

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2008

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Ah, welcome, thank you for coming down to City Council's meeting tonight. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call Cler., roll call please Madame Clerk.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK TIMBERLAKE:

12 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: (DON CASAR, JOE CARBENIA, MARY M. CIRELLI, BILL SMUCKLER, GREG HAWK, THOMAS E. WEST, JAMES GRIFFIN, CHRIS SMITH, TERRY PRATER, DAVID R. DOUGHERTY, PATRICK BARTON & "BUTCH" KRAUS)

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Tonight's invocation will be given by Councilmember Butch Kraus. Would you please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on Monday, March 31, 2008 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 8 Councilmember "Butch" Kraus, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Schulman.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Kraus and we are thinking of you and your family. We are now under agenda corrections and changes. Members of Council you're going to be asked to suspend Rule 22A to add the second reading of Ordinances #6, #7, #9 #10, #11, #12, #13 and #14. Ordinances #4, #5, and #6, I stand corrected, will be retained in committee. Member Casar. The Chair will recognize that motion.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, it's #4 #5 and ... Mr. President, it's #4, #5 and #8.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Sorry, #4, #5 and #8.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A Ordinances and add Ordinances for the second reading of #6, #7, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13 to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded then to....

MEMBER CASAR: Fourteen.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN:and #14. It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to second reading Ordinances #6, #7, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13 and #14 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

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

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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 adoption. We have no speakers signed up this evening.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Informal Resolution. Ah, Madame Clerk, would you please read Resolution #30 by title.

#30. COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE: ENDORSING PROPOSED FEDERAL HOMEOWNERS & BANK PROTECTION ACT OF 2007. - ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I move we adopt Resolution #30.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution #30. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. The motion to adopt Resolution #30 is ah, sustained.

NO REMARKS	RESOLUTION	#30	PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE			

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Resolutions #31, #32 through #39. Ah....

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smuckler... yes.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. Ah, a request by Member Smuckler that we would just ask that we pass those all on one motion.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

MEMBER CASAR: I move that we ah, we adopt Ordinance number, ah, Resolutions #31 and including #39.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: There's a motion to consolidate Resolutions #31 through #39. Any remarks?... Member Smuckler, would you want those read?

MEMBER CASAR: Ah.....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Just a summary of them. All right. Okay.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mem...Member Schulman, are you trying to give Mr. Casar a heart attack?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: I try not to.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: That would do it!

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Sometimes he does it on his own volition.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: A couple of these young guys gonna have to have him..have them help him carry these out. *(Referring to the following 9 Resolutions)*

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: You run the public speaks word on the floor.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you, Leader Casar. All right, ah, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. Resolutions #31 through #39 are adopted.

NO REMARKS
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

RESOLUTIONS #31 through #39

(THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS #31 THROUGH #39 WERE ADOPTED AS A GROUP AND NOT READ ALOUD.)

#31. SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING HILLARY SMUCKLER FOR RECEIVING 2008 GARY SHIFMAN AWARD. - ADOPTED

#32. SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING ADAM DICKSON FOR RECEIVING 2008 GARY SHIFMAN AWARD. - ADOPTED

#33. SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING ERIC ORTMAN ON RECEIVING 2008 GARY SHIFMAN AWARD. - ADOPTED

#34. SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING ALEX CAGHAN ON RECEIVING

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2008 GARY SHIFMAN AWARD. - ADOPTED

#35. *SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING FRED RAPPORT ON RECEIVING 2008 A.L. HELLING AWARD. - ADOPTED*

#36. *SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING HYMIE COOPER ON RECEIVING 2008 DR HYMIE GINSBURG AWARD. - ADOPTED*

#37. *SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING CAITLYN SOLOMON ON RECEIVING 2008 HOWARD FREEDMAN AWARD. - ADOPTED*

#38. *SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING CARL ADELMAN ON RECEIVING 2008 SANFORD AND JACOB FURMAN AWARD. - ADOPTED*

#39. *SMUCKLER, W., CNCL-AT-LARGE: CONGRATULATING DR. DANIEL ERLANGER ON RECEIVING 2008 SANFORD AND JACOB FURMAN AWARD. - ADOPTED*

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're 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 MARCH 31, 2008.

137. AUDITOR MALLONN (CITY): REQ CHANGE OF SALARY RANGE FOR CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR POSITION (GARY YOUNG) FR: \$42,297.00 - \$75,270.00 (GRADE 3) TO: \$42,297.00 - \$82,221.00 (GRADE 2). - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

138. AUDITOR MALLONN (CITY): CERTIFICATE OF TOTAL AMT FR: 2008 ALL SOURCES. - RECEIVED & FILED

139. HARRIS, J., APPLICANT: REQ TO WITHDRAW PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE FOR 802 - 25TH ST NW (SEE O#8). - RECEIVED & FILED

140. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): REQ NEW D1 LIQUOR PERMIT FOR BRIGHT PEARL LLC DBA TOP CHINA BUFFET @ 4309 TUSCARAWAS ST W. - RECEIVED & FILED

141. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): ADVISING THAT HRG SCHEDULED FOR 3/18/08 RE: LIQ PERMIT FOR PLATINUM DYNASTY LLC DBA CLUB BLUEPRINT @ 1016 - 12TH ST NE, 1ST FLOOR & BASEMENT HAS BEEN CONTINUED. - RECEIVED & FILED

142. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): ADVISING THAT COUNCIL HAS WITHDRAWN ITS OBJECTION RE: LIQ PERMIT RENEWAL FOR JOHN M. & MALIA J. ABEL DBA SMITTY'S PUB @ 2103 HARRISON AVE SW. - RECEIVED & FILED

143. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): ADVISING THAT CITY PRESENTED NO EVIDENCE FOR OBJECTION RE: LIQ PERMIT TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP & LOCATION APP

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FOR DIANA LYNN ALBERT DBA RIDE TO FREEDOM BAR & GRILL @ 2001 KIMBALL RD SE; CITY GIVEN UNTIL 4/21/08 TO WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTION OR SAID OBJECTION WILL BE OVERRULED. - RECEIVED & FILED

144. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): ADVISING THAT CITY PRESENTED NO EVIDENCE FOR OBJECTION RE: LIQ PERMIT RENEWAL FOR SUNKIN, INC DBA S & K MINI MART @ 2502 - 11TH ST SW, 1ST FLOOR; CITY GIVEN UNTIL 4/21/08 TO WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTION OR SAID OBJECTION WILL BE OVERRULED. - RECEIVED & FILED

145. SAFETY DIRECTOR NESBITT: AUTHORIZE SAF DIR TO ADVERTISE, REC BIDS & ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF 165 SPECIALIZED BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR FIRE DEPT & 10 STANDARD BULLETPROOF VESTS. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

146. SERVICE DIRECTOR BERNABEI: SUBMITTING SANITATION RATES; ADVISING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF 2.5% RATE INCREASE APPROVED LAST YEAR WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN PLACED INTO EFFECT; RECOMMENDING AN ADDITIONAL 13.6% RATE INCREASE. - ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

147. SERVICE DIRECTOR BERNABEI: AUTHORIZE CITY TO ADVERTISE, REC BIDS & ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR LEASE OF A BACKHOE LOADER FOR 48 MONTHS W/OPTION TO PURCHASE (WATER DEPT). - FINANCE COMMITTEE

148. TORRES, R., DEPT OF DEV DIR: AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE AGMT W/RTI INT'L METALS, INC TO BE EXECUTED BY RMI TITANIUM CO. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEES

149. WALKER, C., APPLICANT: REQ ZONE CHANGE @ 1411 - 15TH ST NE FR: R-1A TO: PR-4. - PLANNING COMMISSION

150. WALKER, C., APPLICANT: REQ ZONE CHANGE @ 1513 - 15TH ST NE FR: R-1A TO: PR-4. - PLANNING COMMISSION

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're 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, would you please read the first reading ordinances by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT 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 VACATING PORTIONS OF 4TH STREET SW AND WELLS AVENUE SW; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF 4.545 ACRES OF LAND FOR THE CANTON FEDERAL CENTER PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

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#2. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1/2008, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance and Parks & Recreation Committees

#3. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,132.00 TO 3-D SERVICE LTD.; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1/2008 BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; 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 their second readings. Madame Clerk, will you please read Ordinances #6, #7, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13 and #14 by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #6, #7, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13 and #14 FOR THEIR SECOND TIME BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS. (ORDINANCE #4, #5 & #8 WERE RETAINED IN COMMITTEE)

#4. (2ND RDG) **(RETAINED IN CMTE FR: 3/3/08, 3/10/08, 3/17/08, 3/24/08 & 3/31/08)** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH HYDRODEC NORTH AMERICA, INC.; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#5. (2ND RDG) **(RETAINED IN CMTE FR: 3/10/08, 3/17/08, 3/24/08 & 3/31/08)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO 1/2008 AS AMENDED BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION HEREIN DESCRIBED; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE NEW HORIZONS PARK PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#6. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING MCGRAW PLACE SW AND A PORTION OF TIMKEN PLACE SW; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 6738, 6739, 6740, 6741 AND PART OF OUTLOT 339; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#7. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF SAVANNAH AVENUE NE AND ENGLEHART AVENUE NE; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 1993 THRU 2002 AND LOTS 6248, 6249 AND 28911 AND THE VACATED PORTIONS OF SAVANNAH AVENUE NE AND ENGLEHART AVENUE NE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#8. (2ND RDG) **(RETAINED IN CMTE 3/31/08)** 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

#9. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,800.00 TO COTTRILL WRECKING CO.; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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#10. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH CANTON ELDERLY LLC TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR A 40-UNIT MULTIFAMILY ELDERLY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE CANTON CENTER NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA; AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A TEN YEAR REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#11. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOT 42765 AND PART OF OUTLOT 1249; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#12. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLATTING OF LOTS 3620 THROUGH 3622; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#13. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 40/2000, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

#14. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE HEAT STRAIGHTENING OF THE BRIDGE UNDER HARRISON AVENUE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. We're now under Ordinances for their third and final reading. Madame Clerk, will you please read Ordinance #15 by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #15 THROUGH #19 FOR THEIR THIRD AND FINAL READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS. ALL THE ORDINANCES WERE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR THIRD READING. (ORDINANCE #15 WAS POSTPONED)

#15 (3RD RDG) **POSTPONED** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 131.10, POLICE DEPARTMENT TRUST FUNDS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #15.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #15. Member Casar.

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

MEMBER KRAUS: That one's to be a postpone Don.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Fifteen is gonna be postponed?

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MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we postpone Ordinance #15 til next week, April 7th.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded that we postpone Ordinance #15 until April 7th, 2008. Are there any remarks?... If not, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. The motion carries and the Ordinance will be postponed until April 7th. Ah, Ordinance #16 Madame Clerk.

NO REMARKS
VOICE VOTE

ORDINANCE #15 POSTPONED BY UNANIMOUS

#16 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #30/2008** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THE RECYCLING MAKES SENSE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,170.00 FROM THE STARK-TUSCARAWAS-WAYNE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

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

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #16. Are there any remarks?... If not Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk, Ordinance #16 is adopted. Ordinance#17 please.

#16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 30/2008

#17 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #31/2008** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OR MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT AND LEASE WITH THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FEDERAL CENTER PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

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

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #17. 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: Ordinance #17 is adopted. Ordinance#18 please.

#17 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 31/2008

#18 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #32/2008** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED GRANT AGREEMENT AND RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #18.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #18. Are there any remarks?... If not Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance #18 is adopted. Ordinance#19 please.

#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 32/2008

#19 (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE #33/2008** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRI- ATION ORDINANCE NO.1/2008 TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL MONIES NEEDED FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF CANTON FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2008; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #19.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #19. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?... If not Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk, Ordinance #19 is adopted.

#19 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 33/2008

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Finance Committee will meet next week at 6:30.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you.

MEMBER HAWK: That's Monday, April 7th, sir.

MEMBER KRAUS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Kraus.

MEMBER KRAUS: Public Safety and Thoroughfares will meet 4/7 at 6:30.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Anyone else?

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Parks.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Parks and Recreation.

MEMBER CASAR: Parks and Recreation is not calling a meeting. I've called it for twice and they haven't showed up so, whenever they decide they're coming, I will call the meeting.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Okay. Thank you Leader Casar.

MEMBER CARBENIA: Ah, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under public speaks, open forum. We have....

MEMBER CARBENIA: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Member Carbenia.

MEMBER CARBENIA: I'd just like to mention ah, Economic Development will not have ah, the, ones that are in economic development until those agreements are signed.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Very good. Thank you. Any other remarks under ah, announcement of committee meetings?...

PUBLIC SPEAKS (OPEN FORUM--CITY BUSINESS ONLY)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We are now under Public Speaks, Open Forum. We have 4 speakers signed up this evening. Ah, I appreciate you coming down, who ever is in line to speak. I would just remind you

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that City Council has a rule that restricts your presentation to 3 minutes. I can assure you that we'll all be here after the meeting is over. The Adminis... the Mayor and his Administration and his Directors will be here to take any comments or information you wish to provide. So, we're not trying to cut you off, it's just ah, we're trying to get the meeting over. Ah, our first speaker is Patricia Kirk. Good evening Miss Kirk, and I know you're familiar with our ground rules. Step up and thank you for coming again.

MS. KIRK: Hi. My name's Patricia Kirk. I'm the President of Shake A Leaf, a citizens group and I live at 131 5th Street NE, and this is for you, I'm afraid I only have one of these. It's from Akron. I got this in 2004. It's their recycling and community event calendar. It's beautiful. It's filled with recycling tips and ideas and contests and maps. I'll just pass it around and, keep it.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Great. Thank you very much.

MS. KIRK: There's more. *(CHUCKLE)*

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Oh, I know. I'm just thank you for the first thing.

MS. KIRK: Okay. Thank you. Ah.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Hurry up, come on, let's go. *(LAUGHTER)*

MS. KIRK: All right, okay. *(LAUGHTER)* Um....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Okay, that's it. Next speaker will be ah..... *(LAUGHTER)*

MS. KIRK: Okay, the next thing is the tree ordinance. Ah, when can we expect that to be passed? It has been written and um, I know Mr. ah, ah, Bernabei is looking at it and needs time to review it. When can we expect Council to pass the tree ordinance? It's been a couple years now.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: All right.

MS. KIRK: And, I'm responsible to a group of people who keep asking me, is it being passed? And, I would like to know a date or a time and what to tell them. And, the third thing is, did anybody ever contact the Green Building Coalition in Cleveland. Ah, I gave the phone number before the end of last year. They were having a seminar on green building coming up, but I think that was in March. I can give the phone number again if you like.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Great. We'll take that after the meeting.

MS. KIRK: All right. Okay.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you, as always. We really appreciate you're dedication to this.

MS. KIRK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Our next speaker is ah... and I was just kidding, you know that... Carrie Brown. Ms. Brown, if you'd step forward and give us your name please and your residential address and, speak loudly so we can hear you and again, we have 3 minutes.

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MS. BROWN: Hello. My name is Carrie Brown. I am a home owner and a leader in this community and a volunteer. As today, as I stand before you, I live at 740 Ross Avenue NE, Canton, Ohio and I am a single parent home owner, worker, taxpayer, etc., etc. Today, I stand before you in City Council as a homeless citizen. Um, as of, starting in December, my house was broken into um, and robbed and then a month later it was robbed again and then ah, a couple weeks later, it was robbed again. Ah, the third time, I was home, ah, and, the, the 3 guys tried to break in while I was home and even with 9 1 1 on the line, it did not stop them from trying to enter in. Ah, a week and a half later, they break again. As of Friday, me and my 3 children are sleeping on couches and floors because of no safety, no security, we're forced out of our home. As a homeowner, to live somewhere and try to find a place for living, first of all, and can't afford it, um, and as today, you know, where's the safety in my neighborhood alone, I've counted 7 abandoned houses um, to where, even where they caught the victims the third time, they caught 2 of 'em and they found 'em running into the abandoned houses and they found other property where they had broken into other houses ah, in the neighborhood as well as they been hiding out. After the third attempt, the victims are, I mean, they're back on the street. Within a week and a half later, they break in my house again. Ah, and, where's, where's the safety? All I'm gettin' was police reports and, and what was missing. I'm not so much concerned about the items that they took but what about my safety. I have 3 kids who can't sleep at night, who cry, who, who, who have no where to lay their head, who can't even take tests at school because they're nervous of if they, they gonna live tomorrow or why we sleep or they gonna come home to a dead mother because of people breakin' in who, who's not afraid of the police system, who's not afraid of, of, of, of your rules and a tap on the hand ah, by the Judge. Um, to get back out and do the same crime again, I stand here today as a parent and say, where is our safety? As you go home and lay your head tonight, I hope somebody can tell us where we'll lay ours. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you ma'am. Thank you Ms. Brown and as I said, the Mayor and the Safety Director will be here to hear any further complaints you have after the meeting so, take advantage of that. Thank you. Ah, our next speaker, I believe ah, Tammy Nelson, is not speaking so, if I stand corrected, wherever Tammy Nelson is.... Our next speaker is Sandy Dyer. Ms. Dyer, good evening.

MS. DYER: Mr. President, Mayor, Council. My name is Sandy Dyer. I live at 616 15th Street NE. I stand here today, with my nephew. I will be his advocate for tonight because he has no voice at this young age. I want to demonstrate for him that we do not take matters into our own hands. I do not want him being a statistics of a child that's angry, brought up in a home where he don't feel safe, that he has to go out and chase down people because our safety from the police is not doin' their jobs. How do we explain to an 8 year old that I am no longer safe in my home. My sister is living on my couch, my nephews are living, sleeping on my floors. They are, like she said before, she own her own home. I own my own home. I also bought land in another city because I'm movin' out as soon as possible. I am tired of hearing the excuses that we are going to be safe. We are accessing more land and we are not even coverin' the land that we have with safety. I'm concerned that when I walk over to my sister's house, I see 7 homes, and I have the addresses right here to prove it, that need to be torn down. Homes with holes in the ceilings. It's not only an issue for the neighborhood but it's a safety issue for the city as well and I'm wondering if these homes were in the neighborhoods of some of our city officials, would they have been torn down sooner? Like my sister said, the police have caught these people and I wanna thank Lt. Clark and his dog 'Gunny' for runnin' down these people and catchin' em, but, I'm, it's sad for me to hear that they get out the next week and my sister's house is broken in again, when these people have confessed it, that, oh, I'm sorry, I didn't break in the first time but I went the second time to break in and there's nothin' bein' down. There's no follow-up. It's just like, you know, is our police more than an office on wheels? Do we just take a report and throw it into somebody else's desk, or how, how do we go about this? I wanna believe that our city officials is doin'

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whatever they can to protect my nephew. My niece is also, she's in a Young Scholar Program. She just came back from a trip to Atlanta with ah, Terrance Jones, to come home to have all her stuff stolen out of her room. Stuff that I might add, that she paid for with her own money. The city did not give her a job. She did not go under the program for jobs or anything. She went out and found her a job herself at the age of 16 at the mall, to come home to her house and find that everything she worked for, because my sister instilled in her the values, to work in this community to be taken for the fourth time. So, I ask tonight, that you please, please, consider doin' something with the criminals in the City of Canton. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much! Thank you for coming down. We appreciate it and we'll be here afterwards to talk to you. We're tired of hearing those stories, by the way. Um, our next speaker is Jordan Perry. Mr. Perry, good evening. If you could give us your name and your residential address please.

MR. PERRY: Hello. My name is Jordan Perry and I live at 1017 Rex Avenue NE. Um, I'm here on the behalf of my Pastor, Carrie Brown. Ah, like she said before, her home was broken into 4 times. Ah, this was a recent time. Her being a Pastor, she, she, she guides my soul and my spirits according to my beliefs. She, um, has taken me, a person who was going to be a statistic, a drug dealer, ah, someone that was violent, with the, with the, with the ah, criminal history and she had taken me and, um, she was able to help turn my life around and get me off the streets and for someone to be able to take a life and to help a life turn around, and at the same time, the life, her life and the life of her children are constantly, constantly at risk. The police, like she said before, are taking reports but not doing anything about it, saying it's just another break-in. Ah, excuse me, but saying this is just another black lady with black criminals breaking into her black neighborhood, ah, poverty neighborhood and not bein' able to do anything about it, she's not able to do anything about it, her children are not able to do anything about it and me standing here as a young, 18 year old black man in front of all your faces, the city, who says that they ah, the Council, you promise that you're gonna do things to help our community to ensure our safety but you do nothing. You, you, come with your lies to get in office and you don't do anything. I'm an 18 year old black man and she helped turn me around and ya-all can't help her with her safety? The police were so worried about gettin' drug dealers off the street. They, they, they control the drug areas and all of this, but they're not, they're not, ah, ensuring the safety of ah, a woman, a single woman ah, and her 3 children or a family. You, I mean, what are you gonna do about that?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Okay, thank you very much.

MR. PERRY: No, ah, I wanna know. What are you gonna do about that?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We'll, we'll talk. What we do is we listen to your comments....

MR. PERRY: ...ahuh.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN:and we appreciate them, then afterwards, we have what's called miscellaneous business and I'm sure you'll get a response from the Mayor or the Safety Director or Members of Council.

MR. PERRY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

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MEMBER SMITH: Mr. Pres.... Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smith.

MEMBER SMITH: Thank you Ms. Brown for coming down to ah, Mr. Nesbitt, this is the Ms. Brown that you talked to earlier that you talked to earlier that lives on Ross and we already discussed the incidents that were, um, the action that's going to be taken over on Ross and um, she had, I had talked to her earlier about comin' down because I wanted her to express herself and to bring her family members down so that you could get an understandin' as to what she's goin' through. She has been goin' through this since last year and it's also been brought to my attention and her attention about the area that she's speakin' of and for those of you that are concerned, she is speaking directly about the 4th ward. She's, like I said before, her safety is at risk for her and her children and I'm quite sure that Mr. Nesbitt will handle this and that she and her children can feel safe in their home and I hope that we can do something about that area, in particular, the crime and the safety of the 4th ward.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Smith.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: I'm also very familiar with Ms. Brown and she called me early morning in reference to this last break-in and I knew about the one previous to this. Um, I'm real concerned that these 2 young ladies here, ah, these 3 people that stood up, they are strong advo....

MEMBER CASAR: Excuse me Mr. President. Is this miscellaneous business yet?

MEMBER WEST: This is in reference....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, it is.

MEMBER CASAR: I didn't think we were under it. I just wanted to make sure you was....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Oh, I'm sorry.

MEMBER CASAR: ... public speaks was over.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes. Oh, no, no, no, no.. we're. I apologize, I thought I said miscellaneous business.

MEMBER CASAR: I just wanted to give the public a chance to keep on speaking, that's what, I didn't know we was under miscellaneous. I didn't hear you.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Oh no, we're under miscellaneous business.

MEMBER CASAR: Oh thank you.

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you, I'm sorry. Go ahead Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Thank you. Um, anyway, with respect to these 2 advocates, they're very, very, very strong advocates. In the summertime, they're marching with us when we go do non-violent crime activities. These are 2 women that stand up. You know, when they had some violent acts down on 7th Street in the 2nd ward, they were there with us. I mean, these are advocates. These are not people we want to lose, ah, to other cities. So, ah, I would appreciate it that we look into this, ah, very vigorously and this is one of those areas that those security cameras would have played a very vital roll. Ah, and, and, I appreciate you guys comin' down and bearing with Council. I mean, this Council has made some steps and some in-roads in trying to address crime and now we have a new Administration who's saying that we're going to address crime. Ah, so, now we just need to pick up and, and, and run with it and work, work with you. Ah, Carrie, I am so sorry that you are now scared, ah, to live in your own home, and, and I wanna say this ah, you know, publicly, that you're not alone. There's a lot of people ah, in our neighborhoods that are afraid to live in our neighborhoods and that's why we need our, our, our community policing back on the streets. So, I appreciate that. My second comment is that I wanted to also let everyone know that this month is 'Minority Health Month'. The kick off is actually April 3rd ah, and it will be held at the Metropolitan Center for those Councilmembers that are interested in attending. Ah, this event is put on by Aultman Hospital and ah, the Stark County Minority Health Coalition, but it's free. Ah, you can just contact these little cards here, will give you a display of events throughout the month and the first one is the events. So, make a call and get your seats for that to happen. Thanks.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West. Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you Mr. President. My question Mr. President is to Mayor Healy. Ah, with the um, articles that have been in the paper about the retirements of police, some of the people in the Police Department, and then also, the perception that ah, you are going to put on 20 new police, my question is, let's just say our manpower is ah, maybe like 174, I'm just pullin' that outta the air, or 167, okay, does that mean, when you put these new police that we will go up to 187 or in fact, with the retirements and what have you, does it really mean that we're going to have some new policemen but they will simply be replacing some of the officers, and not in those positions that they're in but they will be retiring. Do you know what I'm saying? In other words. If you'll answer that please.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Mayor Healy.

MEMBER HEALY: Thank you Mr. President and Councilwoman. Yes. The, the, the hiring of the 20 officers, we were anticipating 10, ah, currently we're under the process of hiring roughly 10 and ah, bringing on another 10 a few months down the road. The first batch will be ah, really, just enough to cover the outgoing members. The second batch will actually increase our ranks. We're, we're, our goal is to try to be somewhere around 180 by the end of the year. But, ah, when this is all said and done, it really depends on how many retirees we have. We just got an announcement, today, of another one that was not expected. So, we're trying to get to the point where we're hiring officers ahead of time so that when they retire, we're above, we're ahead of the game instead of waiting for them to retire and then fill in spots. Ah, right now, we're, we're, as of the way that ah, we inherited the city, we're trying to get people into, to, to ah build up the police force to the appropriate numbers first. That's why we have 2 rounds of hiring. Thank you.

MEMBER CIRELLI: And, Mr. President, then Mayor Healy, ah, with the replacements, could you give us an idea of what eventually, your proposal says that we will have ah, in full manpower. It would be somewhere more less like ah, close to 180?

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PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director Nesbitt.

DIRECTOR NESBITT: Thank you, Mr. President. Ah, Council, ah, Councilmember Cirelli, what, what we ran into with the Canton Police Department is we've not hired ahead to keep the numbers where they need to be and as I've said in the past, the thing that we have to be really concerned about adding officers is that the budget will sustain it in the future and I'm looking at several grants and trying to find ways to hire additional police officers but also keep in mind of sustaining the budget. Ah, the end result will be, is that the number will, will probably be, very, very close to where it is right now because of the budget at this point. Ah, my goal would be ah, if, if we could find a way to fund it, is to add 20 to 25 officers on top of where we're at now, if we could do that, but, the issue lies with being able to sustain the budget in doing so. Ah, my experience, in looking at what's going on in Canton, ah, the calls that are being called to, ah, the crime that's being take place, we need more police officers. It's real simple, and, and everywhere I go, I hear that from the public, Safety Director, when are you going to get more cops on the streets. I hear that everywhere and we have a budget that we have to, to, to deal with, to make sure that we are there and be able to sustain those costs. So, the answer to your question, the number will not increase greatly because of that, at this time.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Cirelli. Ah, Leader Casar, did you want to give us some information or do you want to finish this subject, ah, Director Nesbitt, would you like to respond to the speakers that, ah, talked about their security please.

DIRECTOR NESBITT: Yes, ah, thank you Mr. President. Ah, Ms. Brown, ah, ah, I enjoyed our conversation today. I'm very sorry what you're going through. Ah, I feel very bad what you and your family's going through. Today was the first it's been brought to my attention and I appreciate you taking the time and calling me and explaining that. Ah, I also, ah, left a message on your phone within the last 30, 40 minutes with a follow-up and ah, I'm waiting to, to get some information from the police department. Ah, but, I can assure you that ah, that this behavior by these people is totally unacceptable and we won't tolerate that and we'll figure out how to deal with that. There's no reason that any citizen in this town feels threatened or in harm's way that they cannot stay in their home. That's totally unacceptable and we have to deal with that as a community and figure out how to deal with that. The thing that I would say about these thugs, and I'm gonna call them thugs 'cuz that's exactly what they are, ah, these thugs have been arrested obviously. We identified those, were able to put them in jail and then at that point, it goes into the court system and then, whether it's ah, and I don't know the details is, I'm looking in it, if they bonded out or how they were released from jail and back out on the street and then, then to think that they would have the gaul to come back to your residence and do this for a 4th time is totally unacceptable and ah, I can assure that I will be looking into this again tomorrow. You will be getting a call from me tomorrow. I can assure you, you will be getting a call from me everyday until we get on top of this thing where it needs to be, and I did leave my phone number, directly to my desk today on your phone this evening, and I ah, please, I would ask for you to call me. But, again, ah, this is unacceptable and I understand that and ah, I will do everything in my power to ensure that this is addressed and that you and your children are back in your home and feel safe in your home. *(APPLAUSE)*

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: And, and for those speakers that gave us this heart-wrenching story, I want you know that I think ah, Director Nesbitt would agree, this is not just police. You have a, when you have 7 abandoned homes in your neighborhood, that's a bad neighborhood. That's a breeding ground. It's just unfortunate you have apparently, are the only one left in your neighborhood and I can tell you that ah, Leader Casar, ah, Majority Leader and Member Hawk and the rest of Council, we've talked about these problems

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and we're going to do something about these abandoned homes. We're going to knock them down and we need neighborhoods that work beyond just police. (*AUDIENCE APPLAUSE*) So, we want you to know that and I'm sorry to hear that you bought land out of the city. I agree with ah, ah, Director Nesbitt. That's horrible. We can't have people leaving, not you people. You're the backbone of this community so, I hope you'll give us a chance and, to Mr. Perry, um, I didn't cut you off. I'll talk to you afterwards. I, I, I take great exception to your comment about the fact that people lie to get on Council or people lie to the community. There are no liars on this City Council, I can tell you that. I'd like you to be down here, I'd like you to take part in some of the things that we do. I think you have a great potential, you have a great future, I think your Pastor would agree with that. You've taken your life and changed it. We want people like you to help us. We can't do this alone but I can tell you, that the people on this Council and this Administration have, at all times, the welfare of this community at the foremost top of their list. They care about this community because believe it or not, we all live in this community. All right? So, I'd like to talk to you afterwards, if you don't mind. Ah, mem.... any other remarks on ah, what we've heard tonight about security?... Okay. Member Casar.

MEMBER CASAR: Mr. President. I'd like to give a short report ah, on our trip to Washington DC which takes in a lot of the things we were discussing this evening under public speaks, ah, regards to ah, ah, foreclosures, re-re-revised neighborhoods and so forth. Ah, myself, Member Smuckler, and Member Hawk attended the National League of Cities Conference in March 8 through and including the 12th, and I'm a member of the Community and Economic Development Committee which is, I was appointed by the Ohio Municipal League to serve on this committee and what this committee does is, ah, we recommend for inclusion in the National League of Cities Conference, National public policies on issues that ranging from affordability of homes, job retention and community development issues and some of the topics that were discussed this year that in to, after it left our committee, went to the whole community, ah, ah board, ah, which is ah, enacted into legislation that, that this body pushes for the Congress to, a, a, adopt, and with some of the things we discussed this year, was ah, aging, commercial properties ah, for instance, malls, strip malls and so forth, as they lose their ah, their anchor tenant and, ah, and then ah, less desirable tenants come in like a discount store or whatever, that is the start of a deterioration of a mall, malls and or strip malls, and a good example of that is what is happening now at Canton Center. It happened years ago out at Dave's ward on Mahoning Road, and that is one of the things that ah, the Federal government is looking at in funding so that we can alleviate those and help with these problems in our community and things to do and, ah, change over the years. Ah, you, the National League of Cities recommends that the Community and Economic Financial Institute Fund be adequately funded so that we could continue to support communities throughout the United States and, and things such as deterioration and so forth in commercial properties. And, another big issue that was covered this year was the foreclosure issue, unsound and predatory lending continues to be a threat to all families. Predatory mortgage lending costs Americans more than \$9.1 billion last year and probably the social costs was much more than that. Foreclosures are rising in neighborhoods and the neighborhoods are in distress as we all know as we been talkin' about it. In addition to driving home real estate value down, they can also create, also create an unsafe and unhealthy environment and that is a good point that we were discussing this evening and out of, out of, and don't take me for these figures, but I heard 1 out of every 15 households in the City of Canton are in some form of foreclosure now. And, like I said, that's a figure that I picked up and don't hold me to it. Ah, cities need Federal action to fix the housing market. Cities and towns stand to lose an estimated \$6.6 billion in tax revenue due to foreclosure. Local budgets will need to adjust to accommodate the (*INAUDIBLE*) crime prevention and the sanitation in association with vacant homes. As, ah, ah, ah, that's kinda self-explanatory. Ah, more protection in the area, sanitation workers to clean up the mess that left behind and so forth and etc. and that those are some of the things that ah, the National League of Cities is, ah, ah addressing to Congress and the Council enacts legislation to ah, help the cities and towns out. Ah, the National League of Cities ah, request of Council was

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a lack, enact legislation that would protect home buyers from predatory lending by assuring that mortgage loans and, and, well suited, well suited to the financial means of the home buyer. In other words, you don't lend ah, ah, money to buy a \$300,000.00 home when they can probably only can afford \$100,000.00 home and those are some of the things that were, as predatory lending is taking place over the past ah, 5, 7 years, is what's happened. Ah, enact, enact legislation that would assure the ability of capital mortgage finance, refinance and continue to encourage lenders and loan, loan services to work out sound loans as an alternate to foreclosure. In other words, work with the individual so that maybe we could come up with a happy medium or with the Federal help, instead of the foreclosure, work out some type of a re-payment where we could alleviate some of these foreclosures. And then, finally, what was ah, was requested of the, this body to Congress was fully fund programs that will help cities minimize their main cause by national foreclosure prices, such as ah, ah, what would be a Federal Community Development Fund which is probably the best fund available out there. And then, the next subject that was, really ah, hit hard on this year was the ah, Energy Efficient and Conservation Block Grant and that has a lot to do with going green, ah, which is part of this grant, yet it is the efficient conservation block grant is a new Federal Funding resource for cities to level-effect to improve energy efficiency, lower energy usage and reduce fossil fuel admission. This Grant was passed, the legislation was passed in December 2007. As of when I originally wrote this, it was not funded but I have some new, better news as I get to the end of it. Ah, grant awarding under this effect, the ECPG program can be used to help cities undertake environmental friendly initiatives such as updating building codes, old buildings, adopting renewal energy resources, creating incentives for citizens to use transportation alternatives and implement energy savings campaigns. Now, this would take place for instance, going green, the City of Canton is in the process of getting ready to build a new fire station so, this money, and I'll tell you the sum of here pretty shortly, could hopefully be utilized on some of those projects and hopefully the Federal Government would utilize the, their own program in the new Federal Building, which would be ah, a good thing for going green on a, on that project. How much money is available? Congress just passed last week, ah, the week after we was in Washington, and hopefully our, our lobbying had something to do with them passing it, they passed a \$2 billion dollars a year for 5 years and the monies will be used, divided up in this, this manner: 68% goes to cities, 28% goes to state, 2% goes to Indian tribes and 2% goes to local governments that they're not eligible because of population, in other words, ah, cities that are in just a little bit further on that, cities and towns with population of, of at least 35,000 are eligible for this. The City of 2% of, the cities that fall into the category that are under, ah, that 35%, that 35,000. Ah, the 10 largest cities in each state are eligible for this grant also and, like I said earlier, Congress passed this just last week. Ah, so, this will be a great tool for communities, Canton, Ohio and every other city in state of Ohio and all states that want to go and show that we are interested in alternates fuel sources and also going green when we could save on building buildings. And then, the final thing I want to say is, the Community Development Block Grant, which is the most effective form of Federal assistance currently available to local governments, ah, it, it'll be surely, fully funded at last year's ah, amount, which is something President Bush wanted to cut \$1 billion out of it, but Congress said they will fully fund that and that is what a lot of us legislators including myself, Smuckler and ah, and ah, Hawk did while we were there. There were numerous other sessions that, and these are some of the sessions that I attended. Member Smuckler, Member Hawk attended some of the same one I did but they also attended other ones ah, communications and other issues. But, I just wanted to give ah, and I will submit this to Council. I just wanted to give a nutshell of some of the things that were going on and I think that this Congress is ah, acting in the benefit of, the best will ah, will ah, for the city's econ... in the best ah, as they can regard to cities and towns throughout the United States and hopefully, some of the legislation that has been passed but not funded, ah, this one has a \$2 million, \$2 billion funding of this, will, will go a long way for cities and towns and states to implement and do alternate source of energy and to, and it's a good thing in there and I just wanted to, I just wanted to let this Council know and, and the public know that these are some of the things that we covered while there and to be a member of the committee, it was, it was really, ah, ah, good thing to know, that actually, how this works when it gets to Congress, and you

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know, how they pursue it and, and, push it to the legislators. It's just like the citizens do to us down here in Council ah, but on a much bigger scale and it was, it really, ah works good when we have the cities and ah, states, and governors and Councilmen and Mayors and alter men and all come forward and go up on the hill and and, and lobby for these funds and ah, it's really is the strongest organization, the National League of Cities of all lobbyists and they do a good job for, for our cities and towns. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Leader Casar.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Member Casar, now will we have to apply for that through a Grant Writer or do we just through regular application...

MEMBER CASAR: No, I didn't mean, no, it'll it'll be comparable to the way the, the Block Grant is run now.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Any other miscellaneous business?... I wanted, before we adjourn, to compliment Law Director Martuccio and City Prosecutor Frank Forchione ah, for the Pastime Inn and I want to compliment the Mayor and the Safety Director and the Service Director and the other Directors of the ah, city, by the way, that is, that is a success story that we have, finally, we have shut them down and I think we've shut them down for good and you're all to be commended. You've done an outstanding job, and, it's now become the template for other bars in our community that have the same types of problems. It's not just a police problem, it's a health problem, it's a building code problem, there are a lot of problems. So, I want to commend the Law Director and his Staff.... and the Mayor. *(AUDIENCE APPLAUSE)* Member Casar.

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

MEMBER CARBENIA: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. Roll call vote please, Madame Clerk.

(COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS SMITH MADE A COMMENT AFTER THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BUT WAS ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT SCHULMAN)

MEMBER SMITH: Ah, Mr. President. Just before we do that, I also like to thank you also because myself and the residents at the Pastime Inn also was there at the hearing and we made sure that they was shut down also.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Very good. Thank you. All right, Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS ROLL CALL: 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Meeting is adjourned. *(Gavel falls)*

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ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CYNTHIA TIMBERLAKE
CLERK OF COUNCIL

ALLEN SCHULMAN
PRESIDENT