again and I know the Chief doesn't want it and I won't even get into Charter and how we could go about this a different way right now but, we need bike patrols in this city again and we do need jobs for young people. It's not just police officers. Mayor, I called you a few months ago about young people working at the Civic Center. I talked to the Director there and he indicated to me that the isles were too narrow. Now, I watched the circus come in there and go, and go through the isles and do, I don't know what you want to call it, ah, whatever, but they had jobs for people. We have an opportunity to put our young people to work in the Civic Center by hocking for food products if our Civic Center people will hire 'em and I know that they don't open up all the stands in there and this is an opportunity to call our high schools and get some of these kids off the streets. Vince Watts talked about it during the summer time. These were jobs we could have provided and every time we have an event there, we should be able to provide jobs. I don't accept the answer that the isles are too narrow. If the circus is doing it, we ought to be able to do it and there's obviously some plan as needed, both hiring, both community policing and hiring more police to make this a safer city in our neighborhoods. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Smuckler.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mayor, can I get a clarification on that meeting next Monday? Is it 5 or 5:30?

MAYOR CREIGHTON: 5:00.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Okay. The memo said 5:30 so, I was just double checking. Also there's a, tomorrow night at 5:30, at the William Hunter Building in my ward on Mahoning Road, it's next to the Library, we're gonna have a, the NEAR Group's having a meeting, community meeting. Everyone's invited to it. It's to express their interest in doing a corridor improvement on Mahoning Road, so, if any of you want to come out there, that's at 5:30 tomorrow. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Dougherty.

MEMBER HART: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHLUMAN: Member Hart.

MEMBER HART: Yeah, just, ah, I just wanna thank all the city employees that took part in, ah, the program on Thursday. They, they did an excellent job and trust me, I was very well educated by some of those guys in the departments and ah, they were, you know, really proud to let me know what they did and I certainly have a lot better understanding and, um, for our Finance Chairman. With hiring new policemen, and I can speak from personal experience, ah, we better start looking at paying because some of those guys that did come on the department took cuts in pay to come back and serve. Ah, many of the smaller departments, and I can speak for one, Gahanna, pays \$17,000 more a year to begin on a beginning police officer's salary and ah, many of those guys, ah, didn't necessarily look at making a buck, they looked at coming back and giving back to their community, not being a brain range, but being a brain gain. Um, something we need to look at if we're going to be getting good qualified people. Thank you.



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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Hart.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: There's also a rumor flying around Mayor, that 2 people were killed last night also. Is that true?

MAYOR CREIGHTON: I was told that this evening. Mr....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Anything else?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Of course the shootings happened in my ward and I know this recent one was in Dave's ward on the northeast side of town. It seems like we're, um, shooting at a moving target. They keep moving from ward to ward, from area to area and right now, it is throughout the district. Everybody, everything that people said today was right on target. I know we laughed and joked a little bit about earlier, in caucus, about the revitalization of our park, Nimisilla as well as the playgrounds and things of that nature. It does, it's going to take a multifaceted approach to take those problems. Police is not the only answer. Yes it is the main, main answer in terms of having police walk our streets and befriend our community, um, but also, we must look at the recreational activities that are in our neighborhoods. Vince is correct when he says on the northeast side of town, these kids have no where to go, no where to play. Some of the people that committed crimes were not kids but they were kids at one point and did not have an outlet, and speaking to some people today about this matter, I, I, there's a lot of people out there that have no hope, and we gotta offer hope, and we gotta offer hope now. We can't wait. I mean, we're gonna have to get out there, we're gonna have to ax for government programs. I think you and I have talked about even hiring a grant writer to bring down dollars that can address some of these social and economic ills that plague our community. I mean these are things that we have to get more pro-active on and we're gonna have to attack this problem right-on. The second thing I wanted to bring up tonight was, many of you guys heard about the Youth City Council and we passed it here some months ago. Mike Freeland is taking applications as we speak. He has 24 so if you have young people that would like to participate in Youth City Council, ah, see Mike Freeland, he's at the Wells Building at Canton City Schools.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West. Anyone else?

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Madame Mayor.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: I concur with the remarks tonight by Councilmen and I want this Council and this City to know that no one is more outraged and saddened by the events that have occurred in this City over the last few weeks. I don't think that there's a person in this City that is happy that the shootings have occurred. But, I would remind everyone, as Council, Councilman West has, that this isn't just a one-person blame. Our entire City must join hands together and I will be chatting with a list of items tomorrow with the Police Chief that I advised him this afternoon that I wanted to see him in my office tomorrow morning. But, I want us all to clearly understand

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that we have to work on this together and Councilman Smuckler, to your issue about the youngsters at the Civic Center, yes I'm aware of that and yes, it's a great idea but it's also not the cure-all to what we're trying to do with the children. We have many different civic community centers in this City that kids can participate in and you know what folks, I still say it starts at home and it starts with the parents and everyone in this room that is shaking their head, you know exactly what I mean and we have to take responsibility along with our school system, along with the 126 churches that anchor this city, along with our neighborhood associations so you know what, this is not a night for blame, this is a night for us to decide that we're takin' back our city. We're sick, we're damned sick and tired of it and it's gonna stop, so if you're with me, then we're gonna do it together and you know what, I need each and every person in this room, in the homes in the City of Canton and even those people that surround our city. You know Mr. President, I have, I go outside of this city and I hear people tell me that only these things happen in Canton. Well ya know what, crime, delinquency, drugs, prostitution, do not stop at this city line. They are all across this nation and it's time that we all ban together. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Mayor.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: It was not my intent to lay blame but it was my intent to offer another solution to an on-going problem. I'm not trying to lay blame at any department, I'm trying to say what I've said for years about community policing, about the jobs in this community. This didn't start with you, it's not going to end with you, this is going to continue to be an on-going problem and I am available to be a part of whatever you put together on any basis, the community centers, you've got my full support for all this, but I think that what we need to do is, and I think that I've heard this from some people, I am a huge proponent of your annexations, but I'm also hearing from a number of constituents, we're not necessarily taking care of what we've got now first and I wanna take care of what we got and I wanna take care of what we can get so, I am just offering that one of the possible solutions may be that since we're adding all these acreage, since it takes so long to get policemen, that we outta start, maybe starting the process a lot sooner. That's all I'm suggesting.

MAYOR CREIGHTON: Mr. President. I would just make one more remark. I, the annexation is a double-edged sword, and ladies and gentlemen, the way that we have built, the financial base of this city of the last 3 years and all of you have been a part of this, is through annexation, through putting more businesses in this City of Canton and getting more of that income tax base. I don't know how else to raise that income tax base to hire those 11 police officers, to hire the 8 new firefighters and to continue to add more unless I continue to annex. It is double-edged Bill, you're exactly right but I don't know what came first, the chicken or the egg.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Any other remarks?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Along those lines, Pastor Moss is calling a meeting together of all the reverends or pastors in the community to hold a prayer at the site that the young lady got shot so if anybody's interested in going down there, I believe it's at 12:00 on Friday, so...

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Any other remarks? Law Director Martuccio.

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LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President. Thank you. Two separate sets of issues please. First, to respond to our public speakers. Um, all very dynamic in their ways. Um, as Member West said, this is a multifaceted issue with multifaceted concerns. I, I want to acknowledge and praise Mari Moss for her involvement in the arts, the TV station, her radio, trying to reach into the souls of people to bring them to a higher place through the arts. Vince Watts is doing that with his Business Incubation Program and the arts and other projects as well. Our last speaker is obviously a very dynamic speaker with some ideas that can help influence folks and Veronica Calahan, last week, bringing so many neighbors to the Civic Center to express the common, concern for the common good. With more folks like you and the joint partnership between what you're hearing tonight, maybe we'll get there. It isn't just the end result, it's trying to get people from becoming that sole lacking in awareness and conscientious and empathy that they can shoot bullets that reach skulls and shatter them and they can kill people at close range. I don't know how people get there and I'm not sure how to prevent it, but I think there are, are other ways that we can look at including the arts and businesses and jobs to get there. On a related lighter matter, um, several people in the audience, Mr. Fisher has informed me um, are curious about these new natural gas wars that are going on. It's a diverse, 180-degree change from last year when Hurricane Katrina hit. Gas went literally sky-high. Um, it's cheaper this year and companies are out-doing each other. A number of people recently got letters in their mail offering them \$10, \$9.99 per thousand cubic feet, which is a dollar less than the city's stated price which was a pretty good deal up until people got these letters. Um, the difference is, our exit fee with Vectron, the City's chosen contractor is \$25 or \$25, I'm not sure which right now and it's a 14-month fixed price that was achieved by blending and extending old gas prices with new gas prices. What you're getting in the mail... I think, is a 12-month fixed rate with a \$150 exit fee, the very narrow window within which to try to renew. Um, and that narrow window, during the renewal or exit... voluntary exit, could be during a time when gas prices go a little higher. It's during the hurricane, a later part of the hurricane season, as I recall. Um, rather than go on and on with this, I will ask someone, Mr. Fisher, or someone to be the designated, call me within a day or two. I'll speak with our broker, review our contract and see if I can get better advice, but, again, I would be weary of that exit fee. Um, everything has its ups and downs and pros and cons. Um, all in all, the 10.99 the city has is much better than the 13 or 14.61, 14.31 we were at last year. Thanks.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Law Director Martuccio. Any other remarks?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. One more thing.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Ah, we have a group of students in the audience. Walsh College, would they stand? Walsh University.

*AUDIENCE REMARK: STUDENTS WERE FROM CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL*

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: You must stand up. (*CHUCKLE*)

MEMBER WEST: Well, I knew they were students though. Give them a hand. (*APPLAUSE*)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Are you going to Walsh? All right. Good. Sorry. The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MEMBER CARBENIA: UM.....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Unless Member.....

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MEMBER CARBENIA: I forgot what I wanted to do now. Oh, I'd just like to make one statement before I ask for adjournment.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Is ah, you know, as Member Smuckler had said about it takes a long time to get police on because of the lists and stuff, right now we have an existing list because we gave a test not too long ago and there's an existing list for both police and fire and I hope that ah, I hope that you, Mayor can look into it and we could hire a couple more and, ah, I'm on the Finance Committee. I'll be in favor of it and I'm sure Mr. Hawk will too.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President. One moment of your time please.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: I concur with Joe. We worked very hard on the budgets the last several years to bring about a balanced budget with everyone's cooperation and everybody's due diligence, we were able to hire new policemen this year which was to everyone a positive thing. I think we should really concentrate on putting these street offi...on these police officers in the streets and that was our full intent last year when we asked for these dollars and set aside these dollars to hire new police officers that they, that they become street policemen. Ah, these are something we need very much out there to help us out and I would love to see working towards community policing again. It was a great crime deterrent and it worked very well.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Hawk. Any other remarks?...

MEMBER CARBENIA: I move that we adjourn Mr. President; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Second? Please call the roll.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Certainly.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Ten yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. This meeting is adjourned (*gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:38 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CYNTHIA TIMBERLAKE  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ALLEN SCHULMAN  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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