

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The Council President called the meeting to order; the Ward 4 Councilor offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Members Present: Mr. Joseph L. Rose (Ward 1), Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2)
Mrs. Ann I. Stranman (Ward 3), Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer (Ward 4),
Mr. James M. Trisket (Ward 5), Ms. Betty S. Kist (Vice President),
Mr. Charles P. Brockway (Council President)

Member(s) Absent: NONE

Officer(s) Present: City Manager Anthony J. Cantagallo
City Solicitor Michael Franklin
City Auditor Michael A. Zullo
Clerk of Council LaVette E. Hennigan

Officer(s) Absent: NONE

SUNSHINE LAW: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

Excused Absence: NONE

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - NONE

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Nature Works Funding

The City Manager requested an ordinance to authorize a Local Inter Agency Agreement with the Ashtabula City Port Authority, for the purpose of cooperation in a grant agreement through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Nature Works Program. This grant application is being made in an effort to supply public restrooms on Bridge Street. Mr. Pugliese moved, Ms. Kist seconded, the City Manager's request. The Manager reported these funds will be used to provide public restrooms on Bridge Street (Morton Drive). The Port Authority will own the building, they would provide the "major maintenance", and the daily maintenance would be done by the City, such as is the case for Smith Field and Walnut Beach. The Council Vice President asked if these grant funds could include the Walnut Beach restrooms, realizing the estimate to upgrade the Beach restrooms came in at \$66,000.00. No comment was mad and the motion CARRIED.

Community Development Block Grant – Revolving Loan Funds

The City Manager requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Development, in Columbus, Ohio; for the purpose utilizing Revolving Loan Funds for the 2010 calendar year.

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The Manager said the City has had this fund for over 20 years, and the State requires the legislative body to approve the City's continuing relationship with the State. Ms. Kist moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, the City Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

2010 Census

The City Manager reported the Census Bureau asked the City to participate in getting the 2010 census data gathering word out to the public. The United State Constitution requires the census count to be conducted every decade (10 years). A meeting will take place in City Hall and various organizations will be invited to attend. There will be census work opportunities as well.

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER

West 9th Street Parking

The Ward 2 Councilor asked the Manager to have the area of West 9th Street, east of Lake Avenue, checked because residents are not able to exit their driveways due to vehicles parking directly across the street from the driveways.

Sidewalk Shoveling

The Ward 2 Councilor reported a resident complained about early morning visitors (6:30 a.m.), along the area of Walnut Boulevard, east of Lake Avenue, asking if she wanted her sidewalk shoveled. The resident said in the past people would shovel the sidewalk up to the house and then tell residents they owned \$10.00. The resident was afraid and the Councilor asked if a patrol car could be placed in the area.

Stripped Van

The Ward 1 Councilor reported a stripped van at 2010 Norman Avenue, south of West 19th Street.

No Snow Plowing

The Ward 1 Councilor reported Mrs. Lyons says Allen Avenue, off Carpenter Road, has not been plowed this winter.

Good Snow Plowing

The Ward 5 Councilor acknowledged the good job snow plowing crews are performing. The Ward 4 Councilor added that the job is being done while they are shorthanded.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT - NONE

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT - NONE

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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Community Development and Parks & Recreation - (Mr. Trisket, Chair): announced the Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 12, at 8:00 a.m., to conclude their review of Codified Ordinance Section 1361; they will review the Harbor Community Development Plan, discuss NRD funds, discuss CDBG grant, and hopefully be apprised of the status of the Harbor area coal dust problem.

Economic Development and Port Authority - (Mrs. Stranman, Chair): announced the Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m., to continue discussing previous items, with the hopes of receiving updates.

Finance and Personnel - (Ms. Kist, Chair): announced the Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 13, at 9:00 a.m.

Public Utilities and Schools - (Mr. Pugliese, Chair): read the letter he received from the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), regarding the Ohio House of Representatives consideration of a bill that would lower the amount of rate case expense large investor-owned utilities, such as Ohio American Water Company, may recover from customers. The OCC seeks the City's help in encouraging the legislature to pass the bill. House Bill 344, introduced November 4, would limit water and sewer utilities with more than 15,000 customers to pass along no more than 50 percent of its rate case expense to customers. Ohio American Water (OAW), has well over 15,000 customers, would be subject to this law. The OCC is working to get a similar bill introduced in the Ohio Senate. OCC suggest persons desiring to organize communities to assist in seeing this bill passed and to find out who their legislators are may call 1-800-282-0253. The Chair moved; Ms. Kist seconded, that the City of Ashtabula support House Bill 344; motion CARRIED. The Clerk asked if the support was in the form of a resolution or simply in the form of this announcement. The Chair replied, this announcement.

The Chair announced the Committee meets as needed, and that no meeting is scheduled.

Public Works - (Mrs. Lattimer, Chair): announced the Committee will not meet in January, and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2010.

Safety Forces - (Mr. Rose, Chair): The Chair moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded, an ordinance to reappointment Mr. Bret Cimorell to the Civil Service Commission. The President announced an ordinance is not required; the motion CARRIED. The Chair announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, at 8:00 a.m.

Work Session (Mr. Brockway, Chair): announced the next Session is scheduled for Monday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m., to review and discuss budget cost saving suggestions. The employees, unions and department heads were invited to provide input.

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FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUEST

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Rose seconded, A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE HUBBARD HOUSE PROPERTY ON WALNUT BOULEVARD FROM THE ASHTABULA AREA MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., TO THE HUBBARD HOUSE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM, INC; motion carried.

PUBLIC'S QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS ON TONIGHT'S LEGISLATION - NONE

LEGISLATION READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.20 ENTITLED PARKING OF COMMERCIAL & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, CAMPERS & BOATS PROHIBITED, was presented for its second reading. Ms. Kist moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, that the reading of the ordinance be waived; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Ms. Kist seconded, the adoption of the ordinance. The City Solicitor explained section (a) of the legislation which reads "No vehicles as defined in Section 343.01(d), (1) through (6), shall be parked on any portion of any highway, street, alley or public grounds within the corporate limits of the City without the consent of the City Manager" to mean the only time such vehicles may park on "our land" is when the City Manager's consent would be required. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Rose, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Stranman, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Ms. Kist, Mr. Brockway voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GREAT LAKES GMC BUICK FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE, was presented. Ms. Kist moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, that the reading of the ordinance be waived; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Ms. Kist seconded, that the Charter requirement of two readings be suspended. On the roll call to suspend the Charter requirement: Mr. Rose, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Stranman, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Ms. Kist, Mr. Brockway voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call for to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Rose, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Stranman, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Ms. Kist, Mr. Brockway voted yea; motion CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE HUBBARD HOUSE PROPERTY ON WALNUT BOULEVARD FROM THE ASHTABULA AREA MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., TO THE HUBBARD HOUSE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM, INC, was presented. Ms. Kist moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, to waive the reading of the resolution; motion CARRIED.

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Ms. Kist, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, that the Charter requirement of two readings be suspended. On the roll call to suspend the Charter requirement: Mr. Rose, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Stranman, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Ms. Kist, Mr. Brockway voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Rose, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Stranman, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Trisket, Ms. Kist, Mr. Brockway voted yea; motion CARRIED.

A LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER from Leo Caruso, dba Caruso's Pizza & Spaghetti House, 2313 West Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 to Sherry Myers, dba Bridge Street Pizza, 1119 Bridge Street, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004, was presented. Mr. Pugliese moved, Ms. Kist seconded, not to request a hearing; the motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Commercial & Recreational Vehicles Parking

The City Manager reported the Council's passage of Ordinance No. 2010-01, this evening, is a large step forward in changing the look of our neighborhoods; and thanked Council for doing so.

Pre-Council & Regular Council Meeting Announcements

The President announced the next Regular Council meeting will be televised on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m., due to observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday holiday on Monday, January 18. The Pre-Council meeting is at 6pm; and both are open to the public.

Televising of General Public Portion

The Council President announced the Council has rescinded their decision not to televise the "General Public Portion" of the Regular Council meetings.

PUBLIC'S GENERAL PORTION - NONE

Ms. Kist moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; motion CARRIED.

DATE APPROVED: _____

ATTESTED BY: _____

Charles P. Brockway
President of Council

ATTESTED BY: _____

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council