

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 19, 2007

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: (*SOUND OF GAVEL*) With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please Madame Clerk.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK TIMBERLAKE:

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

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: All present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. We're gonna have the invocation given tonight by Councilmember At Large and our Leader Don Casar. Please remain standing for the pledge of allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, March 19, 2007 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 Councilmember At Large Don Casar, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Schulman.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under agenda corrections and changes. Members of Council, you're being asked to suspend Rule 22A to add the second reading of Ordinances #4 through and including #7. Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Welcome back.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Thank you very much I appreciate it. It's nice being back and seeing your smiling face.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ah, Member Carbenia did a very admirable job in your absence.

MEMBER CASAR: No doubt in my mind.

MEMBER CARBENIA: A paid advertisement. (*LAUGHTER*)

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinances through and including #7 on this evening's agenda; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add second reading Ordinances #4 through and including #7 to this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks... If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Rule 22A is suspended and the Ordinances are a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Public Hearings. There are no public hearings this evening.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Public Speaks on Ordinances and Resolutions for adoptions. We have no speakers signed up to speak this evening.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Information Resolution. Madame Clerk, please read Resolution #23 by title.

23. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: **POSTPONED 3/12/07: REQUEST APPROVAL TO APPOINT MR. ROBERT THOMPSON, SR TO THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES BD EFF: 3/1/07 THRU 2/28/10. - ADOPTED**

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we adopt Ord. Resolution #23; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution #23. Are there any remarks?... It not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #23 WAS ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Resolution #23 has been adopted.. Resolution #24 by title please Madame Clerk.

24. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: **POSTPONED 3/12/07: REQUEST APPROVAL TO APPOINT MS. PAULINE DOWNING TO THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES BOARD FOR UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL 4/30/08. - ADOPTED**

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we adopt Ord.. Resolution #24; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution #24. Any remarks?... It not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

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NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #24 WAS ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Resolution #24 has adopted, is adopted. Let the record also reflect that all Members of Council are present this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

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 MARCH 19, 2007.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Communications. Let the Journal show that all communications are received as read.

233. AUDITOR R.A. MALLONN (CITY OF CANTON): CERTIFICATE OF TOTAL AMT FR: 2007 ALL SOURCES. - RECEIVED & FILED
234. BUDGET DIRECTOR, CHIP CONDE, (CITY OF CANTON): REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PAY NEO LABOR MANAGEMENT COUNCIL IN THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FR: 200501 700506 FUND. - FINANCE CMTE
235. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (STATE OF OHIO): NOTICE OF HRG FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT ON 4/4/07 @ 1:00 PM RE: ARTHUR T. JOHNSON DBA CAROUSEL LOUNGE @ 3012 ATLANTIC BLVD NE. - RECEIVED & FILED
236. MAYOR JANET CREIGHTON: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 TO THE CANTON YMCA & THE NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER TO SERVE AS PART OF THE SAFE SUMMER COLLABORATIVE. - FINANCE CMTE
237. MELCHER, MARYELLEN, APPLICANT, PIRHL DEVELOPERS, LLC, 4949 GALAXY PARKWAY, SUITE 5, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OH 44128: APPLICATION FOR ZONE CHANGE @ 320 - 26TH ST SW FR: R-1a TO: P-R4 IN WARD 4 (WXZ RETAIL & PIRHL DEVELOPERS, LLC). - PLANNING COMMISSION
238. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLAT OF PART OF OL 315 & THE VACATED PORTION OF 17TH ST SE IN WARD 4 (COOPER & ASSOC.). - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
239. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED VACATION OF A 20' x 25' RECTANGULAR R-O-W ABUTTING THE N PROPERTY LINE OF 17TH ST SE, EAST OF ALLEN AVE SE IN WARD 4 (COOPER & ASSOC.). - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
240. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLAT OF OL 983, THE SW CORNER OF TUSCARAWAS ST W & LINWOOD AVE

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SW IN WARD 3 (BUCKEYE LAND CO.). - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE

241. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLAT OF PARTS OF LOTS 1492 & 1493, THE NE CORNER OF 2ND ST SE & STERLING AVE SE IN WARD 4 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY). - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
242. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLAT OF LOTS 28115 - 38117 ON 39TH ST NW BETWEEN GRUNDER AVE NW & STEESE AVE NW IN WARD 8 (THOMAS & PAMELA CHRISTIANSON). - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
243. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE: SECTION 1129.02 (a) & (6) BE AMENDED TO ALLOW BUSINESSES IN B-5 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ON PREMISE PARKING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN A 4 BLOCK RADIUS & SECTION 1153 BE AMENDED TO ALLOW BUILDING IN THE B-5 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO REACH 30 STORIES OR 375 FEET IN HEIGHT. - JUDICIARY CMTE
244. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DEDICATION OF LAND ON TUSCARAWAS ST W, WEST OF BROWN AVE NW, ON THE NORTH SIDE IN WARD 1 (CITY OF CANTON). - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES CMTE
245. PLANNING COMMISSION, (CITY OF CANTON): RECOMMENDING THE ANNEXATION AREA KNOWN AS EAST HARMONT ANNEXATION TO BE PLACED IN WARD 6 & BE DESIGNATED I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING. - ANNEXATION CMTE
246. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH CONCATTO, (CITY OF CANTON): REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT W/THE MILLER CABLE COMPANY TO INSTALL 15 DECORATIVE LIGHTS FROM ELGIN TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,572.00. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & FINANCE CMTE
247. SERVICE DIRECTOR JOSEPH CONCATTO & SAFETY DIRECTOR BERNARD HUNT (CITY OF CANTON): REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR SERV DIR AND/OR SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS & ENTER INTO CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE W/THE O.R.C. SECTION 125.04; AND/OR ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE W/THE O.R.C. SECTION 5513.01 FOR THE PURCHASING OF SEVERAL VEHICLES AND/OR EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS DEPTS. - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CMTE
248. STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, CANTON, OH: RECEIPT OF RESOLUTION & PERTINENT DOCUMENTS APPROVING REIFSNYDER PARK/PARK POULTRY ANNEXATION. - PLANNING COMMISSION
249. STARK COUNTY COMMON PLEAS CT, COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, CANTON, OH:

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RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL (DIANO ANNEXATION). - RECEIVED & FILE

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 reading as required by State Law. Madame Clerk, please read the first reading ordinances by title.

NOTE: PRESENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #3 FOR THE FIRST TIME BY TITLE & ANNOUNCED THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL, AS FOLLOWS:

- #1 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FAIR REUSE VALUES OF 4 PARCELS OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee
- #2 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 (C) OF ORDINANCE NO 177/2006; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- #3 (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,151.71 TO PPI GRAPHICS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Ordinances for the second reading. Madame Clerk will you please read Ordinance #4 through and including #7 by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #4 THROUGH #7 FOR THEIR SECOND TIME BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCE #7 WAS RETAINED IN COMMITTEE.

- #4 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 241/2006, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS AND REDUCTIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #5 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO 241/2006, AS AMENDED BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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- #6 (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES; TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLER FOR THE ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000.00; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO 241/2006, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #7 (2ND RDG) **RETAINED IN COMMITTEE** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,600.00 TO COTTRILL WRECKING; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Ordinances for their third and final reading. Madame Clerk, please read Ordinance #8 by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #8 AND #9 FOR THEIR THIRD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS. ORDINANCE #8 WAS DEFEATED AND ORDINANCE #9 WAS POSTPONED.

- #8 (3RD RDG) **DEFEATED (POSTPONED FR: 3/5/07 & 3/12/07)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 40/2000 AS AMENDED THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we adopt Ordinance #8; seconded

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #8 Are there any remarks?... If not, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: 1 yea, 11 nays Mr. President.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 1 YEA, 11 NAYS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #8 is defeated. Ordinance #9 please Madame Clerk.

#8 WAS DEFEATED

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#9 (3RD RDG) **POSTPONED** (PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED FR; 2/12/07, 2/26/07, 3/5/07 & 3/12/07) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 151.07, 151.08, 151.09, 151.12, 151.13, 151.14 & 151.26 & REPEALING SECTIONS 151.091 & 151.092 OF CHAPTER 151, EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS, OF CODIFIED ORD OF CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I move we adopt Ordinance #9; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: For the fifth time, I move we postpone Ordinance #9 until 3/26/07; seconded

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you postpone, for the fifth time, Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks?... By voice vote, all those in favor to postpone Ordinance #9 say aye. All opposed. The motion to postpone carries and the Ordinance is postponed until 3/26/07.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Ah, point of order.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I thought we had to vote ah, roll call on that, did we Joe?

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Yes.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ah, Law Director Martuccio.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: We had that same discussion and ah, rule 35 clearly says that motions with ah, with debate permitted include postponing to a certain date, it calls for a voice vote and a majority present are needed to carry it. Thank you.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I stand corrected. Mr. President, I'll try to get you again. (LAUGHTER)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Carbenia. I've got a great Law Director covering my back. I want you to know that.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 19, 2007**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Community and Economic Development will meet 3/26 at 6:45.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: The Finance Committee will meet 3/26 at 6:45.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. That's it? Ok.

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Public Speaks, Open Forum. I told Law Director Martuccio I was ready to adjourn the meeting and I know 4 people would not have been happy about that. We have 4 speakers signed up tonight. The first speaker is Brenda Kimbrough, and, Ms. Kimbrough, if you'd step forward please. Welcome. Thank you for coming and if you would, would you give us your name and your resident address in Canton and, I just want to caution you and all the other speakers who are coming after you, Council restricts public speaks to 3 minutes. I try to be fairly liberal on that, but, we hope you can get your message across. Thank you and welcome. Thank you.

MS. KIMBROUGH: All right. My 3 minutes starts now? Ok. I'm Brenda Kimbrough. I live at 614 ah, Canton, Ohio on 7th Street NE and I'm the Vice President of the Cherry Avenue Neighborhood Developmental Operations which is a neighborhood group. We are associated with NAVE. I'm a 2 year member of this program. We've been running CAN DO for 2 years and I'm the Vice President. We have 28 houses in our area. We have several families. We have a boundaries between ah, ah, 4th Street, Cherry and 4th Street and ah, also by Cherry and 9th Street and then the other boundaries are 9th and O'Jay Boulevard and also 4th Street and O'Jay Boulevard, and that is the area of ours. My concern is that about the mail not being delivered on my street. We have a lovely street. People live there and we have people that ah, are good citizens of the city and I'm concerned about the reading in the paper is my question is, will the city government be able to overrule whatever the Federal does? I do not understand this. I, I do believe that I'm concerned that ah, I would like to continue to have the mail being delivered at my address and all the people on my street would also like to have that happen. We are sorry for the loss of the postal worker and ah, but I don't believe that everyone should be punished for one person and as a neighborhood association, we, we are trying very hard to change our neighborhood. Our crime is down in our area. We do have people that are concerned. We've done a neighborhood clean up with the City of Canton, which was very successful which has cleaned up the trash and that in our area. I have a community garden in that area which I would like to dedicate to the person who has been slain in that area as a memorial against violence in our neighborhoods. So, I guess what I am saying to you, it is my concern about postal service on 7th Street.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much. (*APPLAUSE*) Our next speaker is Lois DiGiacomo and I do hope I'm pronouncing your name correctly. If I'm not, please tell me, and Ms. DiGiacomo, good evening and if you would give us your name and your residential address, ah, we'd appreciate it.

MS. DIGIACOMO: Lois DiGiacomo, 3198 Mariners Island Drive. I'm here tonight to inform you about a new entertainment destination in downtown Canton. For the past several years, I've been very interested in the revitalization of downtown Canton. I've worked with the Chamber on many events including several Light Up Downtown Canton events. In 1994, I founded a Rainbow Repertory Company, which is a traveling theater company and in 2000, I began a show on Channel 11 called 'State of the Arts'. In that time, I've learned that there's a great deal of talent in this area, singers and dancers who deserve a professional platform. In 2005, Arts in Stark awarded my company, The Rainbow Repertory Company, monies to initiate musical dinner theater in downtown Canton. To make a long story short, we will be opening May 12th ah, just 6 weeks out, and if you read the Repository yesterday, you'll understand why my phone has been ringing off the hook all day today. The downtown musical dinner theater will be called Canton Cabaret. It will be housed in the Metropolitan Center, which is the former Knights of Columbus building at the corner of 6th and Cleveland. On the 3rd floor, there is a grand ballroom, 5,000 square feet which will seat at tables between 250 and 300 guests and it is being restored to its 1928 ambiance. It will be the only theater in northeast Ohio that is housed in a grand ballroom. It is our goal to provide there a professional platform for the very talented singers and dancers in this area. We will not be in competition with either the Palace or the Player's Guild because our presentations will be much different from what is there. Ah, ah, we are planning a theatrical ah, lighting sound and projection system for that room which will be unmatched in this area. It will be installed by Gattuso Music, a local concern that's been around here since 1928 and also the lighting person working with us um, is a, ah, matter of ah, recommendation has done the lighting in the Flamingo in Las Vegas. So, we are very pleased that we will have professional lights and sound in that area. Um, there is a website called Arts in Ohio and they list Canton, or they list Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati and I believe in a couple years, Canton will be the fourth city on that list and to that end, that's why we are developing Canton Cabaret.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much. Congratulations and best of luck.

MS. DIGIACOMO: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. (*APPLAUSE*)

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. (*APPLAUSE*) Mr. President. (*APPLAUSE*) Mr. President. Can I ask her a quick question?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes. Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Miss, Lois, of course this is a Ward 2, of course, I always gotta mention that and will bring another asset to the community. Um, what is it, are you needing something from Council specifically?

MS. DIGIACOMO: I'm here to inform you about this. We are ah, currently, ah in the process of raising money to install the equipment in this facility and to that end, ah, we have talked to many community leaders and organizations in order to make that happen.

MEMBER WEST: And, and do you know when the ah, start date, in terms of opening that building?

MS. DIGIACOMO: May the 12th. Ahuh. Ahuh.

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MEMBER WEST: Thank you so much.

MS. DIGIACOMO: If you go to Rainbow Repertory.com, you'll learn a lot more about us.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much, and, by the way, the building you're housing the cabaret is to my understanding, the greenest building in downtown Canton, in fact, probably one of the greenest buildings in the northeastern Ohio area. So, congratulations and all the best to you. Thank you very much for coming.

(*APPLAUSE*) Our next speaker is Victor Petrovic and I hope I have pronounced your name correctly sir. Thank you very much, and Mr. Petrovic, again, if you would give us your name, your home residential address, we'd appreciate it.

MR. PETROVIC: Yes, ah, good evening. My name is Victor Petrovic. The address is 3805 Maplewood Avenue SW and it is Canton Township, and what I wanted to do is to reinforce some of the things that Lois is saying. In particular, I guess what we want to do is to inform you that we do have a program to make sure that the, Kent, the Canton Cabaret is indeed a success. Although I live in Canton Township, I do work a great deal with Lois and I want to just give you a little bit of background first. I have started a number of businesses, primarily involved with technical aspects of safety. I have developed a number of products and with these, I have designed them and manufactured them and distributed them throughout the United States and some of ah, Europe. Besides having my own businesses, I also have a PhD. I teach sales/marketing international businesses at Kent, at Kent State University in Kent and Akron University. Besides these, I have some backstage experience. My wife ah, has also put on a show at the North Canton Playhouse which she wrote, directed, produced herself. I've worked at the Player's Guild in a number of capacities, mostly backstage although I have been on, on stage also. Because of the association and the experience that I have both with starting businesses, operating them successfully, ah, my wife and I have both been chosen to be part of the planning team for the Canton Cabaret. We feel that we can be of assistance to it. I'd like to update you a little bit about some of the things that Lois has not said and that are going to be making the Canton Cabaret a success for the city. First, which Lois has already mentioned, is the location, with 5,000 square feet, the room could have about 300 people and the talent that's being offered, we feel that this is going to be unique to the city. The second is the talent that is going to be put, putting on and it's going to be the only dinner theater that we know of that's going to be in directly in the City of Canton. Third, we're looking at the technical capabilities. The money that Lois has been raising is going to be putting the Canton Cabaret in to a situation where it's going to have the most unique technical qualities of any facility that we know of around here. Because of this technical capability, there's going to be teleconferencing capabilities in which we can bring in input from all over the world as well as putting it out professionally also all over the world. To our knowledge, no other facility in Canton is even going to come close to this. Fourth and probably most important to most of the people here, we're looking at using some of the talent locally and we're including students from Timken High School as the operators of some of our technical ah, equipment and for this we're looking at maintaining them in the City of Canton. We do feel this is going to be a very successful operation. We're working towards that and we would like to invite all of you to come down to the first opening performances which are going to be in the first 2 weeks of May. It starts on May 12th and I believe it's the 17th and 18th after that. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Mr. Petrovic very much. Thank you. (*APPLAUSE*) Our next and last speaker is Harry Kouras. Mr. Kouras, ah, Mr. Kouras again, just to remind you, we're limited to 3 minutes so if you'll keep your remarks within that, we would appreciate it and welcome this evening. Could you give us your name and home address please.

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MR. KOURAS: Yeah. My name is Harry Kouras and my home address is 3721 Harrison Avenue NW Canton, Ohio. All right, um, I got a few questions. Let's see. What has the City of Canton doing, as far as crime, and its officers because I've heard many complaints from officers themselves stating that we are under staffed and under paid and where is the money going that needs to be going towards ah, the officers, to help fight crime?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: I know this is somewhat different for you.....

MR. KOURAS: Ah, keep going? I'm sorry....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: but ah, if you have a question you wanna ask it, it's almost a rhetorical question, you may or may not be answered.

MR. KOURAS: Oh, okay...

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: ... it may or may not be answered but it'll certainly be answered afterwards.

MR. KOURAS: Ok. I'm not familiar with this at all....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: That's fine, no, that's all right, we appreciate you coming down.

MR. KOURAS: Sorry. Ok. Um, also, um, you know, we have Timken High School which is um, done so much remodeling and they're looking forward to having this great vocational program and all this, but um, what good is it for a program like this, when you have for example people like me in the electrical, the electrical trade who cannot find a job here locally because they can't get into the union and when they have worked for a non-union company, that has been a great company to them, um, how do I put this... um, you apply once, twice, three four times, your fourth time around, you get pressure tact.... pressure tactics and also threatening tactics from people, and I won't name a name, Mike McElfresh, um, in regards to the non-union company that I worked for. Now, if we, ah, what, what good is it for our students to get into a trade if the electrical market is closed. Right now, Canton is closed. It is closed because we have this union and we have to go through a hall to, to get work, you know. Um, that's one of the issues I have. Um....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Well, if you have one more issue, that's about all the time you have sir. So...

MR. KOURAS: And then, what, and then also, in regards to undocumented workers, what is this, what is our city and state government doing, um, you know, we're outsourcing jobs or importing, in-sourcing jobs to undocumented workers who did not come here like our ancestors to do it the legal way and are taking away from, from construction jobs and other, you know, miscellaneous jobs that are out there, from people like me that are stuck right in the middle, ya know? That's it. Thank you for your time. I'm sorry for.....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much sir. We appreciate you coming down.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Miscellaneous Business.

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MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Is there any miscellaneous business? Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Ah, before we went into miscellaneous, I wanted to recognize ah, Bill Donaldson, who's in the audience. He's with the postal department. The United States Post Office and I asked him to come down tonight to speak on the matter of, um, the cluster boxes versus home delivery which is kinda crucial right now in Ward 2, ah, and has been in the media all through the weekend. So...

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Would you want to move for that?

MEMBER WEST: Yes, I move that we allow him 3 minutes to speak.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Is there a second? (*seconded by Member Cirelli*) It's been moved and seconded that we allow the US Post Master to address ah, City Council and the Administration for three minutes of any remarks?

MEMBER CASAR: I have a question

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: My remarks is that we have the time set for this, ah, not that I have any problem with it, but I, I, would hope that we would do that the way our rules say, public speaks for public speaks and that includes all matters.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Did you say he was the Post Master? Of the one up on Cleveland Avenue or ah, all of Canton?

MEMBER WEST: I assume he's with all of them.

MEMBER CARBENIA: All right.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Well, it's been moved and seconded that we allow, ah, the Post Master to address us. Any other remarks?... By voice vote, all those in favor say aye. All those opposed no. No?... Ah, the motion carries. Ah, Mr. Post Master, welcome if you can step forward please and give us your name and your residential address.

MR. DONALDSON: Good evening.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Good evening.

MR. DONALDSON: Ah, Bill Donaldson. I live at 44 South Street Louisville. Um, my office is 2650 Cleveland Avenue NW. I cover all the zip codes starting with 4-4-7. That all falls under my umbrella. Mr. West contacted me earlier this morning. I was in Cleveland at our district office. Ah, we touched base this

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afternoon regarding the issue but, most all of you read about in the newspaper Saturday. Ah, that was kind of an issue that ah, I was unaware was gonna happen as quickly as it did. But, to, to put your minds at rest, no decision has been made. We're looking at the potential for changing some deliveries. Ah, there's going to be a town hall meeting. I don't know the exact date right now. We're shooting for March 29th, Thursday, March 29th probably at 7:00. When that's firmed up, ah, certainly everyone that needs to know, will know, including the Repository. Ah, Council, the Mayor, the Congressman, what have you but, ah, I just wanted to reassure, as everybody else, as I did Mr. West, no decision has been made. That's all. Thanks.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much Post Master. We appreciate it. Is there any other miscellaneous business?

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: I'd like to add a couple of comments to Safety Director Hunt. Ah, Safety Director, in regards to 2 properties that were tore down recently. The one at 7th and Elgin NW on the north, the west cor....north, I mean southwest corner and another one on, which is in the First Ward and another one which is on Lawrence Road, 1100 block which would be on the north side of Lawrence. Ah, ah, they tore these homes down and there's holes in the ground, there's debris around. The one on Lawrence, they just basically, the home set up on a hill so they just basically pulled the dirt up over the hill and now they have about a 2-foot drop on the cor... with the rest of the neighbors and I would like you to check that out and find out who, dem, who was the demolition expert on this particular property and see that they're done correctly because we've been getting a lot of complaints. They go in there and tear them down, are they not supposed to grade them off and seed them? Isn't that one of the requirements? I know you can't seed this time of year, but at least they could have been graded off and now there's a 'For Sale' sign on that one property. I mean, if, if the city indeed did pay to have it taken down, how could there be a 'For Sale' of property up by owner on that property now, that's the one on 7th and Elgin. I wish you'd check those out for me, I'd really appreciate it.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HUNT: I will do that. Ah, John Labriola, our Chief Building Official is busily writing down those addresses and we'll get that information to you.

MEMBER CASAR: While I'm on the subject also, ah, when we tear a home down, is it not also in the, in the specs that the, that the sewer should be ah, concreted in so that no debris go back into the sewer line, cuz I understand we're not doing that either. I wish that would be checked out also.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: I'll check that out also.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Any other miscellaneous business? Ah, Member Hart....

MEMBER CARBENIA: Ah, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Well, I'm sorry, I recognized Member Hart. I apologize.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Just quick, I'd just like to say I voted no because on the, letting the Post Master talk was because I just feel it's another move to have our post office leave town, lose a lot of jobs and a lotta our

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postmen that do live within the city will be without jobs in the area. They might wanna move to New Jersey or something, but they won't have their, they'll have to uproot and leave and, I don't think it's good for Canton too to send our mail to Akron and have it come back.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Carbenia. Member Hart.

MEMBER HART: I'll, I'll speak quickly. Um, I wanna congratulate Lois for bringing more entertainment to downtown Canton. Um, I've had the pleasure of knowing her for many years. I first met her down at Lathrop Elementary when she worked with the ah, after-school arts program and she's always had quality programs. Um, and I know that the Canton Cabaret's going to be a quality program. Many of her programs have ah, starred our own Law Director and I expect to probably see him some of those there. Ah, he's due for an Academy Award also, but ah.....(LAUGHTER)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Is that ah, is that a positive remark? I'm not sure...(LAUGHTER)

MEMBER HART: Ah, yeah. (LAUGHTER) You can take that for whatever you want, but he's always been great!

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: I know....

MEMBER HART: But, ah, Lois is, she's a visionary with a 20/20 vision and a 20/20 vision for Canton and arts in Canton. Thank you.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Ah, Lois, I also congratulate you and um, give you a little heads up that um, we were treated to some talent about 6 weeks ago. Member Hart can sing too. So, keep that in mind when you ah, come back. (LAUGHTER)

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Um, I have a few announcements that I wanted to bring. Minority Health Month is in April. April 1st kicks it off and I believe there's gonna be a couple, a lot of events going on. There should be a calendar of events coming out but on April 5th, Minority Health Awareness at the McKinley Grand Hotel. Ah, there will be a free dinner, ah, all is welcome to come. Ah, we will be giving out awards to the hero and shero who have made a positive impact on minority health and closing the disparities that exit ah, within, ah, our district. Um, the second thing I wanted to announce tomorrow at 8:30 am, ah, the um, Summit Neighborhood Enhancement Team will be walking through the Summit United Neighborhood or the Summit neighborhood and doing a um, evaluation of the different properties and those types of things I wanted to announce that. Anybody's welcome to attend that as well. Um, thirdly, CAN DO, which we heard from Brenda earlier and I thank her for coming down as well. There's a um, a meeting, a CAN DO meeting and is in discussion about this postal cluster boxes ah, issue. So, please come out to that. That's going to be at 5 pm at March 21st on 7th

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Street. Ah, Stark Social Worker's Network, excuse me. It's going to be held at Stark Social Worker's Network. And, one last thing, I'm going to hold my comments to when we actually have the meeting in reference to these mailboxes. You probably read in the paper that I am emphatically opposed to this. We have a lot of seniors and a lot of disabled people down there in that district and just for the record, northeast ah, part of Canton, crime has improved. We do have some pockets of ugliness, if you will, some crime that we must address and we've talked about that in the past. I don't wanna beat it up again today, but that's something that we have to address so that we can make certain that we are dealing with the negative influences in our community but at the same time, I hope, I hope that we don't take out assets and I believe that the one asset is the postal worker and walking that neighborhood and being friendly to all the community and letting the community know that they are there for them, not removing them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Any other remarks?...

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: Mr... Mr. President. Mr. Di, da, doo.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I move we adjourn.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CONCATTO: I just had one announcement if I may Mr. Casar?....

MEMBER CASAR: We made a move to adjourn; seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn. Roll call please.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: This meeting of Canton City Council is adjourned (*Gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:05 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CYNTHIA TIMBERLAKE
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ALLEN SCHULMAN
PRESIDENT