PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Canton City Council. We appreciate you all coming out tonight. I was out with the young turks as they're described and the weather is really bad. So, be careful on your way tonight please. But we do appreciate you coming down. With a quorum being present, the Chair call this meeting of City Council to order. Roll call vote please Madame Clerk.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK TIMBERLAKE:

12 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (DAVID DOUGHERTY, JAMES GRIFFIN, JAMES BABCOCK, MARY CIRELLI, JOE COLE, GREG HAWK, THOMAS WEST, CHRIS SMITH, KEVIN FISHER, JOHN MARIOL, EDMOND MACK & FRANK MORRIS)

TWELVE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: All present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. So, we have all Members of Council here tonight. Our invocation is going to be given by Council Member at Large Member Jim Babcock. If you'll all please remain standing please for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on December 10, 2012 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 Council Member at Large, James Babcock. The Pledge of Allegiance led by President Schulman.

#### **AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Babcock. And before we go to the Leader, our friend Member Babcock is having some rotator cuff surgery tomorrow. So, we wish him a speedy recovery. You know, it's that old saying "My friend is having minor surgery but when I have it, it's major surgery." So, we're thinking of you Member Babcock, hope all goes well.

MEMBER BABCOCK: (Inaudible)

(LAUGHTER)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: I know. That's probably what caused your rotator cuff injury. Leader.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to add 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinances 7 through 14.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinances 7 through 14. Any remarks? Hearing none Madame Clerk, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We now turn to Public Hearings. We have none this evening.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning to Old Business. The Mayor's Chief of Staff, Director Price has informed me that he has no Old Business?

## **PUBLIC SPEAKS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Public Speaks. We do have a number of speakers this evening, 15 to be exact. We like to hear from all of you, believe me, just because the groan goes out in the audience. I do want to make note that you will see a 3 minute, for those who haven't spoken before, 3 minute designated time period for your address. Please, please keep within the 3 minutes, I don't want to embarrass you and have to smash the gavel down and tell you to get off the stage. But try to keep it within those 3 minutes. Our first speaker is Vicki Boatright. Ms. Boatright, good evening, if you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address please and welcome to Canton City Council.

VICKI BOATRIGHT: My name is Vicki Boatright, I live at 332 ½ 4th Street NW, which is directly across the street from VXI Global Solutions who last week celebrated the hiring of their 1,000th employee. Creating 1,000 new jobs in the City of Canton is something to celebrate. Having those 1,000 individuals camped out on your front doorstep is not. These newly working people are often anything but professional as they loiter along 4th Street across from my home and art gallery that I manage as they take their breaks. They're extremely loud and disruptive, they speak in vulgar terms, they're disrespectful in their manner. They congregate on the sidewalks and in the street, smoking and drilling their cigarettes into the sides of buildings so that they can save their smokes for later. Their drop offs and pick ups create hazardous traffic jams, they throw their trash and cigarettes onto the sidewalk and street and they take up every parking place nearby. Ask your ticket writers the same people receive tickets everyday with apparent impunity. The loitering VXI employees draw others into their midst as well. Scantily clad women in stilettos and panhandlers are frequent visitors. And suspicious exchanges through car windows are not uncommon. Logic would tell us that you cannot suddenly bring this many people into a confined area without expecting consequences. After all, the Ribs Burn Off was moved from downtown because too many unmanageable people could not be managed in that area and yet there is a large unruly crowd of 4<sup>th</sup> Street every single day. I have spoken with the operations director and human resources staff from VXI, I have also spoken at length with Derek Gordon back in September and with my Councilman, Thomas West. No solutions have been offered and the problems are grown. An extensive effort to revitalize downtown in the past few years is truly being trampled by a mob of disrespectful people. I am not asking them to leave. I am asking that the City step up and manage the problems that should have been anticipated. Do we want the other businesses downtown to be driven away because of the employees of one company or do we want a vibrant downtown with a variety of interesting businesses and venues that will attract other companies to the area? We need to stop passing this off as "growing pains" as I have been told they are. The pains are definitely growing and they are destroying our downtown. I welcome each and everyone of you here to visit me at the Creative Ohio Gallery, which is directly across the street on the other side of 4th Street to discuss solutions. I'd like attention to this matter

immediately. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much. Thank you Ms. Boatright, very much. We appreciate it. Our next speaker...and we heard you by the way so, I wasn't just trying to say thank you...Our next speaker is Dick Drake. Mr. Drake, good evening as always. If you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address for the record please.

RICHARD DRAKE: Good evening, my name is Richard Drake, I live at 3020 Sycamore Avenue, SE, Canton Township. I'm and ISA Certified Arborist and I want to wish everyone here tonight a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We were talking earlier, I heard about vacant lots in town that got poor soil quality, can't get grass to grow. A lot of Cities across the Nation, especially the northern areas, they use wood chips or mulch and they put in these lots and that will turn to compost, and the most beautiful green space you'll ever want, they make gardens and everything out of that. So, that's a thought to pass on to you guys. You can get it free from all the local tree trimmers, they'll bring it in and dump it and you can compost it all into that hard soil with the subsoil. There's no soil there at all (inaudible) nutrients. But you can grow anything you want in time. And then I'm gonna get back to our new trees that are going to be planted around town all the time, they're priced by you when they're planted between 3 and \$500.00 a piece. And I've heard they're on the high end. So, you're talking \$500.00 a tree. Now, around this building right here right now, I didn't count each and every one but you've got over \$4,000.00 in trees. Now, an Arborist or no one with any thought that knows how to plant a tree wasn't involved in the beginning so I noticed these all out front and you can see them yourselves, they're bulb and burlap tied, they were never opened. So, that means those trees got a low life expectancy and half a life expectancy. So, you talk about a cash cow, when the trees die and then you got to plant new ones, you got to go through all this expense again. And if you have 100 trees planted, you're talking \$50,000.00 and I know darn well there's more than 100 trees planted in all our cityscapes around town. So...and then they're not getting care and then they guys that are taking care of them like I have, I got somebody helping me out later. They got open wounds, you'll never see any of the trees I've worked on with open wounds and I just noticed some the other day, I had someone with me and we seen open wounds. Now, I went by again and they worked on it some more. The one trees not really gonna last long. We need to have some enforcement on these trees, we need to have some guidelines to protect them. There's no one out there to protect them. It's like putting a newborn infant down on the ground, you know, and expect it to make it on it's own, it can't. Now the nurseries guarantee a tree to grow for one year. Now I don't care where ya get it or where or where ya buy it, it will live for one year because it has that much storage in the root system. But after that it's on its own and guess what, (Inaudible) some of them and we...we need to really get after and get proactive and save this City a lot of money by doing it right the first time. And if you notice some of the trees, like I noticed these on this side of the street are one third the size of those across the street. Now, I don't know if they were planted the same time or not but if they were and they open the bulb and burlap over there, have the root clear above ground where it belongs, that's why they're dry. But these can't because they've been strangled and they're girdle is in that sack. So, basically that's what I wanted to say. I'm just saying that we need to start saving and spend our money wisely and do it right the first time. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Thank you Mr. Drake, you got some really good ideas and we appreciate it. Our next speaker is Tim Porter. Mr. Porter, good evening, if you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address please and welcome to Canton City Council.

TIM PORTER: Thank you. My name is Tim Porter, I live at 1107 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW. I've been asked to come here on behalf of the Summit United Neighbors and in support of the cameras. Our neighborhood association

is 100% on board with Mr. West and his cameras. I ask again that those that are against that, consider that your voting to allow people that want their cameras in their neighborhood. What he's explained to us, he's asking for 4 cameras. You don't want it in your neighborhoods, don't put it in your neighborhoods. If you don't think we need them at 12<sup>th</sup> and Market, let's move the Council Meeting down to 12<sup>th</sup> and Market and sit for a little bit and see how much we need them. There's people down there all the time. The other thing, just a quick note, I'd like to thank Mr. Price for coming back from the water drinking episode. It's nice to see that he survived that last week. (*Laughter*) And that's all I have, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. That's not actually Director Price. Director Price is in the hospital, this is his stand in. (*Laughter*) He has a mask on tonight. Our next speaker is Rod Pisani. Mr. Pisani, good evening. If you'll give us your name and you forgot your address sir. What is your address?

ROD PISANI: My name is Rod Pisani. My address is 1107 11th Street NW, Canton, Ohio. I'm here to represent Summit United Neighbors. I'm President of the neighborhood, that was my President that just spoke. We are in support and we do have a letter here to support the cameras at 12<sup>th</sup> and Tusc and Belden and Tuscarawas and 12<sup>th</sup> and Market, excuse me. But we are in support. We feel number one, it would bring money to the City and secondly it would actually allow police extra time in other places. I also want to thank Councilman West for all his support this summer and through the years. He's always available when I call him on the phone. Also, Councilman Hawk is always there and I like his "yes sir attitude" every time he picks up the phone and all that. Also want to thank Councilman Fisher for his achievement with getting the foreclosed housing Ordinance through and I know it's going to be a success in the City of Canton. I understand there's plenty of other Cities that are getting ready to propose the same thing and I also keep inviting Councilman Morris to one of our meetings and I am going to invite everyone of you, including the Mayor to one of our meetings because the more information we receive from you, the more information...the more availability...we can help you with. But I also want to say we need to work together, collaborate. There's too much hate manifesting in the communities, we need to stop it, we need to stop it here first. So, please work together on everything you do and if you do remember 3 simple phrases when you do go to vote. Number one, our home. Number two, our children. Number three, our future. That's all you need to think about, you will succeed. So, thank you for all your support here and I'm really happy that anytime I call anyone from the City, they are there to help our neighborhood association. So, I just want to leave you with the last two, two little things. Remember when you're out there, two things you need to remember, peace and love.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you sir. Our next speaker is Jason Scaglione. Good evening, if you'll give us your name and your residential address and as always, welcome.

JASON SCAGLIONE: Thank you. Jason Scaglione, 3027 Glen Place, NW. Reading last week's Agenda and got very disturbed by it. I'm going to pass around some information for everyone. Last...last week's Agenda we had on here a fee requested...a fee schedule for the Fire Department assessing \$100.00 fee all day care facility permits operating in the City. Assessing a \$50.00 for all Type B daycare facility permits operating in the City. Sending something around from a child that was just murdered. This child was not in the care of a daycare facility, was in the care of a boyfriend or the mother. I know the situation very personally. As this child was in my wife's daycare. These are the kind of things that happen when you don't have certified daycares and certified people to be able to detect this abuse. Fifty dollars may not seem a lot but some of these girls aren't making much money at all. Daycare providers make very little money. We're wanting to

assess more fees on these people. I know for a fact, none of them were even notified about this. I see this as something else that's being shoved underneath someone's nose without them knowing. There's been no notification to them, and I...I just think this is ridiculous that we keep raising fees and doing things to get...to push the good people out of Canton. I...I just...I don't understand it. There are many daycares, what I'll call daycares that people have 4, 5, 6 children they're watching and they're not...they're not working under a permit through Job and Family Services. They're not looked after, they don't go through yearly training. They don't go through CPR training. They just watch kids. Is that what we all want, just anyone watching our kids? But I guarantee you starting to assess fees like this, these people are going to rethink being certified through Stark County Jobs and Family Services to watch children. I suggest you really think hard when you look at fees especially when it's going to take away from the kids in the community. We talk and talk and talk. What can we do for the kids, what can we do to keep from having these vacant houses? Why's...why would someone want to come in and do business in the City like this? I mean, here's a child just murdered in the hands of the boyfriend, that's disturbing. I'm not gonna speak against the red light cameras but I will tell ya one thing. You travel east on 19th Street toward Market Avenue, there's a brick road, we have one right behind us, I guarantee they're not going to go real fast down it. I think we need to start thinking about some good solutions, let's quit wasting money on asphalt. Let's look at doing some more permanent paving, some brick streets. You need to put, you know make things...put some brick in there (inaudible) make it rough. People will slow down. Let's start thinking out of the box a little bit and getting some stuff done that benefits people around here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you sir. Our next speaker is not lady gaga but I'm having a really hard time reading your writing and I apologize. Jaga Robin....

(INAUDIBLE FROM THE AUDIENCE)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Oh, okay. Would you come up...you have really bad...you should have been a doctor. Would you step up and give us your name and your residential address.

JAGA RADOSEVIC: Mr. Schulman and Mayor and I'm not going to mention all the names because I'll make a mistake. I just came here to tell you, you people do a great job and to wish you a Merry Christmas to you and your families. (*Inaudible*) and asking why Council Member Mr. Hawk not to change his telephone number because I call him all times and he's (*inaudible*). And I wish you and yours family Merry Christmas and happy successful New Year. I live at 1104 Fulton Road NW.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: And you have to tell us, you have to give us your name for the record.

JAGA RADOSEVIC: My name is Jaga Radosevic and I live at 1104 Fulton Road NW.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Happy Holidays to you and your family. Our next speaker is Kent Bedford. Mr. Bedford if you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address please.

KENT BEDFORD: Hi, I'm Kent Bedford, 1025 49<sup>th</sup> Street NW. And I was talking about those...the cameras that are supposed to be coming in and I've talked to other people about the cameras from other towns and I've heard not only do they cost millions, money that we don't have to install and to maintain. With all that extra money we could just put police on the street instead of having all these...all the cameras. And I've heard that

this Australian company that's installing gets \$60.00 a picture for every one. That's half of the fine and they get 100's of thousands to start out with before the City gets anything and they decide where the cameras get put in, they put them in where they get the most money, not where the most crime is. And the areas that are the most busy, that have the most restaurants, has the most traffic, that's where they put them. And a lot of the...for the speed control, a lot...not all speedometers in cars are (inaudible) the same. You could be driving, your speedometer said 24, the camera says 27, \$120.00 and most people, it cost more to fight the fine then it is to pay it but you have to get a lawyer, you take time off from work and ya can't afford it. And plus, I heard they have a 3 year contract, so if the City pulls the cameras out in 6 months, they gotta keep paying money for up to 3 years to pay even though they're not using them. And some of the towns that have these cameras, they're using them from what I've heard, illegal action, they change speeding from a criminal act to a civil act, that way there's no points on your license, your insurance still goes up and it's basically like a license to speed as long as you keep paying the fines, go right ahead. It's...it's not very safe at all. And the main reason for some of these law...these cameras is to make money and any law that's put through whose main reason is to make money, not protect people is too easy...too easily abused. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much sir. Our next speaker is Tina Schumacher. Tina, Ms. Schumacher, if you'll give us your name and your residential address please and welcome.

TINA SCHUMACHER: My name is Christine Schumacher. I live at 131 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, downtown. I'm here on behalf of Mr. West. I am for the cameras cause this Council people here would rather lay off the policemen and firemen to save their....but they're not saving no money. They're putting the *(inaudible)* on us. So, I feel that our people should vote, the Council should vote on....everyone should vote on the cameras. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much ma'am. Thank you. Our next speaker is Jill Oakes, I hope I've pronounced your...oh, sure. Good evening, welcome and if you'll give us your name and your residential address please.

JILL OAKES: My name is Jill Oakes and I am the property manager of Canton Towers, 131 5th Street, NE, downtown Canton. For the past 10 years, I've observed many, many accidents, many things happening on our streets. It's not getting any better, it's getting worse. I have 199 apartments, over 200 people there and over 70% of those people are either in a wheel chair, a cane, have a cane or a walker. They very seldom ever have time to cross the street because the cars are coming so fast and they...a lot of them are even afraid to go out at night anymore because they're afraid that they're going to be hit by a car. I am definitely for having some of the cameras, or I should say all of the cameras in downtown Canton. If nothing, it would bring money into Canton and it should help our people. Most of you are younger and you guys are here everyday, you men, you gentlemen, you women are here everyday, my residents are here at night. So, when they go out, they have the speeding cars. You know, you don't see that because you're all home in your homes. But not downtown Canton. It's not getting better, it's getting worse. A lot of my residents are talking about leaving downtown Canton because of the speeding, traffic and of the low coverage over by Canton Towers. We've had...we've had gas stolen, we've had just a number of things, you know, that have been happening there and I feel with the cameras at least it would cut down on some. We have 5 cameras on our property and we have caught many people. So, I really truly feel that the cameras would help. And Merry Christmas to everyone.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you, Merry Christmas to you. Thank you very much. Our next speaker is David Shira. Mr. Shira, I hope I've pronounced your name right. He left? Okay, our next speaker is Robert

Rainieri. Good evening, welcome to Canton City Council. If you'll give us your name and your residential address please.

ROBERT RAINIERI: Good evening, my name is Robert Rainieri. I'm a resident of North Canton, I live at 122...122 Sunford SE in North Canton. I love the City of Canton. I work down here, I'm the biggest advocate you could imagine of local businesses within the City. But reading about the red light cameras, I've been really disturbed. I pride myself as being a perfect driver, 16 years, never a ticket, never an accident and I got my first red light ticket in the City of East Cleveland this past December. Really, really upset me because it amounted to a rolling on red and I admit I did it but I showed law enforcement officers and they were like "Well if I was watching that intersection, I wouldn't ticket you." So, I brought some facts that I've looked up in the past roughly 11 months, Dayton, which I consider a City that's similar to this area, in the 8 years that they had implemented the program, 46,000 tickets were issued, almost \$4,000,000.00 went unpaid of those tickets, kind of what the first speaker said about people just getting parking tickets with impunity. 2010 when we stepped up the traffic control, within the first year, tickets went down 60% because it was effective. So, hopefully if the cameras were put in place, they would be effective in their nature. But the main one, East Cleveland, they were in a similar situation trying to raise funds, they put the cameras in and like Dayton, people weren't paying them, they got behind and the money they tried to raise to save City services and employees, police and fire specifically, 6 years later in 2010, the voters put out a referendum, wanted it out, the threat came that if you pulled the cameras out, so goes the police and fire 60% of the City services and they are still \$1,000,000.00 in the hole. I just don't want to see that happen to this City and, you know, the great things the City does. So, thank you for your time this evening.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Great, thank you sir, very much. Our next speaker is Marcia Zawacky. I know I pronounced your name right that time.

MARCIA ZAWACKY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Your welcome, Happy Holidays. If you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address.

MARCIA ZAWACKY: I'm Marcia Zawacky, very good. You did that one right. 2831 Harrison Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio. I am Harrison Hills President, that's just a little side... Has anybody every heard the definition of insanity? If you haven't you're going to hear it, okay. The definition of insanity is doing something over, and over again and expecting different results. Now, I know darn well, just the...the problems that the City of Canton has, alright, is not an unusual kind of thing. There are other Cities in the State of Ohio that have essentially had the same exact kind of thing happen, they're industry exited, okay. They don't have the revenue that they used to have. When those jobs exit, taxes go right along with it, okay. And that's exactly what's happened here and for some reason or another, we think that we're going to solve the problems by getting rid of more people or by doing...implementing things that are actually going to cause people to not come to our area. Has anybody every actually thought through this? Does anyone ever learn any lessons from the past? Do they even look at the past to get the lessons so they can say "How does this apply to us." Okay, one of the things that I see Canton is being available to do, would be...because of the damn gambling places. Alright, but it could be a refuge for people that are coming through the area, we could have things that would attract them and be a pleasant place for them to stop and stay for awhile and...and enjoy Canton. But right now, everything that's going on in Canton is like a downward spiral. We're not doing things that...that make us friendly, oh, you really want to stop here, this is really a cool place. Alright, I'm

begging you guys to do some homework before you implement some of these things in what the real impact, what....what at first last flush looks like is going to happen, is not what happens. There are other things that happen as a result of it that are not good things, they're negative things. Are we trying to kill Canton? It seems like we're trying to kill Canton. Alright, please, I'm begging you guys, start looking at this in a difference way. Meanwhile, everyone else have good holidays.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Martin Zawacky. Mr. Zawacky, good evening, if you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address please.

MARTIN ZAWACKY: Good evening, Martin Zawacky. I live at 2831 Harrison Avenue NW. I didn't come here for the neighborhood. I came here at the request that the Neighborhood Leadership Council, that we just...just had a meeting. And they asked if I would come to Council and bring the results of the survey that we do once a year. So, in November, they asked the group what are the things that you are most concerned about in the City of Canton. And you know how large groups go about coming to this consensus, you know, there's table talks and everybody has their own...and then it's all given to the leader and the things that are most delicious, they're the ones that make a list. So, the ones that made the list of course, I mean this won't be a surprise, is safety in our neighborhoods, boarded and vacant properties, and the lack of enforcement of laws and codes. Okay, so this month we were asked, so you have these 3 things, what's the next step. These are the notes, this is the one that the leader makes. Hire more patrol, invite the 4 City Councilman to our meeting, the 4 City Councilman, they're talking about is in reference to the meeting, December 5<sup>th</sup> by Councilman Mariol, Mark....Mack, Morris and Fisher. It'd be...the group really seemed to like what was said or what we tried to tell them was said and how it was proposed and how the gentlemen presented. So, they would like to invite them to one of our meetings and let them make that presentation again. And bring back the gang task force. I wish you all a Merry Christmas. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much Mr. Zawacky, appreciate it. Our next speaker is John Anderson. Mr. Anderson, good evening, if you'll step forward and give us your name and your residential address please and welcome.

JOHN ANDERSON: Thank you. I am John Anderson and I live at 2672 Daffodil and I'm also owner of Anderson's Flowers on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Cleveland Avenue. And I'm here tonight because of an incident that happened December 2<sup>nd</sup> on Sunday. Your Pizza Shop was robbed, it's across the street from me and the robbery consisted of 2 or 3 people, I can't remember the exact number, that's not important, what's important is that the robbers came in, had handguns drawn and they drew the guns and had people on the floor with guns to their heads and I feel this is a very serious situation. Something has to be done. If that means putting more cameras, then so be it if that'll help. I do agree with one individual who said that you should do some studies on that and that's true if that'll work but whatever has to be done, must be done. If you have to put more patrol officers, whatever. If we have to pay more taxes, I know this is not something that's not very popular with people, paying more taxes and I don't want to either but I'm willing to do that if it will make the City safer. This is extremely serious, in this instance somebody could have been killed and it's only a matter of time and we really don't want that to happen. If you think it's going to tough to bring people downtown to do business now with that incident, which is comparatively minor, have somebody killed and it will be even worse. So, it's very, very serious and really that's all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you very much Mr. Anderson, appreciate it. Thank you sir. Our last speaker is Mark, I'm sorry, Mike Myers. Good evening, if you'll step forward and give us your name and

your residential address please sir and welcome.

MIKE MYERS: Thank you. My name is Mike Myers, 1333 Bars Road. I am the owner and operating of Your Pizza Shop on the corner of 12th and Cleveland. As Mr. Anderson just stated Tues...last Sunday night, we were armed by 2 people, both, one wearing a black ski mask, one wearing a red ski mask. One carrying a 45, one carrying a 38. Put both my employees, one employee to the floor, took a few minutes to recognize the next one. But what I'm really upset about, is I served this Country for 20 year in the United States Army and I feel that my business is located in a war zone. And why do I say that? Because here we are a week later, I still have not seen a detective. I still had to make calls to people. I had to have a 35 minute conversation with Captain Davis because nobody is doing anything. I had an 18 year old kid with a darn gun to his head. Have they managed to even get a hold of this kid? No, because they're calling at 8:30 in the morning when he's in school and then he does have a life after school. We're not gonna get people down here until we clean these streets up. But you know what's really funny....what's really funny, if you go out on YouTube and type in a certain name, you are going to find the exact same lyrics of how my robbery went down. You're going to see these people at Hercules Motors down on Market, shooting videos with masks on, pointing guns. What are we doing? We're not doing anything. We let them ride through Shorb drive-thru, sitting on cars with masks pointing guns for a darn video. We let them show the streets, walking up and down the streets with these masks pointing a gun. And it's all on YouTube, but you know what, the detectives don't have time for me because I'm just the little guy. To me, that robbery hurt me. That hurt the kid, that hurt my other employees and there's nobody that comes into that neighborhood that feels safe. I will tell you, I may not have had a shot that night but I do have a CCW and if I would have took that shot and killed somebody, I guarantee you I'd have police at my door. But here we are a week later, I have nobody. That's my big concern. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you sir. Thank you sir and thank you to all our speakers tonight. We do hear you, although I know often times it seems as if we don't.

#### INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Informal Resolutions. We none this evening.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning to Communications. Let the journal show that all Communications are received as read.

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- 436. AUDITOR MALLONN: REQ FOR ADDTL AMENDED CERT DATED 11/29/12. RECEIVED & FILED
- 437. AUDITOR MALLONN: MONTHLY RPT BY FUND 11/1/12 11/30/12. RECEIVED & FILED
- 438. AUDITOR MALLONN: YEARLY RPT BY FUND 1/1/12 11/30/12. RECEIVED & FILED
- 439. CNCL MBR WEST: REQ CREATION OF LEGISLATION FOR AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A

DESIGNATED SAFETY FUND FOR MONEY DERIVED BY AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS, WHEREAS, 80% WILL GO TO SAFETY FORCES & 20% TO NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY GRANTS. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 440. DEPT OF COMMERCE: NOTIFICATION OF EXPIRATION OF ALL LIQ PERMITS 2/1/13; MUST RCV OBJECTIONS BY 1/2/13. RECEIVED & FILED
- 441. DEPT OF COMMERCE: NOTIFICATION THAT COUNCIL HAS WITHDRAWN THE OBJECTION FOR DG HOLDING & MGMT CO., INC. DBA THE SPOT @  $2600~8^{TH}$  ST NE & PATIO. RECEIVED & FILED
- 442. DOMINION EAST OHIO: NOTIFICATION OF FILING NEW PIR ADJUSTMENT CASE FOR PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT. RECEIVED & FILED
- 443. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): REQ NEW D1 LIQ PERMIT FOR CHARLES P GATTUSO DBA JAM TIME MUSICIANS CLUB @ 1300 MARKET AVE N. RECEIVED & FILED
- 444. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 1509.05 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (ABOVE & UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 445. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 1511 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (SPECIAL EFFECTS EXHIBITIONS). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 446. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 705 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (ALARM SYSTEM BUSINESS). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 447. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 723.15 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (SPECIAL AMUSEMENT ARCADE LICENSE). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 448. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 723.05 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (MACHINES IN AMUSEMENT ARCADES). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 449. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 723.05 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (MUSICAL DEVICES). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 450. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 749 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (ITINERANT RETAILERS). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 451. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN SEC 785.04 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 452. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN 375.04 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (BICYCLE). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 453. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN 724 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (CARNIVALS). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 454. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN 783.02 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 455. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN 785.05 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (MASSAGE TECHNICIAN & FINGERPRINTING). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 456. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: REQ TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE IN 781.02 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (NURSING HOME EMPLOYEES). JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
- 457. SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: AUTHORIZE MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO NEGOTIATE & ENTER INTO LONG-TERM AGMT W/MARATHON PETROLEUM THAT DEFINES & DOCUMENTS PARTNERSHIP; AUTHORIZE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH & CREATE 5301 STORM WATER OPERATING FUND AND 5303 MARATHON/NAVARRE RD STORM SEWER FUND TO TRACK REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZE CITY TO RCV AND DEPOSIT FUND FEES FROM MPC PER PENDING AGMT. PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
- 458. TREASURER SCHIRACK: RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY INS FOR AMBULANCE LOCK BOX ACCT FOR NOVEMBER 2012. RECEIVED & FILED
- 459. TREASURER SCHIRACK: RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR NOVEMBER 2012. RECEIVED & FILED
- 460. TREASURER SCHIRACK: COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 11/30/12. RECEIVED & FILED

### ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning to First Reading 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 Ordinance by title.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #1
THROUGH #6 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- #1. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ACS GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00, FOR REMOTE DATABASE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee
- #2. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION THROUGH JUNE 27, 2016, WITH IMMIX TECHNOLOGY INC., IN AN

AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR PERCENT OF THE CURRENT RATE, FOR CONTINUED USE OF THE KRONOS TIME AND ATTENDANCE SOFTWARE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee

- #3. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, WITH ACS GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS INC., IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.00 PER YEAR, FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE BANNER SOFTWARE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee
- #4. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee
- #5. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 761.01, COMMERCIAL HAULER'S LICENSE; SECTION 763.04, TAXICAB COMPANY'S LICENSE, REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSE FEE; SECTION 763.07, LICENSING, EXPIRATION; RENEWAL; AND CHAPTER 1507, DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS (REPEALED), OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANTON Referred to Judiciary Committee
- #6. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY ITEMS, MATERIALS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CANTON'S OPERATIONS DURING THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR; AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVELY THE PURCHASE OF SAID ITEMS PURSUANT TO THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT AND/OR ODOT PURCHASING AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee

# ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Turning now to Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the Second Reading. Would you please begin Madame Clerk with Ordinance 7.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SCHULMAN CALLED UPON CLERK TIMBERLAKE TO READ ORDINANCES #7
THROUGH #14 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS
FOLLOWS:

#7. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT WITH 1<sub>2</sub> R POWER CO.; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

- #8.  $(2^{ND} \, RDG)$  AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH  $1_2 \, R$  POWER CO. TO PROVIDE A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE CANTON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED TO BE PAID PURSUANT TO SECTION 5709.82 (C) OF THE REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #9. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ONE PARCEL OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (PARCEL # 02-24286 FOR JACQUELINE & CARLSTON HEDGESPETH ON 4<sup>TH</sup> ST NE)
- #10. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ONE PARCEL OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (PARCEL # 02-13025 FOR DEAN & JENNIFER KING ON RICHARD PLACE NW)
- #11. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 FOR THE BROWNFIELD JOB TRAINING GRANT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 220/2011; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- #12. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 220/2011, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF COMPENSATED ABSENCES FUND)
- #13. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 220/2011, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE FUND)
- #14. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FROM SARTA TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A PLAYGROUND AREA AND WALKING PATH; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH THE 2450 SARTA AREA IMPROVEMENT FUND; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

# ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Turning now to Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for the Third, final Reading and vote. Would you please begin with Ordinance 15.

#15. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG)

ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 202/2012 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMEND THE EXISTING PLAIN TOWNSHIP - CITY OF CANTON COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (CEDA); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (CENTRAL ALLIED)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move that we adopt Ordinance 15.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 15. Any remarks under this Ordinance? Hearing none, Madame Clerk roll call vote please.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas Mr. President.

#### **#15 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 202/2012**

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Ordinance 15 is adopted. Ordinance #16 please.

#16.  $(3^{RD} RDG)$ 

ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 203/2012 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 220/2011, AS AMENDED, BY MAKING THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (VARIOUS FUNDS INCLUDING SERV DIR, AUDITOR, CIVIL SERV, LAW, JUDGES, FIRE, MOTOR VEHICLES, MAINTENANCE)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move that we adopt Ordinance 16.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 16. Any remarks under this Ordinance?

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Leader.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: I move we amend Ordinance 16 per the copy in front of all Members.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

#### **AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 36, I move to amend Agenda Item No. 16 by substituting the attached revised Exhibit for the originally proposed Exhibit A.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to amend Ordinance 16 by virtue of the copy before each one of you. Are there any remarks? By voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The ayes have it. Motion carries. Leader.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance 16 as amended.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 16 as amended. Any remarks under this Ordinance as amended? Hearing none, Madame Clerk roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas Mr. President.

#### #16 ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 203/2012

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

#17. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG)

ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 204/2012 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STARK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO RECEIVE A REIMBURSABLE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$92,250.00 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM (IECGP) AND TO PURCHASE UP TO \$123,000.00 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT FROM MOTOROLA PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 125.04; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 220/2011; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$90,000.00 - CENTRAL COMM ADMIN)

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move that we adopt Ordinance 17.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 17. Any remarks? Hearing none, Madame Clerk roll call vote please.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas Mr. President.

#17 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 204/2012

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Ordinance 17 is adopted. Ordinance #18.

#18. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG)

ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 205/2012 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR, ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT THROUGH ITS LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Leader Dougherty.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move that we adopt Ordinance 18.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 18. Any remarks under this Ordinance? Hearing none, Madame Clerk roll call vote please.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas Mr. President.

**#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 205/2012** 

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

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: It will be postponed.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: We have to vote on it, so go ahead and read it.

#19. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) POSTPONED UNTIL 12/17/12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN LANDFILL, INC. FOR LEACHATE AND SLUDGE DISPOSAL; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Leader Dougherty.

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

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance 19. Any remarks Leader?

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move we postpone Ordinance 19 until December 17, 2012.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded to postpone Ordinance 19 until December 17, 2012. Any remarks?

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: I'd just like to thank our Majority Leader for postponing and the rest of Council because it's a highly sensitive in a high technical field and we want to do the right thing for the City and all the citizens. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you and thank you Member Cirelli for bringing that forward. Any other remarks? Hearing none, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

**NO REMARKS** 

#### POSTPONEMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The ayes have it. The motion carries. Ordinance 19 is postponed for one week.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We now turn to Announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER COLE: Mr. President, Finance will meet December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Judiciary will meet same time, same place.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. I was talking to the Director. I think that's it, isn't it? No other

Committee Announcements?

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Miscellaneous Business, is there any?

MEMBER SMITH: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Smith.

MEMBER SMITH: Yes, I'd like to address something to Director Williams concerning the write that was in the paper, about the eyesores and the Town Hall meeting that the four new Councilmen held. Director Williams, maybe just for clarification because I don't want the public to think that us seasoned Council Members have not been doing our job or wasn't seeking any new ideas concerning the programs that's already in place for buying a home or renovating, foreclosure. Is it my understanding that there is already such a program in existence? Am I correct....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director.

MEMBER SMITH: ...or could you explain that? Because it's my understanding that CDBG funds can't be allocated for certain things such as hiring policemen and the program that's already implemented for down payment assistance. For some clarification here?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman. No disrespect but that was a long question.

MEMBER SMITH: But I know you can handle it, you know because it was 2 or 3 and 1 but rather then me go through all of them again, I just figured I'll just throw them all at you and I know you can handle them.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman. We do have a down payment assistance program. We actually have 2. We have 1 that's through our neighborhood stabilization program where we can go up to \$25,000.00. That down payment assistance program is for either down payment assistance or gap finance. For instance, if someone qualifies for \$7,000.00 and the house is \$90,000, the City could potentially use \$20,000.00 as a means of a down payment assistance and/or a closing cost. We also have a down assistance...down payment assistance program on HOME funds as I mentioned to Members of Council last year when HUD frequented our offices, we were placed on cease and desist. So, we had to rewrite all our programs and with our new budget of 2013, we'll reinstated that particular down payment assistance program. The CDBG funds, we use those funds for home renovation programs, such as emergency assistance for repair of homes for low to moderate income individuals. Was there one more question, I'm sorry.

MEMBER SMITH: (*Inaudible*)...both of them. I just wanted some clarification because, you know, I don't want mixed messages going out to the residents, especially using CDBG funds to hire Police Officers and so forth and I wanted them to know that there is a program that already exists as far as buying homes or renovating and foreclosure.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: I might have missed...Mr. Chairman, I might have missed the last one, CDBG. In other communities, CDBG funds have been used for...for policing and I'm going to use a broad definition for policing. If you...if you utilize CDBG funds to hire new police officers, you basically have to determine an area, set up a police substation for the police to operate in that area. I will caution you though, with our current CDBG funds and the current fiscal cliff that we're under, our CDBG funds are under scrutiny and attack. So, it's very difficult to sustain any new hire with CDBG funds. Now, in other communities, CDBG funds have also been used for extra police patrols in communities where there is high crime and things of that nature. The Safety Director and I have had many, many meetings about this, one with the Police Chief, it's something we're taking a very close look at. Again, I just want to caution Members of Council, I presented to you all and I thank each and every one of you for voting on our 2013 budget. It was a little unique in this year's budget that we set aside funding for neighborhood strategy areas which was basically we took 4 quadrants of the City of Canton and divided them into 2. We budget the

appropriate funds to do programs in the communities to the tune of \$1.4 million. I would just caution you, when you're looking at doing community policing programs with CDBG dollars, it's something that we need to sit down together collectively and plan out. The City of Canton, unfortunately has a history of not spending CDBG funds appropriately. So, when I say sit down together collectively, all I'm talking about is properly putting together a program or programs, plural.

MEMBER SMITH: Thank you.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Director.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: I'd like to add on to what Mr. Williams was stating. We've had several meetings in the past. One of the things we're waiting for is the budget to get passed to see exactly where we stand. Another thing we're waiting for is some feedback from the Feds on the CDBG money but we have several programs that we're looking at to utilize some of those monies for policing efforts within our community.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Director.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Director.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: I apologize, I just want to expound on the Safety Director's comments.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: That's fine.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: This Council, again, I thank you passed that budget. Now, we're waiting on HUD to approve that budget as well and part of that budget is a plan on how to spend those dollars. We have not heard back from HUD yet on those. So, we cannot go forward until we get HUD's blessing, which hopefully will happen before year end.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Mariol.

MEMBER SMITH: Also Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Go ahead Member Smith, sorry.

MEMBER SMITH: Thank you so much Director Williams for clarifying that. And I just wanted to say that this isn't anything new, you know, the four of you that had your Town Hall meeting. I think all of us can attest to tear downs, I think the money was not appropriated at the proper time because there is no other Council Person other than myself that can use every penny that comes down for tear downs and demolition. So, I just wanted to get some clarification. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Smith.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Actually Director Williams, with the down payment assistance, through the CDBG money there's certain areas in the City that, that money cannot be spent, correct?

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Well, we currently do not use CDBG for down payment assistance. We use HOME funds. HOME funds can be used Citywide. CDBG funds can be used in CDBG eligible areas, which constitutes 70 to 75% of the City. But we can use CDBG, we just haven't developed a program to use CDBG funds for down payment assistance because we had plenty of funding through NSP1 and 3 and also HOME funds. Okay, it can be done to answer your question but we...traditionally we haven't done it.

MEMBER MARIOL: Last year, do you have a number by chance of how many homeowners were brought in with those down payment assistance programs?

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, I can get you that number. I will tell this Council that it's a skewed number because we were on cease and desist. We were not allowed to spend the dollars. But it's skewed and I can get you that.

MEMBER MARIOL: Okay. Thank you.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West, sorry.

MEMBER WEST: Yes, I want to first thank many people that came down, Jill and Tina, I know Tina this is your first time speaking. You did a good job, I just want you to know that. Last week I spent some time over there at Canton Towers. They had a wonderful Christmas Party, fed me very well, sent me home a big plate of food as well. But, I appreciate meeting with the seniors because ultimately, when I was there that day, several people came up to me and addressed me about the traffic cameras and more specifically, I gathered a bunch of seniors this summer downtown and to walk across the street and they were with our Engineers, Nick Loukas, and we walked across the street just to see if they could get across the street before the light changed and everybody thought that we had already worked this out before in the past, they slowed it down they said. So I said "Let's do a little trial and error." We did that this summer and they found themselves they're going to...they said "Well let's change the lights." And if you notice downtown, you'll see now the light switch says 3, 2, 1 and it shows the count down. But even then, it's still a problem. But even then, it's still a problem. A few weeks ago, when I was there, a young lady...now we're not having traffic cameras downtown, I didn't present it as such...but I did present as much as being able to bring monies to these areas for safety grants so that they can actually deem themselves, if they want to put security, if they want to put safety cameras up they can. But what was unique, the one lady there, I think her name was Brenda, is that correct? Brenda, anyway she...the woman just bought a brand new van, equipped it with her disabled equipment and got in an accident right there...right going back to her high rise on Market and I think that's 4<sup>th</sup>...5<sup>th</sup> and ran her SUV or her minivan into the pole, someone ran a red light. Downtown it does get busy and I'm cautioning everybody, slow down. We are right now in an information world, a technology world, everybody's on their phones, everybody's doing their texting. People got computers in their car, doing whatever they do, GPS systems, we are on high alert. Trust me, this thing ain't about...it's bigger and grander and I'll talk to you in a minute Director Williams, I'm not done I just want to do my thing first. But when it comes down to these cameras, the Bible talks about how the people...my people parish because we lack knowledge. We lack knowledge because we chose not go get the information that is accurate. A lot of information out in the community is inaccurate.

People keep citing information that has nothing to do with the company we're going with, if you really want to know, what I plan here today in the near future, I have been going to neighborhood associations talking to each and everybody about this so that they are educated. I met with the company that will delivering this product, it's the number company in the nation and I have been schooled on this. This nothing different than what we did back in the day when Janet Creighton was under her Administration and I remind you all that this Council is the one who chose Redflex. Yeah, this Council did when Janet Creighton, I think it was Janet Creighton that brought that group here. But the Council that we had with Casar and all those guys, we chose Redflex and we chose them because they were the number one company out there. And all the companies that was having problems, now their looking to Redflex. I'm here to tell you that in Ward 2, I'm making a statement. It's not the most fun statement but the statement is this, you come to Ward 2, stop at our lights, you come to Ward 2, slow down in our school zones. You come downtown, respect our laws. And I'm not just talking about this, Mike was here today at Your's Pizza, you know, when I met with him and met with that young boy, 18 year old boy that had a gun to his head. That was serious stuff. Ward 2 is addressing serious stuff and serious issues and this is not about politics, this is about my people in my Ward. Now, I'm asking each Councilman to get real with this. Respect this, this is about Ward 2 and when it comes down to crime, if this is going to bring more money up for cops, I keep hearing that time and time again but I don't hear nobody talk about bringing more money in here, not one person. There's only one way to do that, either raise your taxes or come up with fees and things like that in order to bring more money to hire more cops. Unless you guys got some more brilliant ideas, please bring it. Yeah, we have a carry over of \$300,000.00, well we may have, I pray we do but we have to sustain that, which means we have to have more income. My Ward needs it and I'm asking you, I'm pleading you, this ain't about Mayor Healy, this ain't about you, this is about Ward 2 and my residents. And I'm making a stand. And it's not just that, Mike, Anderson's, there's been a stream of crime related activities right there on Cleveland and 12th. I live a block down from there, cars have been stolen, people's houses have been broken into. This is some serious business guys and I need your support. You guys want to talk to me about stuff, call me personally, I'll tell you and matter of fact, what I plan on doing, I'm going to have a debate right here and I'm going to ask the whole community to come in here and you want to know the truth, we'll have a presentation before we pass this. But this is not about total money, this is about safety for Ward 2 and that's where it's coming from me. So, I want you all to know that on the record. Alright? Alright....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Let me say one more thing. I also wanted to mention on Wednesday at 1:00 Captain Davis will be meeting at PPI Graphics. We set up a meeting for their employees, they have about 30 some employees there, just to talk to them about how to they can keep their selves safe. Many of their employees don't want to go out at night because they're afraid of going to their car. So, they were afraid because of the arm robberies. So Captain Davis and I are meeting there at 1:00 on Wednesday to address some of the neighbor's issues. I also wanted to bring up the fees. When Jason brought up the fees, there are...next...next Council we'll be talking about the fees, so Council Members please, there's 12 Ordinances out there that adjust the fees, Mary, there's 12...12, so make sure you get your questions answered so we don't have to sit at the table all day long. The Safety Director said he will take any calls cause those are the ones that he put on the Agenda and then after that we have 13 other Ordinances that will come down that will also have fees adjustments. So, please call him if you have any questions, that way we don't have sit through a long Committee Meeting. Alright, thank you.

MEMBER MACK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West.

MEMBER MACK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Mack.

MEMBER MACK: Mr. Williams, thank you for being so generous with your time. One quick question with the respect to the use of HOME funds for the down payment assistance program. Am I correct in understanding that those funds can only be used for low/moderate income families?

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes Director.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, that is correct.

MEMBER MACK: One of...my good friend, Councilwoman Smith seemed to imply that during our recent Town Hall Meeting, there was some misinformation being strewn about by my colleagues and though she wasn't in attendance, it appears to me that she got her information from the newspaper article, I did want to kind of bring this point to fact that during her paragraph long question, the only thing that I could hear that she identified was that there was misinformation being spread about the use or the lack of a down payment assistance program. But my question is, if a citizen who isn't low or moderate income, who wants to buy a home in my Ward or Frank's Ward or John's Ward, those HOME funds wouldn't be available to that person would they?

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes Director.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: That's correct.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Mack.

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: Hey Fonda, there was a program we used through Hawk, Member Hawk when he built several houses and we tore down a whole block of houses and built some new ones. Matter of fact, we got one of the owners back there in the Steeler coat. When we did that, wasn't there down payment assistance that came from other vendors like Stark Community Partnerships and other community programs for down payment assistance?

MEMBER HAWK: Yes there were, there were....excuse me Mr. President, may I answer sir?

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Yes there were and it was worked out through several different foundations and different...Joel Owens, I..what he is with right now escapes me, but arranged some money. And also banks were very much involved with some special financing and some other issues involved with that and it did not necessarily have to be low to moderate income, anybody it was available for them. The dollars were given to them to help put them into a new home. It worked out in the general, you know, the general principle, it was a very well done event. We just didn't continue it and go far enough with it but it was a great step in the right direction that we kind of abandoned and I would like to see us get back to putting housing back in our neighborhoods and people getting down payment

assistance to get into homes. We can all work together on it.

MEMBER WEST: Yes.

MEMBER HAWK: There's some people out there that will get it done.

MEMBER WEST: Yes and let me say this because I think that sometimes that people don't get this. You know, each Councilperson up here has a plan for their own ward. This year we had our...our Majority Leader over there, Dave Dougherty called everybody in and said "Look, establish your goals for the year...for the two years." And he did that and we've been meeting as a Council whole to try to address every person's goals and objectives for their plan and you know, I want to applaud you for that Dave. But...but let me say this, make no bones about it, yeah you have groups of people up here that may work well together and I don't...I think that's great but one thing I need all of you to know is that we're working hard and we'll work hard together. And this isn't going to be a divided Council, I know that. I seen some good guys that came in, some good energy and we debate each and every issue, we fight over each and every issue like the bond situation, I know there's a bond issue that we're trying to figure out right now but I'm sure that we'll work that and I am gonna ask Fonda about the bond issue with reference to demolition. Can you talk about that or is it somebody else?

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director.

DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: I will yield to the Law Director.

MEMBER WEST: Law Director, can you talk about the bond issue for demolitions and where we're at with that so I'm clear cause there's different talking points out there in the community and we need people to know where we're at, what bonds we're going for, what we're not going for and so on and so forth.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Law Director Martuccio.

LAW DIRECTOR MARTUCCIO: Thank you Mr. President. Member West, I will make some comments but I will reserve the right be corrected and/or assisted by the Auditor or Service Director. When we want to borrow money as a City, obviously we're going to incur debt, we're going to owe people money, we're going to owe an obligation. In order to do that quickly, to match the million dollars for example that has been made available to us through the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporations. We can borrow against our own treasury in short term manuscript debt, I've learned it's called and ask for a bond anticipation note, later to be sold as a bond through public offering. There are other projects that will be coming to this Council as they become ripe that will also require short term and long term financial...but to answer your question Member West directly, immedical, is to get a bond anticipation note or manuscript debt out there to match the million we know we're getting from the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation as well as the \$500,000.00 we may be entitled to without having a match and the Auditor's Office is fully cooperative thanks to Mr. Mallonn and the Administration through the Service Director is having constant discussions about making more moves available to financially lock into that money, should more money become available through the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation, be ready to move, ready to match it, ready to get it. So, those...those conversations have been taking place.

MEMBER WEST: Excuse me, so currently we're only have...we're going for a bond for a million dollars? Anything else is in proposal form or have not or have not (inaudible) your direction.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director.

SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: This Council has taken no action to date to secure the long term debt. Okay, however the communication that came from my office that asks for authority to issue up to 6 1/2 million dollars in manuscript debt would give us the short term ability to draw cash, borrow...borrowing essentially sounds, you know, like Government bureaucracy but essentially, we're able to borrow against our own treasurer. So, if that...once that Ordinance goes through its 3 readings, the cash would be available the next day. Essentially we'd be able to issue a check with that authority, probably within 24 hours to deposit those funds into, you know, the demolition fund.

MEMBER WEST: So, does that include the 2.5 million or whatever, that was a whole other figure?

SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: The...the, there was a Communication that was sent down sometime ago, I...I think initially signed by Member Hawk that would have authorized the issuance of the bonds, which is a long term debt. We have been exploring publically placing those bonds on the market, privately placing those bonds, given the time constraints that we were privy to, even though we weren't necessarily, we being the Administration, we weren't directly involved in the demo program, I mean Lem was handling that on our behalf, given the time constraints that we became aware of involving the expenditures fund which is time limits by the end of the next year, it became apparent to me that...that a publically issued bond would probably not be available to us in time. We then began looking at private placement with thanks largely to our Chief Deputy Auditor and the Auditor's Office the concern over a privately placed bond would be...naturally you're going to pay a little bit more interest. So, what we're able to do as a gap financing measure, would be to issue what's called manuscript debt. It's a debt that otherwise would go into our long term investments. So, when you issue manuscript debt, what you do is, we would schedule it for a principle and interest payment from the general fund or capital improvement fund, whichever the case maybe, back to the City Treasurer. So, another words when we borrow against our...our own Treasury, we're going to pay interest as if that money was invested. Okay, however, the plan is that the long term debt, the bond issuance, which by the way for the Pirolizzi note, the lawsuit that we settled, we need to be paying that off by the end of May anyway. So, this buys us time, the legislation that's pending before this Council, you know, would likely be back before you in Ordinance form as the Law Department and Administration work through the appropriate language for that, cause this isn't typically what we issue manuscript debt for. But we have determined that that's the most cost effective quickest way to have cash flow availability for these demolitions. And I do want to make it clear, speaking of the demolitions that while...while Lem Green spoke testified before this Council that we're able to start demos as soon the money is in, okay, while that's technically true, keep in mind that the County still has not formally retained a consultant or regional planning to monitor the...the local Governments in terms of reporting that we're meeting the requirements back at the State. So in other words, I guess what I'm saying, I'm not trying to say the County is delaying or anything. But, we're not losing any opportunity right now to be demoing houses because the oversight entity has not been formally hired by the County, even to provide that monitoring to the AG's Office that would be required for us to be reimbursed. So, in other words, if we had a million dollars available tomorrow, we...we wouldn't be doing demos because we don't yet have the oversight agency on the County's side in place because we risk losing the match, which...which is the whole point of this, leveraging our local dollars to have them doubled by the State.

MEMBER WEST: Alright, in essence, we have a million dollars for a bond to...right now, soon to come?

SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: We have a million dollars available. If you pass the legislation that will be coming down shortly from the Law Department, you would have a million dollars available in the form of a bond anticipation note with...with permanent financing legislation to follow before the end of May.

MEMBER WEST: Alright, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director Ream, did you want to add something?

SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: Not on that topic, on another topic.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Hawk, do you want to add something to this subject?

MEMBER HAWK: No, I will do the...I yield to Director Ream please.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Okay, Director Ream. Thank you.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: Shifting gears a little bit. I'd like address an issue with Council and clear something that got misrepresented here in the paper this past weekend. I'm sure most of you read the article about the crime situation in...in the City here. And the reporter that did that is a long term reporter, I have a lot of respect for. However, she got...got some mistakes in her article as far as interpreting some of the things that I was saying and I'd like to clarify because I think it changed the direction of the article and the meaning behind the article and I talked with the City Editor today and...and I just want to clear that up for you. It said in the article, that we were saying that our crime rates were affected because they closed 40 beds at the County jail. What they did was they closed 40% of the beds at the County jail. Now, the County jail is capable of handling 501 prisoners, that's how many beds they have available. In 2 steps, they eliminated 100 per steps. In other words, they closed down 200 beds, not 40 beds. It was 40% of the 500 that they closed down. That's what negatively impacted our policing strategies that is when...when they closed the beds that we saw the turnaround. And trust me, the reporters have a very difficult job just like our police officers do with keeping everything straight but she did get that wrong. It's not 40 beds, it was 40%, it was actually 200 beds that closed down that kind of negatively impacted our crime statistic. So, I just wanted to point that out for Council's purposes tonight.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Director. Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Thank you. Two points, first of all, Director Ream I'm very much in favor of intelligent led policing. It's something that could work in the future and work currently I guess I should say, it's not in the future but works currently. There was a very interesting commercial put out by IBM on the television. I saw it several times, it talks about IBM, it helps with intelligent led policing, proper programming...programming through IBM computers and other things where they can actually predict the crime. But it had one very important factor at the end during the whole length of this commercial. It shows a gentleman getting ready to obviously go out and commit a crime and it's talking about how they can predict his intelligent by policing and how it works and how it functions. And there is a gentleman comes around to commit the crime and rob a convenient store, there sits a policeman and it speaks to one very important thing, they knew when it was going to happen and they had a cop to go to it. And that's the biggest thing, we need live policemen in our streets to prevent crime. There's a stat that will never show up on any crime statistic ever have, it's the one that's prevented when that policeman is there. I think that's very important to take note of with intelligent led policing and other things as we look at our dollars that we spend on policing. The other issue is on the borrowing against our own treasury, it's a very intelligent, smart thing to do right now because our investments are so...are receiving such a low return on our investment and even if we have to pay ourselves that small return on investments, it's a very good deal for us to do. It's a stop gap measure until we get the bond issue out to the public to...to do a long term solution to our...to the debt problem. Now, the other thing was announced today and I only caught it in glancing, in passing so I might be a little inaccurate on this so please excuse me if I am but the Federal Government has announced that they're going to be buying bonds to help stimulate the economy so people can borrow and get it out. And if that comes to fruition, we're going to be

right in there. So, if the Feds start buying up money, they'll certainly buy our bonds because we have an excellent rating and it's a lot should be spoken for our Auditor's Department for maintaining that outstanding rate. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thanks Member Hawk. I want to make one comment, Miss Boatright, thank you for coming in. And I echo what you said and I think all of us who have been in the arts district understand what an important part of that district is to our City. That is the gateway to the arts and VXI, I certainly agree with the Mayor and his Administration that they have been positive in the sense that they've brought jobs to our City, we need jobs, we understand that. However, I have to say that I'm very disappointed with it's management. Because I agree with Miss Boatright, if the Timken Company had a facility downtown in that building, there is not a chance that those employees of the Timken Company would act the way these people are acting. It's causing disruption, not only to Miss Boatright's art gallery, it causes disruption to restaurants downtown. We've had numerous complaints, I don't know what response VXI is giving but it's not acceptable. We can't have hundreds of people on the street as Miss Boatright said, rude, abusive, acting like they own that downtown area to the exclusion of people like Miss Boatright who are trying to operate a, you know, a store, with Lucca's Restaurant and the other restaurants in the community. I really think it's time that they respond. We don't want to lose them, I understand that, we don't want 1,000 jobs to be gone but I'll tell ya one thing, that management is not doing what it should be doing. It's an eyesore, it's a disgrace to the community. That is a beautiful area that we have and we should be neutering it, not allowing this kind of conduct to occur and I know, and I'm going to give the Mayor kudos and Safety Director too and probably the Service Director, they have I know met with management from VXI but enough is enough. Miss Boatright and people like her who come downtown, open stores, wanna do well, wanna participate in our downtown urban area life, they deserve better and VXI is not giving it. Anything else?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you Mr. President. (*Inaudible*) Director Ream, there was a time that to my understanding, people that had businesses like the Your Pizza Shop and what have you, they would have a silent button that they would press anytime they feared, you know, they knew they were under arr...people were coming in to rob them or something, they would hit a button and it instantly, to my understanding, it went to the Police Department and it covered the whole City and so the police responded. Has that been, I'm assuming done away with or do you know anything about that sir?

MEMBER WEST: Mr. President. Mr. President, I can speak to that.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member West.

MEMBER WEST: I was there last Friday and yes they do have that button but it's through a security company and through that security company it was delayed or something like that. That was on the security company and Mike had attested to that.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member West.

MEMBER CIRELLI: I was referring to....

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Well, Director do you want...

MEMBER CIRELLI: ...his answer.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Director, do you want to add to that?

SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: Yes, obviously the technology is available, depending on how you would set that button up as to who it goes to and how it operates. I heard the gentleman loud and clear here tonight. I'll be doing some checking with the Police Department to see what the situation and circumstances were. Obviously we don't condone the violent activities, the robberies and burglaries. I'm proud of the job that my Police Department does. If there was a problem in this instance, we need to get to the bottom of it and I assure you, I'll be checking on that.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Director. Member Griffin.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Mr. President, I'd like to remind Council Members and everybody here, Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> will be Canton Ex-News Boys paper day. We'll be out on the corner of all the banks, the shopping centers, grocery stores and post offices selling our paper. We've given away \$3,000,000.00 worth of clothing since 1960. So, no child shall miss school for the lack of clothes and shoes. So, we appreciate your support. Free will offering. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Great job Member Griffin. Anything else?

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: I just want to speak to a couple things, one, Mr. West, I'm not going to stop asking questions in Committee Meetings because you probably use as much time or more tonight on your...on the...on the floor and on your questions and nobody was offended by that. The other was, I did come down to the 4 newer Council Members' meeting and I didn't hear anything that reflected negatively towards any other Council Member or anything like that. I thought they...they..they chose on their own to do that just like any of us could do and I thought they did a very good job and seemed to...they were here to hear what the people had to say to them mostly. I didn't hear them doing a lot of talking. They were here to tell the people "We're here for you to tell us what you want from us." So, I just wanted to say I...I thought I wa....it was a very positive meeting. Thank you sir.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you. Leader.

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move to adjourn.

MEMBER GRIFFIN: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adjourn. Madame Clerk roll call vote please.

**NO REMARKS** 

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: Twelve yeas.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you everyone. (Gavel falls) Meeting is adjourned. Drive carefully please.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:55 PM

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