

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

April 4, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

Ashley Ward

A. Call To Order

Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance – Ward**C. Roll Call**

Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

D. Approval of Minutes**MIN-22-012**

March 7, 2022 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Milliken to approve MIN-22-012. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Milliken, Amick, Clark, Shea, Walker, Ward

MIN-22-013

March 21, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to approve MIN-22-013. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Clark, Amick, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

MIN-22-014

March 21, 2022 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Amos to approve MIN-22-014. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

E. Communications & Petitions**F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person**

Bethany Ferguson, 7574 Embers Ln – Good evening council. I first like to thank Mr. Milliken, Mrs. Amos and Mrs. Ward for meeting with myself, Mr. Stemen and Mrs. Halstead yesterday. I appreciate the open dialogue and conversation to better understand each other's viewpoints and learning how council and residents can work more amicably in the future. I look forward to fixing the divide in Canal Winchester and working towards better resolutions and compromises with our government and residents. Today I would like to discuss the resolution 22-012 written in today's council agenda. The so-called resolution is not, in fact, a resolution but a motion resolution. According to our City Charter 4.01 through 4.06. This resolution does not meet requirements of an emergency and there is no valid language included in this resolution for it to be immediately passed. The City Charter always supersedes council rules. From Article 4, legislative procedure 4.01 Form of action by council. Action by council shall be ordinance, resolution or motion. Motion shall be used to conduct the business of council, in procedural matters, for elections conducted among and appointments made by council members, to provide directions to and to make requests of administrative officers and employees and members of boards and commissions and as otherwise provided in this Charter. All other action shall be taken by ordinance or resolution. No action of council shall be invalidated merely because of the form thereof fails to comply with the provisions in this section. Introduction of ordinances and resolutions 4.02. Any member of council may introduce any ordinance or resolution, at a regular or special meeting, which shall be in written or printed form and shall contain concise title. 4.03 Form of ordinance and resolutions. A) The form and style of ordinances and resolution shall be determined by the rules of council. B) Each ordinance or resolution shall contain only one subject, which shall be expressed in its title; provided that appropriation ordinances may contain the various subjects, accounts, and amounts for which monies are appropriated, and that ordinances and resolutions which are codified, or recodified are not subject to the limitation of containing one subject. 4.04 Reading ordinances and resolutions. Each ordinance and resolution shall be read by title only on three separate days, unless this requirement is dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of council. Each resolution shall be read once by title and maybe voted in the same reading. 4.05 Voting required for passage. The vote on

*the question of passage of each ordinance, resolution and motion shall be taken by a roll call of members to be entered on the journal or other record of proceedings of the council. Each emergency ordinance shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of a member of council for its enactment if an emergency order for passage, non-emergency legislation, it shall become effective as a non-emergency legislation 4.06 Content of emergency legislation. Each emergency ordinance shall determine that the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health safety or welfare, and shall contain a statement of the necessity for the emergency. With that being said, the referendum committee has not received a letter of sufficiency for the referendum. Over 2 1/2 months have passed since we have asked for all stats and documents. There is an impossibility for our committee to rescind or even discuss without staff and documentation pertaining to the development of NorthPoint. Further, the Franklin County Board of Elections has not yet received the referendum back as certified from the City of Canal Winchester. This resolution is not fact based, but all speculation and or incorrect bullet points. It should not be written as a public document without true facts and statistics, which the city does not have. We the residents of Canal Winchester would like to see the documentation showing that Columbus will build high density houses in little warehouses. We would like to see the documentation showing the money is appropriated to CWLS in the city. NorthPoint currently does not have a tenant in place. It's tentative from my understanding for these two warehouses, this resolution is embarrassment to our City Council. On a personal note, I have additional comments about Mr. Shea's unprofessional conduct that I would like to be on record. Saturday, February 19th I ran into Mr. Shea at Sunoco on Waterloo. He made it a point to call me out as resident of Canal Winchester in front of other patrons to tell me congratulations, you just screwed the school district out of millions of dollars. He called the 635 signatures, a well-intended residents is a small number, and 635 residents are well above the eight votes that you won by. While visiting loose rail several weeks before the referendum was filed, Mr. Shea walked up to myself and several friends, enjoying trivia night. He pursued to infiltrate our time together and we asked him to leave several times. During that time he advised my good friend to sell her house and quote on quote get out while you can. In regards to warehouses, but he perceives being built near her home in Canal Winchester, he told her it was a done deal. How does even know that it's a done deal? Two weeks ago during the council meeting, Mr. Shea, called the referendum committee ***** stupid. Thank you. Please stop or we will hold you accountable.*

Ann Bennett, 41 Elizabeth St – Council member Mr. Shea voiced proudly on Facebook that he has spearheaded the resolution on today's agenda to withdraw the referendum that voters approved and which seeks to nullify the rezoning of the Schacht property. This is the same council member who stated in the presence of witnesses, I love warehouses, they make me a lot of money. The same council member who was overheard bullying Mrs. Ferguson and other committee members after the referendum was submitted. Resolution #22-012 is a prime example of the misrepresentations, the obfuscations, and the absence of documented facts. Just of what the red alarm allegations, the warehouse slotting city officials have made. Here's a documented fact. The second, whereas on the so-called petition is not correct, 539 valid signatures, not 536, approved the referendum. There's a simple thing to research and blowing it leads any reasonable person to be suspicious of absolutely anything else alleged in this resolution. Here's another fact. The whereas numbers 1920 and 21 were edited by someone at the city late this morning because they're original assertions were unsupportable. At what official meeting has Mr. Shea or the mayor or Council, clearly described by warehousing is the industry we should hang our entire future on? At what official meeting has Mr. Shea or the mayor or Council presented documented facts supporting its allegation of income to the city and to schools? At what official meeting, has Mr. Shea or the mayor or council explained why the city has not committed itself to attracting diverse businesses, jobs and revenues, which also complement our history, culture and priorities? At what official public forum has Mr. Shea or the mayor or Council given fact based response on the spot? To go to concerns about single industry dangers caused by tractor trailers, severe ecological quality of life, and aesthetic damage to the community, upheaval, stress, residential and retail corridors, and all the other downsides to massive, badly located warehouse developments. None. There's been no town halls at which Mr. Shea and the mayor and other elected officials listen to voter's questions and comments and reply to them on the record. Residents have four or five minute opportunities to speak at certain meetings but no official meetings through leaders interact directly with voters. I wonder what y'all are afraid of. Resolution 22-012 has no teeth

and no enforcement mechanism, but it does reek. Of impotent posturing, and by its very existence it insults the will of every referendum signer who said we want a say in what happens and courage of every referendum circulator who struggled through severe cold and ice to collect those signatures. Canal Winchester is not a fiefdom for autocrats possessed of narrow vision and questionable respect for constituents to proclaim themselves a collective great and powerful Oz. Resolution 22-012 is nothing more than a lame version of charlatan professional models. Classic protest, which went row, exposed him manipulating his machine. Hey, no attention to the man behind the curtain. A majority of voters will indeed pay attention to 2023 council and mayoral candidates, but continue to belittle and demean our call for smart, truthful Canal Winchester. Thank you.

Beverly Martin, 256 E Hocking St - I've only lived in Canal Winchester 5 years so a lot of the faces I don't know. I'm Brady Martin's grandma. Some of you may know Brady, he was diagnosed with leukemia and had a bone marrow transplant, and I have to say the community has been incredibly supportive of Brady and his family, and by extension, my husband myself too. We live next door on East Hocking Street, and this is just a wonderful, wonderful community. So thank you to all of you who are part of that and there's just such a wonderful culture in this town. I grew up in a small farm community in Northwest Ohio and Seneca County. We raised our family there in Tiffin, Ohio. So, I understand the farm business I understand when because my mom just died a year ago, we just settled her estate. I understand there's real opportunity for farmers to sell their land and retire comfortably. I'm grateful my mom's land was sold to her farmer who was farming for her. So I understand all of those pieces of it too. I came here to learn and Brady has asked me questions about warehouses and I said I don't really know yet, I'm going to learn. So I didn't plan to speak, but I will say I would not have moved to Groveport or Obetz or Lockbourne because in my head they're very industrial communities compared to Canal Winchester, which is a residential community farm community to begin with, but very much residential. When I fly in and out of Rickenbacker Air Force Base because we have a daughter in Florida. I think that landscape is, no offense to them, hideous. If you fly over it and all you see is huge buildings and huge buildings and huge buildings, and my heart is sick to think that we might end up a community like that. And I know they're not easy solutions but there's got to be better ways. There's got to be. This is a community of smart, intelligent, brilliant people. Somebody's got to be able to think out of the box and say, what can we do? What can we do to that when people drive by on their way from Lancaster and wherever to Columbus to work and home, or people who come through Columbus area and go to Hocking Hills that they drive by the little sign that says Canal Winchester and we live a stone's throw from that High Street sign where you can turn off on High Street. The people say, wow. This is a neat little community, but if we have stacks at warehouses, off on the left north side of 33, that's going to give a whole different impression. So I ask that somebody come up with some good ideas. Can we preserve the farmland? Can we make it into an Arboretum or another park or something to attract people to even if not, small businesses? And is the goal, when I don't know, because I have lived here and this is my first council meeting, is the goal to sell the farmland and create something that will generate income or is it to allow the farmers to sell their land and make you know a reasonable profit because that's their business. Can people pull money and preserve by farmland and preserve it somehow? I don't know. I don't know the answers, but I just think that's such a beautiful community and such a wonderful character to our town. I would hate to see it change and to walk in here into the end of this meeting, I have to say the tension is palpable. And that's unfortunate, because it's a wonderful community. So if we can somehow be working together for the same goal and not feel like it's you know, against each other. That would just be ideal and that's just from a newbie in town, which I know some of the old farmers don't like all the newbies, but here we are so. Let me see what else that I wanted to say. I guess that's it. Oh, are there statistics, does anybody know what is the capacity currently of warehouses in the Groveport, Obetz, Lockbourne areas, are they mostly full or are they mostly empty? And what's the longevity of warehouses because malls used to be a great source of revenue for communities, and now they're sitting mostly empty. So are warehouses really going to be long lasting or are they going to be a phase? Because if they're a phase, then it's a huge big building, taking up lots of land. Thank you, Chuck.

Richard Ricketts, Ricketts Co LPA, 50 Hill Rd South, Pickerington - Counsel for Dale and Terry Schacht. Before I address the

issues and ask the questions related to the resolution this evening regarding that attachment of the Schacht property. I just want to know one thing and that is if anyone believes that Dale and Terry Schacht are not people that love Canal Winchester, they get the wrong impression. Been here for 150 years and I can tell you they're just extremely disappointed over the reality that their property is going to go to the City of Columbus and that's an unfortunate reality. But it is one that is not one that a person living 150 years in a community is fond of. So, I think you heard some frustration from Dale earlier, but it should not be taken as being anything that reduces his pride and love for Canal Winchester. As of relates to the attachment, understand that it is on for first reading this evening. I am here just simply to answer any questions that any member of council might have. If you have no questions, then I will return to my seat and be quiet.

Shea – Have you had discussions with Columbus?

Ricketts – Indirectly, yes. Just to be clear, the property is going to Columbus.

Amos – When you say indirectly, you mean you personally because our understanding is that there has been a meeting between NorthPoint, the developer and Columbus. But you personally have had indirectly, correct?

Ricketts – That is correct. The items that I am involved with are background discussions regarding the pre-annexation agreement from the City of Columbus.

Amos – Thank you just to make sure that was clear.

Tim McElroy, NorthPoint Development - Well I may be a new face to you, the members of council and staff here tonight. I've been working on this project for quite some time. The gentleman you've met previously, Brent had an out of state meeting tonight that was already scheduled. His wife is 2 days beyond her due date, so he couldn't make it here tonight. So you're stuck with me. I'm here for a couple of reasons tonight and I will be brief because I want to allow a couple minutes to answer questions that you may have about NorthPoint. One, I just want to say thank you to the City of Canal Winchester, we do this all over the country. I do this all over the Midwest in the Southeast and contrary to what may be said in the media and in the social circles in Canal Winchester. The staff has been very thoughtful in their approach to this development. The looks to make this development better than what it once was, and I can say the same thing about you as City Council members. Many of you have spent a lot of time to educate yourselves on modern day industrial development. You now understand what that is. It's not just big buildings full of commodities. There's a lot of good jobs that go into these facilities. Second, I want to offer update on where we're at with our proposed Schacht development and I'll get to that in a moment. You know, I think you may seem a little out of the ordinary given what we're up against with the referendum petition, but I mean what I say on behalf of my colleagues and my partners of NorthPoint. You all did a fine job working through very difficult process for yourselves or your constituents and us as well. So I commend you on that. You know, contrary to what has been said, you guys didn't just roll over. You dug up your sleeves. You figured this thing out and you had the best interest of your of your city in mind. I firmly believe that because the other options have been talked about quite a bit. Those other options are going to Columbus. Maybe that's industrial, maybe that's multi thing we don't know. I know what we're going to do in the City of Columbus, but if that doesn't happen, I know it'll be multifamily. Which I'm sure is the absolute last thing that anyone here staff, electives or community members want. So for the residents of Canal Winchester, I hope you realize that the city and the elected officials have your best interest in mind. Contrary to what you think they're looking towards the future of this city and I work all over and I can tell you there's a lot of good cities right here in the state of Ohio and a lot of good townships that have a very fine balance of industrial development, residential development, office development. One of the biggest developments we have is in Westchester Township outside of Cincinnati. It's one of the best communities to work in the state that's voted as such every single year. They have just as much industrial product in Westchester Township as you do, if not more. And guess what I give you the phone number for the township administrator and they will tell you how much they enjoy working with NorthPoint and they value the tenants in our buildings in Westchester Township. They have great schools, they have medical office, they have office, they still have retail and they still have entertainment. But industrial was with seated all

that for Westchester County. So as for an update as to our development on the Schacht property, we have talked with the City of Columbus. These have been informal discussions so far as we have to get the detachment to be in effect with the City of Canal Winchester. But we have had those informal meetings with the City of Columbus, I've been iDevelopment Director's office that the city of Columbus, with all the right people, and guess what, they will welcome us with open arms. I can promise you that. When we get a 15 year 100% real estate tax abatement, no we won't. We won't get that. We will get less than that. What we get I don't know yet, but it'll be good enough, right? It'll be good enough for us to develop industrial property in the City of Columbus. So do you want that or do you want the revenue that will take place if you allow us to stay in Canal Winchester? Because mark my word, it will be developed in the City of Columbus. You're not going to get a referendum in the pass in the city of Columbus. You're not going to get 30,000 signatures in the City of Columbus. So to revisit some of the numbers, he said it's a \$90 million capital investment. 300 jobs. That's just the one tenant that we have signed up. It could be more. Its annual taxes to the schools, as of right now they're not getting a nickel from on that farm, right? And it's nearly \$300,000 in annual city income tax imposing. I just want to say thank you to the city. All you've done to help us. I'm sorry that it's looking like it's heading to Columbus, but it certainly appears that that's the path we're going to have to go there. Thank you.

Randy Stemen, 22 Walnutview Ct S - This is puzzling. I think the City of Columbus council makes the decision, in the end. I've talked to two members of Columbus council, about warehouses in Canal Winchester. Warehouses on the Schacht farm and Angie was with me. If anything, they gave us indication they would be with us. So, every single person I've heard tell me it will be with Columbus, I'd like to see what the councilman said to you. Because they said something different to me and I don't lie. Number 2, you guys work for us. We have the best information unless somebody else has gone out and spent hundreds of hours talking to the residents so if somebody has something better than that. Speak up. We've talked to them. Residents don't want more warehouses. You report to the residents of Canal Winchester. You work for us, not the other way around. It's not up to you to educate us with your supreme knowledge, we're smart enough. We know what we want and we're getting sick of hearing it because we've done legwork and you haven't, you haven't even done a survey. All you've done is signed papers for more warehouses and put stupid Facebook posts up and do referendums that are embarrassing. Not referendums, whatever that was. That's embarrassing beyond belief. So, I want to tell you, if you're sure if you want to put two mortgage payments down on if Columbus is going to take this, if you're that sure and if this strategically important to you to Canal Winchester that we take that instead of Columbus, then what are you doing about it? We don't want warehouses. You're worried Columbus will take the warehouses. Have you proposed buying the warehouses or the lots? Have you spoken to Columbus? They didn't, we asked them. Have you talked to the council of Canal Winchester, have you talked to the mayor of Canal Winchester? No, we haven't heard anything from them. We talked to the Southeast Commission. Have you talked to them? No. It's because you guys want warehouses and we don't and I'm getting so sick of it. You work for me. You work for us. I would fire you all in a second, except maybe one or two. Thanks.

Jim McGill, Stotan Industrial - Just real quickly, I was trying to decide if I should speak again. So first off, I thought Tim did a great job. I mean NorthPoint is one of the most predominant and highly successful industrial developer in the country. I know his project that he did in Westchester, I actually watched very first phase when I was ologist to you and he's exactly right. Every community I develop in there's always a natural transition between industrial and residential. There's always, you know, however you buffer that, how do you treat it. It's very common at what they're proposing here. I think also when I'm not here to even talk about my project. The proposal that NorthPoint put on the table, the amount of money they were giving for improving Bixby Rd, \$600,000 to go towards the new intersection there, \$500,000 for Gender Road. I mean, I guarantee when Tim bought this property, NorthPoint contract, they weren't envisioning spending several \$1,000,000 of offsite traffic improvements and by the way, when he was developing this too, also your construction costs probably one up \$20 million on top of that. So, I thought it was, but I looked at I was like, you know and I had conversations with my seller, I was like well NorthPoints giving away everything and he's like that's your problem, figure it out. But the point is when I look at this and the other thing, I don't think anyone is, it seems like it's dismissed as, is

when if this goes to Columbus, whether it's industrial or whether it's multifamily, that opens up all the land on 33. So, you guys lose control of what could actually develop down there. Now I don't know all your rules on annexations, it's completely different than most states I develop in, but that opens up other areas that now can become multifamily in Columbus. You know, I don't know if that will ever be warehouse down there. But to me this is like the gateway to prevent all that from happening besides all the benefits we've been through between the 700 jobs they're bringing, the revenue they're bringing in, the money, also the money from the revenue from the income tax that helps you guys give some of the funding to open that intersection. If the intersection opens up, none of this really matters. All the traffic then, all the warehouse traffic is all going at that intersection that completely relieves Gender Road and Winchester Pike, maybe not all of it but 75% of those relieving your congestion problems and they're kind of the catalyst with us trying to make that happen. So, whether we don't warehouse or not, I still look at if you weighed the positives of what they're giving in these projects you have versus the negatives of a project that has 125 traffic counts at peak hours versus the millions of dollars to contribute and what it does to improve the intersections. I don't even understand how it's even, no offense. I mean, you can turn down my project, but his project is such a phenomenal opportunity and it's something that if I'm sitting here, I was like, I would be stunned that how you could let that happen to open up the whole thing for Columbus and lose all the revenue and lose your potential intersection there. So that's my two cents and he didn't pay me to say anything. I again, I think they're a phenomenal developer and I think he went well beyond trying to make this a really great project for Canal Winchester.

Laura Taylor, 65 W Columbus St - Like I have stated many times, I do work for one of the largest warehouse industries out there. I know for a fact that we already have robots and one of our Canal Winchester warehouses that was just finished being built. I've seen them personally. I've seen what they do to headcount that cuts jobs in half. All these good paying jobs are not as they seem. I've worked with this company for almost seven years and I'm not even at \$20 an hour yet. I'm higher than most. Most people don't even make it to the fifth year. The good paying jobs that they are saying they do not exist in these warehouses.

Kathy Jensen, 10010 Oxford Dr NW, Pickerington - I am a resident of Violet Township. I have been engaged in this ongoing warehouse dialogue, particularly for the seating area which is near and dear to my heart, of course and also in some of the other regards. I just had to make some comments in regard to the resolution because it was very shocking to see very unusual. I didn't hear all of the discussion at the 5:30 meeting, so I apologize. I may have learned something there. I heard a little bit at the tail end but to summarize this curious situation as I understand it. First planning and zoning voted not to allow the zoning change to allowing warehouses for this property and then Canal Winchester City Council ignored the advice the zoning professionals and approved it anyway, which has been happening more and more around here. Then the citizens exercised their rights to do petitions to get this referendum on the November ballot so that all Canal Winchester's could let their voice be heard on this issue. I heard that they worked very hard to get the number more than the number of signatures needed in a very short time frame during some difficult weather. Snowstorms, as I recall, and now the City Council has proposed a formal resolution asking the petition committee to withdraw the referendum after all their hard work. There's so much here that doesn't make any sense. So, pardon me while I ask a few questions. What legal status would this sign resolution have? None that I can see, but I'm not an attorney, so I don't know. Instead, it looks like a political stunt. Canal Winchester seems concerned about the loss of all the utility improvements made in advance of this proposed development. Is that because some kind of backroom deal was done with the developers long before the issue was ever referred to zoning? I believe the City Council members elected are elected by the citizens to represent their views. Wouldn't a referendum be the best way to hear the views of the whole community now hear, with some of the things I heard a little bit the discussion earlier that well, this may become a moot point. The referendum came through, so now there will be a detachment, so there won't probably be anything on the ballot if I'm understanding this correctly. But they wouldn't have needed to do that otherwise and they can also do it again. But I think the best way is a referendum to let the Community speak. No surveys have been done, no formal surveys. Plenty of time has gone by to do that. If you wanted to do it. I also don't believe you can honestly set

forward the claims in the proposed resolution without backing up your sources for these claims. Who did you speak to specifically from the City of Columbus as far as their future plans for this land? And as Randy said, there are residents who spoke to both the Southeast Commission and two City of Columbus Council members, and that's not what they heard regarding the future plans there. Could it possibly be that this Canal Winchester leaders listen more to the developers than to the residents? Could it be that the city has already made some backroom promises to the developers? I don't know. It's a very confusing subject to understand. In particular, this resolution. I've never seen anything like it because I don't think it has any legal bearing. So why else would you propose this resolution? Why else would you propose this resolution and not allow it to play out? It's time that the resident's voices were heard. It's part of our checks and balances and here in our democratic system. Thank you.

Angie Halstead, 59 Busey Rd - So, I kind of want to start by addressing Tim, or whatever his name is from NorthPoint. There's actually a Facebook group that's called Stop NorthPoint that is in Manhattan, IL and I just want to read you what their purpose is. A massive freight warehouse project threatens our natural treasures, Abraham Lincoln Natural Cemetery, Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie and Historic Route 66 are all at risk. Consequently, the 4,000-acre complex would sprawl across more than nine square miles and decimate two small towns. Decimate. Many residential and farming communities in Will County will certainly suffer the negative impacts, NorthPoint Compass project will make problems worse because it promises to bring over 5,000,000 more trucks per year. For this already overcrowded area, as a result comes an added pollution and harm to the community environment. Stop NorthPoint is dedicated to preserving Will County and its natural treasures by fighting against the blight, safety issues and reduce quality of life that results from this continual reckless freight logistics development. Stop NorthPoint has established a legal fund for this fight and has filed a massive lawsuit aimed at stopping NorthPoint. So, you know I, I get that you come up here and say how great they are. They're not great. They're destroying communities. They're destroying towns. Maybe they're great in your industry. You see them as well, I wish I was that, but that's not what we want. I wonder if you know Mr. whatever his name is over here, was in that Christmas video that they made about making fun of towns that they're destroying and his Mr. Miles sitting on the copier with his butt copying pictures of his butt. Thought that was pretty funny and disgusting at the same time that he thinks it's funny to make fun of towns like ours. The reason that our Council is working right now is because we started showing up and speaking. Ask him how the first NorthPoint went. They got whatever they wanted. There are no berms or no built up. You know, landscape that's taking up as much of the land as possible because we weren't in the know. That goes back to the same thing I said before. You know, it was done all behind closed doors and good questions Kathy because I'd like to know too. Are there things happening behind closed doors? I'm sure there are. That's how this kind of stuff happens. I've heard it. Again, we go back to the same thing. You know you're overriding PNZ. Why have them? Doesn't make sense to even have them. We're not listening to him. I don't get it. I mean, why can't we do better? We should do better. We're leaving, what? Our legacy here is our children and our children's children and what kind of legacy are we leaving him? We're not. We're not at all. I mean, what continually is happening is dividing this community and it's not going to stop and as Bethany said if we have to referendum another, we will. Don't want to, but I will. I don't understand why we're not working together. You're not working to fix what is going on here. Let's fix it. This can't be the only game in town. I know it's not and with Intel coming in, we know it's not. We've heard it. Have conversations. Work for us. Work for us. I mean we can course-correct. Let's course-correct. And you know one thing I did want to talk about too, you know, I was on the committee to pick, you know, the comp plan developers and they said that warehouses and industrial should not be seen. Period. You shouldn't even know where they're at. They said, I said so you mean that, you know, it shouldn't be the first thing you see when you come into our town? And they said absolutely not. Absolutely not. I said, you mean it shouldn't be next to people's homes? And they said no. So, I heard it loud and clear that they said that shouldn't be what's happening, but that is what's happening. I hope that you know, again start thinking about other options. Vision. Can we acquire some land? Can we fix this? Can we course-correct? I think we can. It's going to take some work but it can be done if you all work together and you work for us. So please start voting no. Let's say no and they did say we can't say no to development and they would help us say no and we should say no. Thank

you.

Michael Barr, 5656 Bixby Rd - Just want to say a couple things. NorthPoint just said. On the record, you know that they're going to Columbus and I know Canal has a 15% fifteen-year abatement and then he's saying, well, he doesn't know what Columbus is going to do. It's going to be a lot less and it's no big deal for them. So, I don't understand how Canal can just let that happen. You know, is this going to set an example like? Why? Why is Columbus requiring like ten years or less? I don't know. It just seems that they're rolling over on that and because it doesn't matter to them; both buildings will be sold by that time. The other thing is, most of the development we're talking about the other side of 33. Okay, that doesn't seem to affect people in Canal. You don't seem to think it's going to affect people in Canal. Oh, whatever happens over there. Oh, they're just low income and their minorities. To me, I think that's pretty presidential, I think to me, that's judging all those people who live on the other side of 33 as being, what? You know, I lived in Bexley and I had that same people in Bexley said the same thing about people around. Well, you got to live with those people. A lot of those, 99% of those people are hardworking minimum wage people and they got to live, you know they got to live and they're not the ones stealing at Walmart. There's a minority of people that are doing that. The law enforcement, that's the thing about it is, it's all about the law enforcement and taking these people and getting them in jail and enforcing the law but just to judge everybody on that side of 33, to me, that's pretty judgmental. I think people can see right through that and if you don't see it, I think you're really not looking at yourself, and if you think this is the only thing people live in Canal for, is the money from these warehouses I'm telling you and the schools are going to go to hell. It's not going to happen. People come here just like people said because they want to live here and have their houses here. It's not about their jobs or either on the Internet or somewhere, and they're going to make money doing something else. So, those people that are working in the warehouses aren't going to live here. Okay, they're not going to live here. These warehouses are not part of the community. They're not giving anything back other than supposedly jobs and money. Okay, if that's what you want. That's what you're going to get. But I'm telling you its pretty empty after a while. I think you've got a tremendous town here. Tremendous. Don't lose it. Look, don't be like scared little rabbits about Columbus. It's not going to be any easier for these guys in Columbus. I'm telling you; they're going to have the same issues. It's going to drag out and they're going to find the same issues. So don't put yourself like the scared little pigs. These warehouses aren't the answer. There's a lot of things that can happen on that property. It's right on the highway. Come on. It's not what you want people to see when you drive by Canal.

Scott Ferguson, 7574 Embers Ln - I'm exhausted hearing all this. I live on Embers Lane in Ashbook Village. Okay, time starts now. I look at this room and this is my first time I've ever attended this meeting. As I said, I'm exhausted after hearing all this, so I can't empathize with what you guys go through. My wife and I have been here for eight years. We moved here, built a house. We chose Canal Winchester because it was between her family where I work. We love Canal Winchester. There's so much that Canal Winchester has to offer the families, the parents, local businesses. We are very fortunate as a community to have all this valuable input. I sit there in the corner and listen to all these residents come up and talk to us. That was fantastic. I love it. That gives me energy. That makes me want to come back. This is my first time in eight years I've been to one of these meetings. Now, you may ask why it's my first time I coach multiple sports, I just updated my resume the other day I've coached like 48 teams in the last eight years. I'm constantly coaching. I'm constantly busy, we have three children. They keep us busy. In fact, I left my 5-year-old who's playing dinosaurs to come to this meeting? I wanted to talk in a number of things. I had three pages printed out, but I'm just trashing all that and I'm just going to kind of talk off the top of my head. The word resolution I get where you're coming from. I think it's the wrong wording. I think its wrong nomenclature, right? I think it's more of like a repeal of what the referendum is coming forward. I think that's wrong. To be quite frank, I mean the gentleman here in coats, you're extremely nice guys, but I frankly as a resident, don't care what you have to say. I don't think you should either. I think you should take everything they have to say with a grain of salt. They have invested interest. They make each other money. So, when it comes down to it all I'm hearing a profit margin, volumes, revenues, yadda yadda. I'm here money, money, money, money and money. Frankly, I don't like it, this our town. Our town. I wanted to say we have a huge family; we have family all over the

country with family all over Columbus and we see lots of things that other communities are doing. We're not New Albany, we're not Dublin. We're not Lewis Center. We're not Bexley. That ship sailed a long time ago. To think that we don't have a strategic plan, an official one. I think that's honestly inexcusable. I don't know how that happens. Zero strategic plan like we got to get one. I don't care where it comes from. Start hiring some people and get it done. If warehouses are recommended by that strategic plan, hey, I'm all for it. I'll put the money into it myself but what I'm seeing is just warehouse, warehouse, warehouse. It's kind of the path of least resistance and honestly, it's just kind of comes off as lazy and I'm not calling you lazy, I guess better words, easy. It's easy. I mean, sure, I would love to have multiple industries here, a lot of segments of different markets. That'd be great. You know what, if we have multiple industries here with a lot of different people making a lot of different levels of money, there's a tax dollar that you're looking for. So, I am pro warehouse. I'm not anti-warehouse. As Angie said, warehouses should not be visible. They should not be next to neighborhoods. North of 33, they're right next to people's houses. Are they part of Canal Winchester? Some people say no. I think that's offensive. But there are people that live in the houses and contributed to this community. My kids go to school with those kids. I think overall and I said this to a couple people, standing in the corner during break. You know when we get out in the community and we go to the gala a few months back, back in the fall and we talked to people, tonight I met Mr. Clark for the first time, Mr. Walker, fantastic people. I think that there's a huge bridge that needs to be connected and that's just based through basic communication. I see a lot of this way and that way a lot of outward protrusions have just real strong emotions. I think we all started listening to each other and I'm talking to active listening. Sometimes I see people looking at their phones and whatever they're doing, they're not listening thing I say or anybody up here has to say. When he comes to the podium, you're listening. Active listening goes a long way. So, to put it in a nutshell, responsible strategic planning, servant leadership, active listening and community involvement is going to save this town. I recommend they start doing it.

Kathleen Vasko, 65 W Columbus St - I just wanted to finish up something that Angie started that she didn't finish. I would encourage all of you to go and look at that Christmas video that was put out by NorthPoint. They know what product they are selling us in the second part of that video, there is a gentleman and I'm not sure who exactly it is, but he is dressed up as a rapper with big chains around his neck and everything and the rap song is talking about big concrete boxes and while they are doing this, they are just throwing money up in the air and it's landing on the floor. It's actually disgusting and I found it insulting to look at that video and think, oh, this is what they're putting out for the public to see and this is what's coming to our community and they know what they're selling us and they know they're making big dollars. Don't think that they're not making big dollars. I think that's why possibly this has become such a big deal because there's big money here and it's taking place and really, I would encourage all of you to go look at that video. It is disgusting to say the least and that's all I have to say.

Milliken – There are no other public comments. I would just like to acknowledge the five additional written comments that are in our packets and our part of the public record.

PCS-22-018

D. Hanrahan Public Comment Submission - 3/29/22

I truly can't even believe this is up for discussion/vote. This is the same general area where the 2 that will have to be voted on in November is. Building 2 closer to Winchester Pike on a different plot of land changes absolutely nothing. The infrastructure cannot support this type of building. The 2 (not fully occupied ones) have already created problems and issues in the area. Bixby is a small road that was never built for semi traffic. Winchester Pike is single lane, also not made for semi traffic or many employees coming/going everyday. Further, it should go without saying, the access to Rt. 33 is horrible even on the best of times. This area Rt. 33/Bixby is not slated to be improved until 2037, 15 years from now. You have already destroyed a residential area with the concrete monstrosities/eyesores, I can't understand how you believe more are appropriate. I watched a full size semi complete a u-turn in the middle of the intersection (coming from Bixby/back onto Bixby) the other day. Luckily, there was minimal traffic but it was also Sunday morning. The tax revenues from these businesses does not pay for what is being lost. I feel badly not only for those on Bixby, but for those that purchased the condos on Winchester Pike as you have destroyed their quality of life. These horrid warehouses will be

the reason I move, something I never thought would happen.

PCS-22-019

L. Hipp Public Comment Submission - 3/30/22

The Canal Winchester voters were able to stop the Northpointe Bixby/33 warehousing project with enough signatures to request that the issue be put on the ballot for our voters to decide. I personally believe we do not have the roads/infrastructure to handle any of this type of development. This development feels rushed & deliberately so. But even worse, rushing to put warehousing all around & in the city of Canal Winchester isn't the dream for our future prosperity or long term growth that I'm SURE the voters of Canal Winchester have EVER had. And it absolutely shouldn't be.

PCS-22-020

K. Sargent Public Comment Submission - 3/31/22

In February 2022 the Board of Elections certified a Referendum that would bring 2 proposed warehouses to a vote by the citizens of Canal Winchester. The 539 citizen signatures exceeded the 430 that were needed. At the Monday, March 21, 2022 Canal Winchester City Council meeting I witnessed a total disregard of those 539 citizens and the democratic process. Council Member Patrick Shea formally called on the five organizers of the Referendum to rescind it. This was not an agenda item. Nor were any of the Referendum organizers were in attendance. Shea ignored the democratic purpose of a referendum: the right of its citizens to call for a direct vote. Shea also ignored the citizens that have repeatedly requested Canal Winchester complete its Comprehensive Plan (first in decades) before approving additional land annexation and warehouse construction. What is deplorable is not that Shea disagrees with the Referendum, but that he is trying to negate the will of 539 citizens, including myself, that signed the Referendum petition.

I formally call on Council Member Patrick Shea to apologize to the citizens that signed the Referendum petition for his disregard of their voice and the democratic process.

PCS-22-021

H. Miller Public Comment Submission - 4/1/22

I'm just trying to figure out why we're building and developing new businesses. I thought we put this issue to bed years ago by the town. No More Warehouses!

PCS-22-022

A. Halstead Public Comment Submission - 4/1/22

Unfortunately, I am unable to be at this meeting, as I am putting my family first. The sad part is that I and others shouldn't HAVE to be attending and continuously watching over what our CW government is doing at the expense of the residents. It has been over a year now that I have faithfully attended meetings and worked to preserve what charm and sense of community we have left. I and other amazing people began this journey because our elected officials decided our voices didn't matter. You decided your 5-6 voices knew what our residents/community wanted & needed without ever asking, without having a plan on how you were shaping our future, without caring about destroying our way of life. You so BOLDLY thought you were smarter than professionals to plan our future. You planned an industrial development on Winchester Pike by purchasing land, selling it, and declaring an emergency during COVID. You ruined the area behind Kroger's. You proclaimed it was the most important decision & a "no-brainer" to stop Columbus when you are the ones who created the mess. You brought Northpoint into our town whose values & morals add up to greed - they care nothing about our town their goals are making money & ruining towns (they have lawsuits & organizations in other towns fighting against them as well) ---they've so boldly made Christmas videos to make fun of what they are doing to towns like ours. It's simply sad and disgusting behavior. This behavior all boils down to power. Power's a tricky thing. Some use their influence to do good while others abuse what they have. Some use it to benefit their wealth, agendas, or their friends and familys' agendas. So, some are not meant to have power or should never seek to have it. Some abuse it and will continue to abuse it until others dare to step up and say, enough is enough. What you created and wanted was fast, EASY development with no concerns for our safety, well-being, way of life, or our homes. You did as little as possible at the detriment of our community. You created the rhetoric that it's either warehouses or houses, which simply is not true. You provided open invitations to developers who care NOTHING about our town or people. Their only goal is to make money and you opened the flood gates. What you have been doing is lazy, vision-less planning and it's just plain wrong. We've heard you complain that no one comes to council meetings, no one pays attention well, we started participating and you STILL disregard what the community wants---635 of us within 18 days spoke loudly and we will continue to speak loud until you actually start listening. Now is the time to step up and create solutions - instead of throwing your hands in the air while having a temper tantrum during council meetings, and throughout town. You are our elected officials---act with integrity, with morals, and act for the people of CW instead of your developer friends or other's agendas. It's time to

listen to your community and course-correct before it's too late. We know we are currently FLUSH with money as a town and in our schools. So, please spare us the arguments that we will lose money. If we are financially sound, why are we destroying our town and throwing our values out the door? What is the rush to approve development that is not right for our community? Why are you not listening to the residents? How many people do you know that visit a town for their warehouses? Do you know that the local businesses are extremely worried about what warehouses will do to their business? This is our future our children's and our children's children's future. Once the land is gone that's it there's no going back. I am on the comprehensive plan committee (something we should have had 20+ years ago), and we heard PROFESSIONALS say, we absolutely can say NO and SHOULD say no to development that doesn't benefit our community and can hurt our way of life. I also heard them state LOUD and CLEAR that warehouses should NOT be seen -- you shouldn't know where they are, they should NOT be by people's homes and most certainly not be the 1st thing you see when you enter our town. If you continue to haphazardly make these decisions and overturn our P&Z we will continue to fight back. We sat and watched you spend over \$6m carelessly using our tax money and then you continue to tout the money we will lose from warehouses it makes no sense. What about the over \$6m you so easily spent? Why is that not an issue? Be heroes in this story save our town with development that will enhance our charm, create tourism, and bring us together as 1 community inside the city boundaries and out. Relish in other communities praising us for our development, using us as an example of a success story. Currently, they are laughing at us, they are shocked and feel sorry for our residents and what is happening here. VOTE NO on these warehouses and WAIT for the comprehensive plan. Do what is right--be the heroes.

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff

Mayor's Report

Ebert – Just want to highlight something on my written report and that's about the Kris Sims Memorial Spaghetti Dinner. It's an annual dinner we have every year for relay for life. All the proceeds go to relay for life and if you're not aware of what happens at night, council members serve dinner, along with the mayor. Staff works the daytime decorating and setting every hang up and then work in the kitchen in the evening, so that is going to occur on Wednesday May 18th. We look forward to that. Last year, we raised \$2,330 so I think we'll set our goal for \$2,500 this year.

Ward – Mayor, what time is that? I want to put it on my calendar.

Ebert – What is the time, Hannah? Do you recall? Is it 5:30pm - 8:30pm?

Ward – Council should be there at 5:30pm on May the 18th.

Ebert – 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

Amos – You bring a dessert. All of council brings a dessert. You can buy it if you're not a good baker.

Ebert – Yes, bring desserts. We don't care where you get them. Another thing I received in email today, from Susan Brobst, Administrator Madison Township. She says as you know, this only affects AEP customers but I wanted to let you know in case this comes up or comments or questions are asked. Madison Township has been informed that the aggregation company Volunteer Energy, which holds the electric aggregation contract with Madison Township has filed for bankruptcy. That's not good. So, within the next week or so, residents can expect to see a letter explaining the new electric supplier and the new rates. There should be no interruption of service. So basically, that doesn't affect Canal Winchester residents too much. It might be a few on the West End of town, but most of that just Madison Township, but she said as a reminder that gas aggregation which can affect Canal Winchester residents goes into effect June 1st, 2022 and last through March 31st, 2024 this separate aggregation and contract with a different company and supplier. So, the gas should not be affected. But if you're with AEP Electric the aggregation is going to be affected. One additional thing I had, I had an email from K. Sergeant, I think some of you seen that or most of you saw. She would like to have when a council member makes a comment during a council meeting, she would like to have that person named in Hannah's highlights. Now we started doing that when Hannah first started doing the highlights and it was determined by Council,

no they didn't want to do that. So, it's up to you all, what do you want to do?

Milliken – I don't have anything against it unless it some overwhelming burden for Hannah.

Amos – Are these just little comments that you're picking out? She's talking about just the highlights, I mean, how much of a pain is it to just pull it and add our name to something? Because you're the one that's truly affected by this.

Woodruff – It doesn't bother me. It doesn't take any more time. For this meeting, I have not been taking those notes, so we would have to start for the next session. The biggest problem was it seemed that council wanted, not everybody speaks at all the same time, not everybody is mentioned, and so it's just something to keep in mind that I'm not going to put the same comment that you know, so and so said this and then so and so said the same thing when you guys agree on stuff. So that's just the only thing, is that sometimes it got to be a little nitpicky on whose names was mentioned and whose wasn't. So, I'm happy to switch back and if you guys change your mind later on, we can go back to the other format. This is a fluid document that we can make changes as we go.

Amick - It's already part of the public record so putting it in the highlights, I don't have a problem with it.

Ebert - Yeah, the highlights are just that they're highlights. We try to get them out, you know by noon the next day when we possibly can. Sometimes that doesn't happen, but we try to get him out by noon the next day. So, it's just the happenings, you know, of the evening. It's not a public record. Although it is a public record.

Amick – I don't have an issue with putting the names in the highlights.

Ward – I don't either.

Amos – You don't have to quote me.

Ward - Since Hannah's already been taking notes today. So, I would propose, if we're all okay with it that it starts next time.

Ebert – These are not official minutes. The official minutes are done by the clerk.

Amos – Sounds like everybody is fine with it and Hannah is okay with it.

Ebert – Do you want names attached to the comment?

Amos – Yes, and nobody here will care whether if they get picked, right?

Milliken – If I say the same thing as Jill then by all means Jill can have it.

Amos – Quote him, that's fine.

Ebert – Okay, you got that? That is all I have.

Fairfield County Sheriff

Sgt. Walker – I have nothing to add to my written report but I'll be happy to take questions if you guys have any.

Milliken – If you're able to provide any further information that you might have on the gentleman that was arrested with the catalytic converter, do you know any information on that?

Sgt. Walker – No, that wasn't done by us so I don't have information on that.

Amos – Thank you for sticking with us tonight, we appreciate that. We'll see you at the Easter Egg Hunt and Touch-A-Truck.

Sgt. Walker – Touch-A-Truck definitely. Easter Egg Hunt, I am going to be camping but you will see one of the deputies there.

Law Director

Boggs – No report this evening, no request for executive session and I happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Finance Director

Jackson – I just have two quick items. One, just a reminder that you know as tax filing deadline is looming. The City of Canal Winchester is a mandatory filing city. So even if you do not owe Canal Winchester taxes, if you live here, you are required to file with Rita. So just wanted to remind everyone of that and then the second item last Friday was the deadline for the Doctor Bender Scholarship applications. We only received one application so I am here this evening to ask what Council would like to do if they would like to extend that deadline or just go with the one, we've got. I will admit I have not looked at it so I do not know if that individual is eligible or not.

Ward – Can I ask where all it was all advertised? If we extend the deadline out, can we do kind of a marketing campaign a little bit to make sure more people are aware of it?

Jackson – I will have to refer to Hannah because she took care of all of that. I don't believe we've done anything different than we have in the past as far as getting it out.

Shea – So, we posted it with a deadline.

Jackson – Correct.

Shea – We got one applicant.

Jackson – Correct.

Shea – Sounds like we got a winner in my opinion.

Jackson – Well, we do give away two every year. That's at least that's what councils desire has been so.

Amos – I will tell you that some of the groups that I'm in that do scholarships, we've struggled to get applicants this year. It's absolutely preposterous to me. I made my kids sign up for everything I thought they could qualify for, it's like you read and do laundry. Sign up for that one.

Clark – That was sent to the school right to the guidance counselor and everything?

Jackson – Yes.

Clark – That's a pretty established scholarship. I mean, it's pretty known. I mean, the counselor should feel plenty aware of. It's \$1000 apiece scholarship.

Ward – So, another question is that is it that we have to give it to two people or is that just usually what we do?

Milliken – Yeah, it's just what we do. I think we at least look at the application and this is my opinion, I think we should look at the application if you know, he or she followed the deadline. If it's a good applicant. I'm okay with moving forward unless we feel like it's not qualified.

Jackson – The only reason that I say that they may not qualify is because it is for city residents and sometimes, we do get individuals who do not live within.

Milliken – Do you screen that then?

Jackson – Yes, before I send them out. Usually it is President, vice president of council and the mayor that take a look at them. Names and any identifying information are redacted so that they are looking at it from an unbiased view.

Amick – If we only do the one because I agree they if that person met the deadline, if we only do the one can, we take that \$1000 of extra fund and move it to next year and make the scholarship \$2000 next?

Jackson – We absolutely can. You know, this is council's scholarship program.

Milliken – Or we could make it \$2000 this year, right? I would find that rewarding if I was the only person that put it in. So, is that a consensus? Does anyone have objection to that?

Amos – I mean kudos, to the one who got it in. So, if he qualifies. Yeah.

Milliken – So as long as it looks good, I think we can move forward.

Amos – Mrs. Jackson, where is it you're telling us to get our auditor, our filing? I was ready this time, I was so ready for it.

Jackson – They're not due till May. Mrs. Amos is referring to your financial disclosure that you're required to file every year with the Ohio Ethics Commission. That is due in May. I don't know the exact date; I will continue to remind you. Just be aware that you do need to do that.

Public Service Director

Peoples – I have nothing in addition to my written report.

Development Director

Haire – Just one item I wanted to highlight. We did close on the easement from Chase. So, we have finalized that obviously it's under construction now you can see that taking place but happy to answer any questions you have.

Milliken - Real quick with regards to one of the public comments. Somebody was making a comparison between us and Groveport as far as warehouse footprint. Can you just maybe clarify how much land we have available because it's my understanding, you know we don't really have the land like capacity that Groveport has to have that large move footprint.

Haire - Yeah. So, are you asking me to quantify them?

Milliken – Well, I guess. I just want to know that I'm correct.

Haire – There's very few large parcels that are undeveloped and so the parcels that are undeveloped, many of them have hindrances to development of large buildings such as gas line easements, power line easements.

Milliken – I mean for our, we don't have the capacity.

Clark – I think what he's referring to, Lucas, is the stat you've given that they have 100 million square feet of warehouses in the Rickenbacker area. If we build completely out of everyone that we think of an area that we're talking about right now, we'd be between 10 and 12 million. Right?

Haire – So, I mean the Rickenbacker area in general has about between 90 and 100 million square feet of industrial real estate there. What we have in Canal Winchester is about 3,000,000, a little over 3,000,000 square feet. And then you know, if everything is built that has been proposed, we would be around maybe five and a half million square feet.

Clark – Really? You mean even with the ones that like, if we, let's say we did Bixby and we did the Stotan and we did a

few like some on Basil Western, are you including any of that in that?

Haire – That's not including anything on Basil Western because there's not active proposals in Canal Winchester Development.

Clark - So that's worst-case scenario. You know, at one time I kind of calculated it was around ten to twelve million would be the maximum and that's including everything. If everything is built out at that point.

Shea – What's active on Basil?

Haire – Within Canal Winchester?

Shea – Violet.

Haire – There's two projects that are moving through Violet Township and Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission. It's my understanding.

Milliken – Well, I have one other question I think is probably might be it more of a Mr. Boggs question, but the other thing that was brought up in public comments about why Franklin County has not received the documents for the referendum and if it's my understanding, it's once that becomes moot you don't have to submit them. I could be wrong about that.

Boggs – So, the process for municipal referendum is the petitioners turn in their petitions to finance director. Initially, those are held for 10 days Republican inspection and then sent to the Franklin County Board of Elections to actually go through and verify that everybody who's sign is a registered voter. The board is then required to place it on the ballot, unless the ordinance is repealed, or unless you know the land leaves the city, there is no further step for council to then come back and certify this petition that has already been sent and validated by the Board of Elections. So, I think that there's just some confusion about that process.

Milliken – I think so.

Jackson – I will agree with that. The Board of elections has sent back the originals, along with their certified letter. So, I do have all of that back in my possession based on a conversation I had with someone asking questions about the referendum process. It's my personal understanding that whoever they're speaking with The Board of Elections isn't familiar with this process. So, I think that's leading to a lot of confusion.

Boggs – There are other processes where council does sign off, if you recall the charter review last year that was something that council had to certify to the Board of Elections. That's the only thing I can think of that would explain the confusion.

Public comment from seating area.

Boggs – I am happy to talk to Shea because I don't see that requirement in there.

Ward – You're going to follow up with their attorney and The Board of Elections and make sure?

Boggs – Yeah, I'll talk to Jeff.

Milliken – Sorry to steal time from Mr. Haire. Anybody have questions for Mr. Haire? No.

H. Resolutions

RES-22-010

Mayor

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVE BUSKIRK TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED FOUR-YEAR TERM

AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON
DECEMBER 31, 2023

- Adoption

A motion was made by Ward, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-22-010. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Ward, Clark, Amick, Amos, Milliken, Shea, Walker

RES-22-011

Public Service

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Amick to adopt RES-22-011. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

RES-22-012

Council

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE REFERENDUM RELATED TO THE SCHACHT FARM ZONING AMENDMENT

- Adoption

Shea – I think we beat this one to death. Anybody want to talk about it?

Amos – Something that Mr. Milliken said earlier touched me and it was that our job is to talk to the residents. Talk to them. To me, this is not the appropriate thing to do. A conversation that we've had around a farm table, a coffee shop conversation. Last week, Mr. Shea voicing his opinion that talking to the residents, that's what we should be doing. I'm just not sure this is the appropriate thing for us. Not to mention we got it this weekend just like everybody else in the community, so I'm just not on board. I think talking with them is the most important part thing that we can do.

Milliken – Yeah, I'd like to say that as far as appropriateness goes, I think it's appropriate in the sense that, you know any member of Council has the right to draw up in a resolution such as this one and put it before Council. You know whether you know it's appropriate with respect to the individuals that are a part of CW for responsible growth. That's a different thing. I stated earlier that, you know I agree with the sentiment of this resolution and I said that, you know, it's not binding. There is no teeth to it as discussed. The language was an issue for some people and even for me on some instances. So, you know, hearing some of the public comments this evening, I still stand by the sentiment of the resolution. However, I don't feel like I need a resolution to make that ask. I can ask and I have and I already know your answer. So, you know, believe it or not, I do put myself in your shoes and I think that if I were to put forth the legwork and what you guys did, I can see how you would be offended by this resolution. I get that. You know, these are the kinds of discussions I think we all want to have. Like when I say, you know, we have disagreements, you know, I can say why I disagree and I can say why I agree and hopefully, you know, we can move forward. I hope you hear me on that one. Thank you.

Shea – I would like to say that we do hear them but there are other residents that live in this town too that have different opinions and I'm sure you can accept that, right? There are other residents. There are residents that have lived here longer than 2015. This sign right here, was a regular sign in my yard in the 2000s, because we were voting on levies for our school district on a regular. Some people remember that some people haven't been there for that. We have worked ourselves out of the financial hole, in our schools and in our city and I personally believe giving this property to the City of Columbus is the worst thing we can do for the future of this city. I know that people don't like concrete monstrosities but

we have an obligation to all the residents. There are more residents that have spoken to me that are against warehouses but when you tell them that this is going to end up in the City of Columbus. They say, oh gosh. We better keep it for us. Why would we lose control of that? I've had that conversation with several people. I understand people don't like these buildings. That's okay. This is a market force working. This is big money chasing returns, finding empty land. We have a lot of empty land here. We tried to slow down. Guess what happened. It went to Violet Township. We're not going to get a say on that. So, we have a choice to make as a City Council here. Do we let this money walk out the door and go to Columbus? That's what we're asking for is for the referendum to be pulled back because we understand your concerns but we also don't want to sacrifice the financial revenue streams of this city and school district to the City of Columbus. I would appreciate the support for the resolution. I understand if you can't and that's okay.

Ward – I would just like to add on the communication piece, I don't think this is a good way to communicate with our residents. It's like a bull in a China shop and it's offensive. And so, if you really want to talk to them about it, you need to reach out to them, not at the gas station yelling at them, but respectfully asking to meet with them like Chuck did.

Shea – You mean like I did with your father and with Bethany prior to the referendum being started?

Ward – No, after the referendum was being filed. Bethany talked about it today.

Shea – Oh, I know. I know what I said to her. She did cost the city millions of dollars. She screwed the school district out of millions of dollars.

Ward – I'm saying the most appropriate way to communicate with the residents is to respectfully ask them for a meeting and sit down and talk to them.

Shea – My email is public record. People can request a meeting if they want to. I am thoroughly entrenched in this opinion because I think it's the right thing for the city. And furthermore, we're going to give money away and I'm on the board. I sat here in a board meeting for the Recreation department a couple weeks ago and we were talking about putting a levy on the ballot in a couple years. That's a crock of crap. If we're not going to take tax revenue when we have an opportunity to take it, there's no way in hell we can go ask the voters in good conscience. To support a levy for any kind of operating system, especially erectly.

Walker – I would like to ask. A number was brought up on the amount of people that sign petition and I would like to see that corrected. If that's not the correct number of petitioners. I don't know how many. Mrs. Bennett, I believe was that spoke.

Boggs – I don't remember off hand. I just read the public comment verbatim. It was the required number was 430. I recall that the certified number was, I'll take their word for those 539.

Clark – I'm fine with that change.

Walker – That's what I'm after, is just the change to correct it. We can do that? Make a motion to amend?

Boggs – In this resolution?

Walker – Yes, I was of the understanding that if something needed to be amended, we do it in full council?

Boggs – Yes. When you asked your question, initially I thought you were talking about one of the numbers I read in the public comments aloud. So, it would be a motion to amend the resolution to reflect 539 rather than 536 signers of petition.

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Shea to amend RES-22-012 to read "539 citizens of Canal Winchester". The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Walker, Shea, Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Ward

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-22-012. The motion failed with the following vote:

Yes 3 – Clark, Shea, Walker

No 4 – Amick, Amos, Milliken, Ward

I. Ordinances

Third Reading

ORD-22-007

Development

Sponsor: Walker

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM CANAL INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC

- Adoption

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Milliken to adopt ORD-22-007. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Walker, Milliken, Amick, Amos, Clark, Shea, Ward

Second Reading

ORD-22-011

Public Service

Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE SWIMMING POOL RATES

- Second Reading Only

Shea - Summer is almost here. Buy your pool passes because rates are going up.

First Reading

ORD-22-013

Finance

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,750,000) OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF (A) ACQUIRING, RENOVATING AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AND RELATED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THERETO; (B) ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING MCGILL PARK PHASE I AND RELATED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- First Reading Only

ORD-22-014

Development

AN ORDINANCE TO EXPRESS THE ASSENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER TO THE DETACHMENT, UNDER SECTION 709.38 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, OF APPROXIMATELY 70.672 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY TERESA L. AND DALE C. SCHACHT, THE HAROLD L SCHACHT TRUST, AND THE NORMA JEANNE SCHACHT TRUST

- First Reading Only

Shea - Well, I'm going to move that we move this under emergency so we can go ahead and let the Schacht family go, since we're no longer going to allow them to build in our town. So, I'll move to hear this under emergency.

Ward – Thad, can you please read the definition of an emergency?

Boggs – So, just to be sure that we're clear on what Mr. Shea is moving. Do you want to amend this to declare an emergency or you moving to waive readings?

Shea – What's the difference?

Boggs – Waiving the readings would get a vote on it tonight.

Shea – Okay, let's go ahead and vote on it to waive readings.

Amos – Well, first we have to waive the three readings. So, we have to vote first on waiving the three readings and then if that passes, you would vote to either, if it doesn't pass then we leave it as first read if it does pass then we go on to approve whether we're going to declare an emergency.

Ward – Does it have to be an emergency though to waive the three readings?

Boggs – It does not have to be an emergency to waive the three readings. So, that is just taking it from three readings for ordinances to one.

Clark – Lucas, does this leave us with we can't continue any negotiations with NorthPoint and try to salvage this?

Haire – I've never heard of that. To my understanding, once we pass the assent to the detachment, we forward it to Franklin County Commissioners

ORD-22-015

Development

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 80.402 ACRES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY PARCEL 181-001377, OWNED BY HARRIET S. BAKER LEVIN, LOCATED AT 5700 AND 5900 WINCHESTER PIKE FROM R – RURAL IN MADISON TOWNSHIP TO LM - LIMITED MANUFACTURING

- First Reading Only

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**CANCELLED* Public Hearing - Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.*

- Sheetz Conditional Use Appeal

Haire - The applicant has applied to be on planning and zoning commission's agenda for the next meeting and they have removed the main condition that caused the denial and so they have withdrawn their appeal and are trying to proceed on getting approval from planning and zoning commission.

Work Session/Council - Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Walker

Walker – We have the Easter Egg Hunt that's coming up on next Saturday, 16th. So, make sure you're there. It'll be at the park as planned. Right, Mayor Ebert? McGill Park, be there early.

CWICC - Ward

Ward – So, I was initially going to go through all my notes but have that might take a minute and we've heard a lot of it already because a lot of the updates came from Mr. Haire. I will go over some highlights from the meeting. One thing that I found really interesting is we talked about how Walgreens is leasing the building behind Primrose and we talked about script drop which this is going to be a script drop facility and they're like door dash for prescriptions where people can have their prescriptions delivered to their homes. We talked a little bit about the council bed tax and what it was used for last time and Mr. Haire is going to put together some proposals for how it could be used moving forward. We talked about the community center and that it was going to be demolished next week which would be this week now and

that it was going to make room for 34 parking spots downtown which is very much needed. That's exciting. Lucas talked about the new hotel; the Fairfield Inn is now operational. The Hampton Inn is doing very well, it has 70% occupancy. I think we've all seen the construction on West Waterloo. The Chipotle on Diley, the construction is done and they were training. I read a review on Facebook that said it is open and someone on Facebook had a really good experience at that Chipotle. The Friendship Kitchen wants to open in May and they think of themselves as a restaurant that sells fuel so they are very food oriented and they claim that their chicken beat out Raising Canes in a blind taste test so I am very interested in that. The Pitney Bowles has submitted permits and Lucas jump in if I mess up anything since most of these has come from you. They're expanding and adding 275,000 square foot and more jobs around \$19 an hour. Covetrus has rented one of warehouse buildings. They do vet prescriptions. Canal point expansion two speculative warehouses. Evans Farms will demolish the home within the next 13 months and this is already through all the approval processes. We talked about how NorthPoint is on hold due to the referendum and about the hearing we had tonight, April 4th. That Sheetz eliminated that right out on Gender so that's no longer coming for council. Wright Patt Credit Union has been approved for in front of Walmart. At the corner of Diley and Busey to me, is looking to add 150 to 175 square feet of speculative warehousing. Joe Abbot was voted to stay on for a 2-year term and we welcome Matt Peoples. We talked about the 20 S. High building and how it was proposed for the city to buy that over 10 years at a 5% interest rate and moving forward with the Phase one environmental assessment. The intent is to redevelop that through CWICC. We talked about Makenna and how she was the chosen consultant. We also talked about potentially moving the time to the evening but people felt that actually more residents attended when it was over the lunch hour and that worked better for more of the community members. The next meeting is going to be June 29th at 11:30am at 45 E. Waterloo.

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Amos – So we did have Greg Pierce set up to come tonight but I sent him a text said please don't this may be a long meeting. So, Greg will be here next Council meeting to give our report from our group. I will say that baseball seasons kicked off, softball seasons kicked off, our new little groups are kicked off. We have lots of things running. Anybody wants to volunteer or just go check on the kids in the park, feel free and just let us know what you think. It seems to be running very well. Our next meeting is Thursday the 21st here at Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Public is more than welcome to join us. Did yoga come? Have we started the yoga yet?

Shea – Sign up should be active soon.

Amos – So, we have yoga coming for adults, which is one of our first adult like non-sports related. Misty has resigned. She's working on an hourly basis right now, as we are revamping the position that she had. Now that Greg has come on, we're starting to define his role and then we're going to be looking to replace her because we do still feel the need that for two people. But now that he's come on, we are just kind of putting him more at the leadership position and defining that role. There'll be more to come on that one.

Shea – We should be really excited about what this guy is doing because we're really getting traction with the recreation programming and I think you'll see a lot of blossoming going forward and hopefully we can find some recreational activities for ages other than children too. I did meet some cool quilters, but they're not part of the rec program, but they were doing some really cool quilts in the building room.

Amos – We are going to have a 5K, so I'm going to need each one of you to sign up to walk or run for this scholarship. We're finalizing details and getting our paperwork to the city this week.

Milliken – Really great to hear.

Amos – Walk with me.

Milliken – You're encouraged by the progress. That's awesome.

Shea – No, it's going the right way. Greg's been a great hire and we need to make sure that we consider. Long-term, how we grow that program and fund it, because there's potential there to give a lot of service to our residents.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Milliken – Mr. Shea, you were asking about murals last meeting. It was \$2000 for the three murals that's on the side of Carnes building. I think that was the information. You were wanting to get started. So right now, destinations kind of dealing with some low membership numbers, so I'd encourage anybody, all of us, to become a member of a destination. Also, some issues with engagement on social media, just getting the word out for events and things that you know I've mentioned in previous meetings about, you know, needing more volunteers. We're still looking for more artists for the art stroll. So yeah, blow engagement. Low membership. We'd like to see those numbers go up as well as little interest in doing the Scarecrow Tour this year and it's looking like that may not happen. So sorry to be Debbie Downer with this report, but there's a lot of things to be excited about this year as far as destination goes. You know, getting our major events back up and running and I'm super excited.

Ward – I don't think those are a big hit but there was a house that had skeletons in like different poses. I don't know if people saw that but it was a huge hit on Facebook and our town. I don't know if we could switch it from scarecrows to more of that. An idea to throw out there.

K. Old/New Business

Amos – Mr. Boggs, quick question for you. If somebody voted incorrectly and it bothers them, can they call for a revote? I am just asking like it would be a random question. So, if like they thought we were voting on an adjustment not an actual vote on something, could we recapture a vote? It's heavy on their heart.

Boggs – So, a person on the prevailing side which would be the no voting side. If it's the motion that I think you are referring to could move to reconsider, that would just place the ordinance back in front of the body. Then move to adopt again and revote. So, this for RES-22-012, I take it? Somebody that voted no on that can move to reconsider. The prevailing side has to move to reconsider and then anyone can second and everybody can vote affirmative on reconsideration.

Amos – Then I would like to move to reconsider the vote on RES-22-012, please.

Ward – Real quick, is this a vote to reopen it?

Boggs – It is a vote to reopen. It is not a vote to make it pass. So now, the resolution is back in front of the body. To act on it, you need a motion and a second and then a vote to pass the resolution.

Shea – Can I move to pull it?

Boggs – You're the proposer of it so you can resend it. You can pull it back.

Milliken – RES-22-012 is here by resending.

Walker – Can I make a comment? It was hard for me to hear what was going on and I had more to say and I was voting there. Really, from a hearing situation, from this end or where Mr. Milliken is to hear. So, my apology.

Milliken – No worries Mr. Walker. Thank you for the explanation.

Clark – We don't need a vote then on that?

Amos – No, we are done.

Clark – I would've voted no to resend that, now it's going as public record. I whole heartedly feel that the statement that's in that document is so critical to this city that if this path continues that were on a real problematic letting another community come in and start developing on our land around us is not the way to go long-term. It's just the way I feel.

Shea – Columbus 2020, baby.

Clark – I understand the hard handedness of that. I wish it would have come out a little earlier we would have time to digest it more and all that but it came out and I just feel so strongly of this issue. It's going to be devastating. When people wake up and realize what we have done, giving that land away when it happens and it is when. People are going to understand how dumb that decision was to repeal that. The polls that everybody is taking out there will change. Okay, bed tax. This is old business. We passed a resolution that set up some areas of funding for bed tax in the last council. I guess it is my understanding, that doesn't carry forward with this council. Does it? I thought it ended?

Jackson – Can you repeat that?

Clark – The legislation that we passed that set up, I think some certain things. Like I know, CWICC got 10% and was it McGill Park got a certain percentage?

Jackson – So, that was never passed. It was only a discussion item for council to consider. That is from a previous resolution and the resolution where you did the bed tax grants, you specifically called money out for Canal Winchester industry and commerce cooperation in that resolution. What was given to the previous council towards the end of 2021, was an ordinance to amend I believe our codified ordinance to set aside or to distribute those funds, certain percentage to certain organizations but that was never taken to council for a vote. It was merely a draft for discussion purposes so it's up for discussion.

Amos – That was kind of at the end of December and I think with everything else that was coming in we were like whoa.

Jackson – Yes, it was on your first meeting in January but given that we have some new council members, I didn't want to put them in a spot where didn't have any history or background knowledge on what was being proposed.

Clark – I will ask the council and you, Amanda. What would be the best way to bring some document that we could work on to try to come up with a formula to get some money in some areas we can agree on?

Amos – Can you give us back the January notes?

Jackson – I absolutely can. All it was a draft ordinance so I can distribute that. This can be something you can talk about at work session, old or new business, at council or it could be a committee of the whole.

Clark – When is our next work session? Committee of the whole.

Jackson – I believe technically it would be May but I also think that is the holiday. I think that is Memorial Day which means we move it to Tuesday.

Clark – Lets do that. Would any one apposes to bring that back, that document back to look at some proposals, things of what we can do? Also, I wanted to bring up tonight, I would like to have an ordinance, I don't know if its resolution or ordinance drafted, to bring to the bed tax grant for \$20,000 to the Labor Day Committee festival for this year. It's our 100th year anniversary, we have the longest running Labor Day festival in the state of Ohio. I think, it's maybe second in the U.S. Covid is still here with businesses and it is becoming harder and harder to approach and getting the money from these businesses this year because of that. The finances are struggling a little bit and I think we've got the money.

Amos – Mrs. Jackson, can you concur that we have enough money? I always rely on you to give us that answer.

Jackson – Yes, we do have enough money in that fund.

Ward – I am definitely open to that but I would like to understand a little bit better about like what all the money is used for the Labor Day Festival but I am definitely open to it, I would just like to see a little bit about what its used for.

Milliken – *I suggest you attend the maybe next destination meeting and you can ask Karen Styles all the questions you need.*

Ward – *Can you tell me the date and time real fast?*

Milliken – *It's on the odd numbered months so I guess it will be in two months.*

Ward – *So, it would be in May?*

Milliken – *Yeah, I will get back to you. I don't know it off the top of my head.*

Ward – *So, it sounds like we kind of want to talk about it.*

Milliken – *You can email Karen as well.*

Ward – *Would it be possible for her to come in and maybe do a mini presentation for all of council?*

Milliken – *I can ask.*

Jackson – *Are we talking about destination or Labor Day because these are two different committees?*

Ward – *Labor Day.*

Milliken – *I got confused, my apologies.*

Ward - *I'm sorry would it be possible for Carolyn to come in and do a little presentation?*

Clark – *What we do for the festival, what we provide with that money and things like that.*

Shea – *We've got a fair balance in there. It is the 100th anniversary. Are we being a little miserly with 20?*

Ward – *I think it kind of depends on what they want to do with the money and what the plans are so it would be good to hear that and how much it costs and how much we have and how much we need. That sounds really fantastic. I would love it if she would be willing to come in and do a little presentation, what we have planned, how much money you have, how much you need for the different things, that would be really helpful.*

Clark – *It's been privately funded. The only money that this group has ever gotten from the city, one or two times, we did \$2,000 out of the bed tax. I am talking more like getting better entertainment and things like that.*

Amos – *Two things, originally, I had asked, I had given everybody a call except for Mr. Walker I think he was busy that night. About potentially having some public meetings just to have conversations. I don't think it has to be geared towards Bixby. I feel like our community needs a non-formal setting and Mr. Boggs had offered a suggestion that if we do attend this event, first of all, only for an hour but people can submit questions ahead of time so we are not just getting pelted with the same question. We would pick somebody to read the question, they would submit them and then somebody would basically go through the questions and just ask us so sort of like a town hall but focused primarily about development which is why I was looking to have them back to back though so that we could give residents two opportunities to come in and ask questions. Wouldn't be a bad idea to put it live. I think the more people that we can get informed about development in our city, it's better, proactive, get more opinions.*

Amick – *Jill, how would you see these meetings playing out differently than the upcoming community meetings relative to the comprehensive plan? I know that initially from the conversation that we had, this was about the referendum then the ordinance to move forward. He has resented that, correct? So, now that it is resented, would be the nature of this meeting?*

Amos – *For me, it's just a town hall style where people can ask the questions and get the answers to them. I think there is*

a lot of information floating around, a lot of buried information so if we can come forth unified as council's saying like listen this is what we know for a fact or this is what can happen. That was the whole purpose of requesting the conversation in the first place just so people can understand because many of us have talked with our resident and had numerous conversations. I mean I've had people start the conversation with "I'm with you, I hate warehouses" and I'm like whoa whoa whoa. We can't hate warehouses, you know, you can hate certain pieces or parts of it but let's discuss that. When you start talking with them more, there's a lot of pieces they don't understand. Pieces that we sitting here, until we've been through this a couple times still don't completely comprehend.

Amick – I agree 100%. There are a lot of things that our community, perhaps they may understand but they don't necessarily know. I love the way you put it tonight Mr. Milliken about the risk assessment and I think that when you put forward both sides of that risk assessment that may cause people to have a second plan that how they're looking at these issues.

Amos – I mean, I've asked several people, and do you realize the contiguous boundaries that gets blocked? We're blocked. There's lots of questions along the lines, again, you don't know till you ask but sometimes it's just hearing it in a format that's more of a town hall.

Amick – I'm an advocate for

Amos – I am all for them town hall meetings.

Amos – I am all for them.

Ward – So, a couple comments or concerns. One, is just Chuck will clearly not unify on this topic.

Shea – Nope.

Ward – You know, when you say we want to be unified on it, were not.

Amos – But, I don't think when you're pointing out facts, I mean it is true but if you're pointing out facts like Mr. Boggs and I were talking about the fact of if we get blocked, we are blocked. That's not an if or and, I'm not telling how you should feel I am just saying if this gets built, it blocks us in. So, people need to understand what that means. What does that mean in the long run? Because to some, it means nothing. They don't understand that it means you can't annex further.

Ward – I think it's a fine line and I don't want to get in a situation where council is arguing with each other but my other thought is I think really what the citizens are craving is to be able to have a dialogue not necessarily to submit questions online and for council to answer them but when they're up here speaking publicly were not allowed to respond. Right? So, there's not like a dialogue back and forth and I think what they're really craving is to be able to have conversation with us.

Milliken – I think, I mean there is a lot to process in this discussion. You know, when we met yesterday, I think that's more of an effective format so long as the numbers are limited. The more people you throw in, the less people are heard, the conversation isn't as conversational.

Amos – I say we choose that format too, I truly do. I enjoyed yesterday.

Milliken – So, I think that where all open enough that if they want to engage, you know, it's a two-way street so to speak you know, I put myself out there to have that conversation and I encourage other council members to do the same, you don't have too, it's your choice but I also encourage the public to reach out. I am probably going to meet with Mrs. Ferguson later this week to talk about some other things so hopefully members of the public approach us as well and try

to organize conversations. Because like I said it's a two-way street we can organize things and so can they. I am encouraging it. So, I think a couple of town halls that I attended before I was on council, it just seemed more of the same combativeness.

Amos – Which is why I think Mr. Boggs suggestion, if we do these, I think his suggestion was good. Where questions can be submitted, so instead of answering the same question repeatedly we can kind of make sure. If we are not on board and we want to go with more of a farmhouse table, my door is always open.

Ward – I will say, I've said it before. They are really looking for that back and forth. They want to be able to answer, ask a question, hear what we have to say and then reply to that. I don't think them submitting question online and then council having up to seven different answers and there is no back and forth, I am not sure what they are looking for.

Amos – Alright, farmhouse table it is if everyone is on board. You're more than welcome to have it at my house.

Amick – I honestly truly, I find people in the community and I reach out to them one on one and I have yet to have one person tell me that they would not meet with me so I feel like I like what you have suggested. Sometimes those smaller just impromptu conversations, let's face it, the word of mouth spreads quickly in this town and so if I have a conversation with Bob and he may say something to another resident in the community. So, I do think conversation spreads.

Shea – I think conversations are great but we originally talked about this as to educate the community as what we were losing letting NorthPoint go to Columbus. I don't know why we would have that meeting because there's not the will on this council to stop NorthPoint from going to Columbus.

Amos – As we look at what's going on, it's not just NorthPoint. It's making sure that the community is informed. If that means I got to knock on more door steps and invite them over, I'm okay with that.

Amick – I just want to go on record, I am telling you I am not opposed to town hall meetings. I think they are an essential part for any city to have, to make those two-way conversations visible and public and hopefully lots of people attend.
Ward – I am also not. It would be nice if we could somehow be able do that back and forth.

Amos – Okay, Mr. Boggs don't worry about the 19th and 20th were going to pursue other options.

Boggs – I was just going to say, play my usual role of wet blanket. If the farmhouse table type of meeting, three members of council or less otherwise it becomes public meeting.

Amos – With DORA, I did not bring it tonight because we obviously had a full house but my intention is to meet with Mrs. Jackson and the Mayor this week because I have all my numbers together so I am going to try to get it on their calendar when they're free and we will go from there. It's not as costly as I thought it was going to be which is beneficial.

Amick – Is it possible to have it by the Art Stroll or not?

Amos – Not by the Art Stroll. So, what has to happen is once I met with those two then we will bring it to council and give you guys the information and then if the Mayor is on board, he has to do a 30-day posting to allow residents or anybody to stop, say yes or no and then from there we go forward with filing our petition for the DORA. So, we are hopeful for it to be in place for Art in the Park and potentially Rib Fest and Labor Day.

Milliken – I would like to make a suggestion that we add an agenda item after public comments to just give a council response. If there is anything on council's mind to respond. I would like to address how we changed things up tonight and read aloud the public comments, I know residents has been asking us to do that for a while. Mrs. Ward you were a strong advocate for that. They're in there, everybody has access to them, it's part of the public record that's why I mention it. I

am just curios why do these have to be read aloud?

Ward – Residents do not feel heard and it would help if we read those comments out loud.

Amos – I can't speak for everyone on that list but I know one person had surgery and that person would've never made it into the building.

Milliken – I would just like to ask council to move forward with the way we've done things. We can keep the open discussion on it and maybe do old or new business later.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 10:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Ward to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Ward, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker