

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

June 15, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council

*Mike Walker - President
Mike Coolman - Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken*

A. Call To Order at 8:02 p.m.

Walker asked for a moment of silence and/or prayer for unity with our community, churches, our state, our country and peace on earth and good will to all people and the healing of our land; please join me and stand for a moment of silence.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Coolman**C. Roll Call**

Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

D. Approval of Minutes**[20-120](#)**

Minutes from Work Session 6-1-20 (**[Minutes](#)**)

[20-121](#)

Minutes from Full Council 6-1-20 (**[Minutes](#)**)

Motion to approve minutes from 6-1-20 work session and council meetings made by Lynch; seconded by Coolman

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Lynch, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Milliken, Walker

E. Communications & Petitions**[20-122](#)**

Madison Township Police Department May 2020 Statistics (**[Report](#)**)

[20-123](#)

Madison Township Fire Department May 2020 Statistics (**[Report](#)**)

[20-124](#)

Letter from Sachs Regarding Waste Management (**[Letter](#)**)

[20-125](#)

Email from Frost Regarding Waste Management (**[Email](#)**)

F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person**G. RESOLUTIONS****[RES 20-005](#)**

Finance

Sponsor: Bennett

A Resolution Affirming that Funds Distributed Under Amended Substitute House Bill 481 by the State of Ohio to the City of Canal Winchester Shall be Expended by the City Only for Costs Permitted Under the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (**[Resolution](#)**)

- Adoption

Motion to adopt RES 20-005 made by Bennett; seconded by Lynch
Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

H. ORDINANCES***Tabled******Third Reading******Second Reading*****ORD 20-029**

Finance

Sponsor: Clark

An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the 2021 Tax Budget ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))*- Second Reading Only****Clark stated second reading only.******First Reading*****ORD 20-031**

Development

Sponsor: Lynch

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Accept and Execute the Plat for Villages at Westchester, Section 9 Part 2 ([Ordinance, Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C](#))*- First Reading Only****Lynch stated first reading only.*****ORD 20-032**

Development

Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Accept and Execute the Plat for Villages at Westchester, Section 9 Part 1 ([Ordinance, Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C](#))*- First Reading Only****Amos stated first reading only.*****ORD 20-033**

Development

Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance Approving the Final Development Plan for the Greengate Residential Development ([Ordinance, Exhibit A Greengate Application Only, Exhibit B](#))*First Reading Only****Bennett stated first reading only.*****ORD 20-034**

Public Service

Sponsor: Lynch

An Ordinance to Repeal Section 333.03.1 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Canal Winchester ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))*- First Reading Only****Lynch stated first reading only.*****I. Reports***Mayor's Report***20-126**Report ([Report](#))

Mayor said he didn't have anything in addition to his written report. Sgt. Hendershot gave his report earlier and had to leave. Lynch asked if there are any updates with Chief Lape; Mayor said we have only had one meeting with each of them regarding the deputy issues for next year and the deputies we need for next year; we have three different scenarios to work with and what shifts it might be, we are still working through that, we think third shift is okay that is where least activity is, looking at first and second shifts or even a mid-shift and deputies coming in for a mid-shift; we are working on it; we talked to Chief Lape last week and he is aware of what we want to do, they are in a hiring freeze, but Canal Winchester is not in a hiring freeze, we can hire when and where we want. Lynch asked about the contract we have left with Fairfield County; Jackson said the contract expires December 31, 2021. Lynch said are we looking a short term or long-term contract with Fairfield if we continue our contract with them; Mayor said if we get deputies for 2021 it will be good for the end of the contract and then we'll figure it out from that point what we are going to need; if we are going to retain the Fairfield County Sheriff's department, I don't know, that is up to you guys; Lynch said okay fair enough, thank you. Coolman asked how does the Madison Township police calculate into that, you know last year a big attention was given to Madison Township and how we need to get the contracts in between us and them to get them to patrol on a primary basis versus a phone call back-up basis, do they calculate into that equation at all; Mayor said they do patrol the city occasionally, they were here for protests at our request, they were patrolling quite often, but maybe tailed off a little bit with them, why I don't know, does that answer your question; Coolman said not really; are they counted on as a partner, do they calculate into the number of police officers we have covering our streets or do we not include them; Mayor said no, we do not include them because we don't know when they are going to be here and when they are not; Coolman said okay. Clark asked if the letter has been signed by the township trustees yet, is there any news on that front about the memorandum of understanding and cooperation; Hollins replied I have not seen a draft yet from the prosecutor's office, I did get a call from one of the head civil prosecutors trying to pick up the ball; you may have seen there was email traffic from the trustees and the prosecutor's office everybody was waiting on the draft from the prosecutor's office; that by the way is just so those deputies could write tickets into our mayor's court but not actually holding them up from actually patrolling over here; Clark said and there is nothing in that agreement that is going to make them increase their patrol or anything like that; Hollins said no, it's just the ease and convenience to be able to do it in our mayor's court rather than in municipal court, that is what that is about. Walker said Mayor, I did have an opportunity to talk to Sheriff Lape for just a moment, maybe we already know this, he mentioned to me that the MARCS system would not work for everybody to communicate with no problem, and that was originally one of the hang-ups and then there was another meeting and now it sounds like there is no hang-up at all with the MARCS system radio system that they are currently on; Mayor replied that is correct; Walker said good, I understood that correctly then.

Fairfield County Sheriff

[20-127](#)

May 2020 Statistics ([Report](#))

Law Director

Hollins said we expanded our law department, a member of our law department, Thad who has been down here from time to time, had a baby another girl so now he has twin girls and another girl so basically there is competition right now going on with him and Mrs. Jackson (laughter); other than that nothing to report; it is very good to be back and see everybody and we are still waiting to see if they lift the ten person limitation, we'll let you know if we hear anything, perhaps in July, but we'll see. Coolman

said good to see you and good to be seen. Walker said we extend our congratulations to him as well.

Finance Director

20-128

Finance ([Report](#))

20-129

May 2020 Bank Financial Statement ([Report](#))

Jackson said related to our sheriff's department discussion, as Sgt. Hendershot said we started court back up, we have had Mayor's court the last two Thursdays, we have been doing that at the community center to help us achieve social distancing, we have kind of re-worked things and made it more of a drive-thru type court if you will and things seems to be going very well. We will continue to have weekly court up through the beginning of July trying to get us caught up from the court dates we missed during the shut-down; all in all going very well there. I did want to let you know that late last week I did received an email from the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police regarding their study, the new way they are trying to propose to do these types of studies in regards to staffing police departments and it sounds like they are not going to have anything ready until the fall so I just wanted to keep you apprised of that and let you know I am still in contact with her but it is going to be a while longer before they are even ready to come to us to see what it is exactly that we want them to do. Coolman asked is that the earliest they expect to be ready or is that the latest; Jackson replied she just said fall.

Public Service Director

20-130

Public Services ([Report](#))

Peoples said I sent council an email on Friday with a timeline of the RFP process for the trash and recycling collection contract; I didn't get many comments from that and it was really just for notification. The biggest thing I wanted to point out is that we will only have two readings before council, the second reading it will have to pass as an emergency just from a timing standpoint to give bidders enough time and if we stay with Waste Management we would be able to go with three readings so that is one caveat there, but if we go with a new contractor given them roughly forty-five days some of them I talked to would prefer sixty just with all of the carts they would have to get so we definitely want to be sure we are giving them enough time to do so and from the last meeting we are very fortunate with Waste Management to extend that contract or we would have barely had one reading to go through. For the Westchester Park we were notified by the EPA we did get the \$50,000 funding for that so is basically a principal forgiveness on a loan, we are not sure if we are doing a loan or paying cash, if it is cash it will be a reimbursable grant, so that was good news to hear. That does put us on a much quicker timeline, out for bids in July and have an August bid opening as per normal on our bid contracts like that we would request an emergency ordinance to authorize that because we have to be done by the end of the year, there is a long lead time on ordering a generator, so we'll be doing what we can to get that moving and get the bid out. Jackson said did you say Westchester Park; Peoples said I may have; but this is for the generator project; Jackson said the treatment plant generator. Amos said I openly admit Mr. People I was questioning where the generator was going and I how missed that whole conversation about the park; Coolman said doesn't everybody know it's back in Westchester Park (laughter); Peoples said there is electric being put in so maybe that is what I was thinking, again, my apologies; Coolman said it's all good, thank you.

Development Director

Haire said Northpoint is back to working on closing on the property again so hopefully that will come to completion in early July and I communicated with them last week and again today; they have a lender back on board for that project and are moving forward. For McGill Park we received the final environmental clearance we need for that, came today from ODNR and working on getting a final agreement in place for the trail connector project. A private construction project to note on Panda Express and they are going to break ground later this week and that is for their new restaurant located on Winchester Blvd. just behind Walgreens.

Community Affairs[20-140](#)Report June 1 ([Report](#))[20-141](#)Report June 15 ([Report](#))**J. Council Reports***Conversation with Council Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.*

Jackson said given the success with the setup this evening that we could do the same thing for next week's town hall meeting so if everyone is in agreeance with that; Walker and Coolman replied yes.

*Public Hearing Regarding Appeal of Zoning Variance on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**CW Human Services - Milliken*

Milliken said right now they are experiencing a lot of downtime, doing a lot of cleaning and organizing and not a whole lot going on with no events due to the shutdown, hoping to schedule a trip with seniors in July, starting to see a bump in the transportation program now that some doctors are opening back up as well. The community garden is up and going and everybody is excited about that and they had teachers from eighth grade STEM project come out as well and did some planting for the kids.

CWICC - Clark and Coolman

Clark said the next meeting is July 29 at 11:30 am at the Interurban building. For an update on the McDorman building plans, we met on June 4th and June 10th so some of the items being discussed are the floor plan layout was a bit topic in moving some things around and trying to maximize the space, shrinking some electrical areas and storage places freed up some space, discussed some materials to use such as glass now that we are in COVID and the type of glass to be put in; we discussed the hearing and cooling and trying to find space inside and the guy had laid out five spots and this is going to take up a big footprint in the back yard we would lose a lot of parking spots in the back of the building which would be the best spots to pull in and pay a ticket, so we are looking at possibly putting some of this inside so we can free up those spots. Security features are being discussed like cameras and panic buttons. The door entrance was a big topic and the features of the door entrance and how big it is going to be, a double door and built out and it was quite large and they brought that back in and could be cheaper as well. The next meeting is June 19th. Coolman said Mr. Clark you are doing a great job.

CWJRD - Amos and Bennett

Bennett said the joint rec has opened up softball and baseball registrations with no fee to gauge interest for major and minors combined which is 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th; we have 38 baseball registrations and we are hoping for 72 but we are falling way shy of that for baseball; softball is at 37; so now we are trying to go back and project costs based on the number of registrations for baseball and softball; we are thinking about \$85 per player based on a shorter season, usually those registrations are about \$110 so might only end up playing eight games weather cooperating. Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday and weekdays used for practices and skill development. Skill assessment this Saturday at Hanners for baseball and on the 23rd for softball; games would start the weekend of July 11th so they would play Saturday and Sunday and hopefully have four teams so they could rotate who they are playing. Also, potentially discussing merging minors and majors depending on number of registrations so we may pair the 3rd and 4th graders with the 5th and 6th graders so a lot of communication to come out. Also, looking at trying to split registration fees for parents so that it is not one lump sum and spread the burden of the fees out. Had a great conversation with Mr. Peoples and Mayor Ebert and so this pandemic has really affected the joint rec, extremely adversely, so much to the point that cash on hand we cannot meet our budget projections for the end of the year, so now we are trying to figure out, if things the trend continue the joint rec is in trouble, and the conversation with Matt and the Mayor was to find ways to help, opportunities to help, maybe waiving the port-a-john costs at Hanners, small expense, but major when you are working a program based on \$85 registration fees and only 70 kids; the expense to us is a few hundred bucks and appreciate the city potentially picking up that cost. Tonight, there is a school board meeting and had a meeting with the Treasurer Nick Roberts and the schools are discussing becoming the fiscal agent for the joint rec and what that looks like for the joint rec and a cost savings perspective potentially \$35,000 in expenses for the year and our usage agreement with the schools is up and they will extend our agreement one year and potentially waiving all fees associated with our agreement and we usually pay a \$5.00 per registration fee and helping to rebuild the joint rec coffers and get back on a solid footing and for one year no expenses with the school and use the facilities. That is the state of the joint rec world right now. Coolman said the CWJRD is in trouble financially right now, are neighboring communities in trouble as well, is there such an idea as partnering with them and having a rotating field option like if Pickerington and Groveport or Grove City joined in and rotate venues. Amos said Pickerington's program is merged with their city; Bennett said their city is the parks and rec provider; Amos said so it is run by the city, same with Grove City, Obetz, and a good chunk of them are that way; Coolman asked if their enrollments are down, my point being if they don't have enough kids to put together a team like you are talking about; Bennett said we have explored the communities around us that are not proceeding with baseball and softball and our softball commissioner is actively engaged in conversation with those folks, like Teas Valley, they are not having a softball program this year, come play with the rec and we'll have so many games, our border because we don't have a levy and we don't enforce a strict boundary so we serve the surrounding communities and so by extension those kids could come play here. You are looking at 37 registrants for softball with those inclusive areas are reaching out to recruit other communities to come and play under our banner. Amos said before we closed our pool we had people knocking on our door to come over and we could have taken them and we are reaching out to a lot of different cities but and I have talked to Pickerington in the past couple of weeks and they in the same boat but not in the same financial pinch that we are; Coolman said I understand that; I am saying there are a lot of kids in the community and the neighborhoods that are struggling with how I can get my athletics in this year, and I hate to see you combine the grades with developmental and size differences, you got to find a real way to make them

blend because a lot of times they won't; Bennett said that has been a big topic of conversation for those commissioner to figure out if that is what they want to do; Coolman said there a bunch of kids out there that don't have anywhere to go and we have leagues out there like PYA or Groveport and they don't have anywhere to go with their kids either so you'd think we would have enough; Bennett said you are saying parents are being very hesitant to register even at no cost that was all of the interest we were able to gage, so we are going to try again and we have more communications coming out this week after we have established the price and we are hoping that will engage the people who have not registered just yet because they were waiting to see what the price is and we said there was no obligation, but people may have felt obligated anyway, so we are going back with a firm price and see again what interest looks like but even with those two sports and trying to do a condensed season they are in jeopardy, we may not be able to pull it off if we can't get more than forty kids for baseball; Coolman said I understand that and that's the same for our festivals this year. Amos said we are very thankful for the city and the school and that they are willing to step up and Will has had a lot of meetings with them and both have been very receptive to helping us. Bennett said the city has agreed to waive some of the fees that are associated with our usage agreement and we usually do the herbicide and weed and grass feeding and prevention at Hanners and they city has been more than willing to help cover that for this year, it comes to about \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually and again, it is a significant expense for that program. Clark said you mentioned the toilets and the fee, are you proposing that we waive, the city already waived that; Bennett said the city and the Mayor and Matt already agreed and we generally pay for two months at Hanners and it's about \$150 but I don't know how port-a-johns are serviced under this conditions so I am not sure of the cost associated with that would be but the city has agreed to help out with that. Again, we are trying to figure out how we continue and try to move forward. Coolman said so, the utility usage fees are all being hopefully covered by the school to help you recover, so what is your biggest expense left; Bennett replied it is staffing; Amos said we have a full time admin that helps facilitate the uniforms; Bennett said currently that role, Chasity Ebert used to serve in that role, now Misty Swearingen is doing it, and she has been reduced to half time so we have cut her salary in half, the fiscal officer has cut his salary in half and once we get through the audit he said he will cut in half again down to a quarter of what he would normally bill but as we ramp back up we will need to have them work more and again pay them to work so it is a catch 22, so we need to bring them back to help relaunch and reengage everything again; fall soccer may be the first real season that we get back. Coolman said so you pay Misty; Bennett said and the fiscal officer; Clark said but that will go away if you; Bennett said in three months, so by contract we owe him a three month notice if we are going to terminate his agreement; this has escalated quickly with the schools which would really help us and I have not had a good conversation with our fiscal officer. Bennett said the virtual board meeting is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. find us on Google. Walker asked if anything else, Mrs. Amos; Amos said no, he gave all of our bad news all at once; Bennett said but some positive news if the schools step in and that will be a big win because there are potentially a lot of protocol changes that would be established with us rolling in with there and more to come on what that will look like long term but I think it is really positive news, but don't want to put the cart before the horse and they are meeting tonight and may or may not vote on it this evening but hoping to get started by July 1 as joint rec's fiscal officer.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Walker

Walker said I made it to the farmer's market this weekend and it was absolutely laid out fantastic and hats off to Karen Stiles and the committee; Mr. Flowers gave me a tour where the trains set up is and it is fantastic what is happening with that and they have taken out hundreds of pounds of track and moved in

to make it more authentic and what it looks like all the way from Canal to Logan on through Lancaster and Nelsonville started with Parsons and all included and I had goose bumps just listening to Mr. Flowers take me on that tour and it felt like I was on the train and it is really neat. His hope is to have the train running and sounds it makes and it feels like it is coming from here to there and to add to that next week if enough people they will keep the train depot open and have the school open if enough staff to have enough both open; Coolman said it depends on the staff and who is able to work it, for now the train track is operating, plan is alternate buildings, wants to make public spectacle of it, it is really cool. Walker said July 28th is the next board meeting and the time will be 6:30 p.m. and place is not determined yet.

K. Old/New Business

Coolman said I have one item, I want to ask council's input, we have the town hall meeting coming up on the 23rd of June and as you heard Ms. Jackson say we are going to facilitate it this way, so we'll be here and the public will be in the community center with a few people to operate the mechanicals; so with the time delay we have between each location I would like to suggest as an ease for those wanting to speak they can submit their name and what their question is so we don't miss them because watching the stream sometimes it connects and sometimes it doesn't and a time delay; Amos said you mean the Mayor is not still standing there, I see him blinking (the Mayor waves); oh, he is still there. Coolman said so, I am just thinking so we can have order and nobody gets missed; I don't want to have a community meeting and somebody walk out of there and say, wow, and if we have the time deadline and we run out of time, and I think since we are not there with them we should at least have an agenda saying these people and we can get everybody up here to speak. Walker asked so when do you suggest that be in by; Coolman replied that is what everybody thinks, what is an adequate amount of time, the meeting is on Tuesday the 23rd; Clark said so what are you saying one of us need to be over there to sign people up or what; Coolman said we need ideas so we don't miss anything; Lynch said we'll have someone over there facilitating the people who want to speak, so have them text to whoever is running the meeting here as to who is up next and all they have to do is ask does anyone else want to speak, the raise their hand and then text over here and we'll say up next is so and so. Bennett said public records for the texts, all those communications are public records. Amos said Ms. Jackson is this something where, I see the train they are on, can the person over there IM to here and say next to speak is Ms. Jackson and we call you up and she wants to talk about the McDorman building so we could call them up to speak; Lynch said yes, just announce the names; Amos said is there an IM or an email that can go between here and there; Bennett said can we go old school and have them sign in on a sheet of paper and bring the sheet of paper down and people who come late ask for anyone we haven't spoken with; Clark said if there is time; Coolman said we have a time limit and if you are going into it blind and how many we have in the room at this time; Bennett said have we set a time limit; Coolman said the last town hall meeting we had people come in late that jumped up to the podium, I don't want to see anybody not have the opportunity to speak; Bennett said we had a lot of people who just wanted to listen, I don't know what is best there, I don't know if we want a member of city council down there; Amos said Mayor are you waiting to tell us something; Bennett said I don't know if it's fair to ask the city staff to facilitate; Coolman said that is correct; Bennett said Audra you are not here; the Clerk said I will be here on the 23rd; Amos said so, could we have Audra down there and she could email whoever is in charge; the Clerk said I could call Mr. Coolman and give him the names to speak; Hollins said we could get an email to Walker and the biggest thing is if somebody asks for a record we have to produce it and the easiest way to do is an email, verbal would interrupt the flow; Walker said Mr. Coolman will be facilitating that; Hollins said can you monitor your email while we are doing this; Amos said if a person is planning to speak or ask a question we have

them all sign in like they did last time, Audra can email the whole list over at one time and you have them in order then if time allows we can have Audra open the floor up and are there any last questions we have five minutes left, but I think they sign up when they get there and Audra can email the list and that would be super easy and; Hollins said that makes sense to me and it gives you a list of folks and a list of subjects; Coolman said I can watch the list as I moderate the meeting; Hollins said and it makes me comfortable because we are emailing something which is a public record we can produce if anybody asks; Milliken asked if it is too difficult to put something on the city website as a quick form submittal, I am not a website guy and I don't know how long that takes but could you put something up like name, address, question; Walker said another idea; Hollins said both on this June 23rd and even future regular meetings you can still submit written comments that can be included with our packet and get distributed as a public comment; Walker asked Mayor Ebert are you wanting to add something; Mayor said something I should have brought up in my report, but the July music in the park is a go unless something drastic happens with COVID between now and then; we have contacted the band and they are ok to play and will maintain distance between each other; the third Friday in July with the band, will have the car show and get people out and help restaurants downtown. Walker said so are we still deciding; the Clerk asked about Coolman's comment about putting something on your notice for your meeting about submitting public comments through the city website and or can submit comments by a deadline to be brought up a town hall; Coolman said no; Milliken said yes, just through the city website because there is already a form there; Amos said they will sign up with Audra while there; Walker said is there a cut off time for the list; Coolman said if they come in late they can still sign up, not need a cut off time, can still come in and ask a questions; Walker said 7-9 and be there ahead to sign up; Bennett do we want to limit the amount of time per topic; how long to ask and answer; Amos said at the last meeting someone came forward and said my questions was already asked and answered; Clark said that is where Audra needs to communicate if people keep coming in and want to speak; the Clerk clarified to have people sign in and ask their name and topic and then as people trickle in I will get their information and send it to you, anybody else who comes in I will get those people; Bennett asked is there a limit as to how many people can be at the community center, are we limited Ms. Jackson; Jackson said I have no idea; Bennett said this is not a special hearing meeting; Hollins said as long as you are social distancing you are ok and we can accommodate a number of people; Bennett said do we need volunteers to help set up since it is our council event; Mayor said we can handle it okay; Walker said 7:00 o'clock is the start time and people need to be signed up and ready to go; Bennett said it is not a one and down email, a list can keep coming. Milliken said when I attended the previous town hall there was a little bit lack of order and when someone spoke there was back and forth discussion but we can have a problem with the technology setup and someone would speak up who didn't have the floor would engage in discussion and it can get confusing and disruptive; Coolman said I will address that at the beginning of the meeting, you must be at the microphone to be able to hear you, no side bar conversations; need to know the protocol so everybody can be heard.

Amos said I have one more old new, so last week we go the invitation for the peaceful protest that started at the high school and Will and I went down there and we had the chance to talk to Emanuel and I just want to publicly say what an incredible kid, he was well spoken, he was so cordial, he was very appreciative of the conversation he had with the Mayor; Mr. Peoples, Sgt. Hendershot, the sheriffs that rode the whole bike route, we walked with them which was incredible, I got to talk to some of the parents and residents and to hear some of the things they had to say and it is hard to put yourself in their shoes; it was great conversation and I am so proud of that kiddo and I hope he comes to address us when

we have open doors again because I think you would all fall in love with him and I hope he plans to have more conversation with the Mayor and I welcomed him with open arms; just wanted to thank the city and sheriffs for their part; Clark said who sent the email to join; Amos said Amanda Lemke, it came in right before hand and I just happened to catch it and then walk down there, but Emanuel was, and I hope he comes in here, he was just a great kid and one of the things he said resonates with me because as the JRD we do not see a side of the bridge, there is no this side or that side, we are a school district, we are a city and as the JRD we are constantly pushing that we are all Indians in this community, and that is one of the things that he said there are things going on at the school that are not right and in the city that are not right and that they don't consider the other side of the bridge and ghetto Canal and he said we are not, we are part of you and it hit hard because at the JRD we are constantly saying you are all Indians, you all play for the same team and so to hear him say that as a student and a youth it made my heart aches and I hope we can bring the city together on that aspect.

Bennett said this is what has partially influenced my change and my stance on the Bender scholarship, and hearing about the divide there is in the school system, the city kids versus the other kids and the fact that we play a role in forcing that divide to me was eye opening; it is like oh, I am perpetuating that by not allowing someone else in and that is where my change of heart has come about, and it is more than that and I know it is bed tax grant money and we collect it on visitors to the city, I know it is city tax money that we collect but if I awarded someone an opportunity that doesn't live within the boundaries, it just makes you question some of the things that you kind of hold true to; when I first thought about it I felt no, this is city money, this is us, but then after hearing him speak and hearing him talk a little bit then I thought yes, I can see where I am perpetuating a divide within the school system and not helping those two communities, not by color divide, but by geographically is there a way for us to help tear down some of those divides and that is where maybe you say a change of heart from me in that email; my point to the Mayor and I wasn't trying to be obtuse or confrontational but if you think about if we had hung those banners in the town square and said only graduating Canal Winchester city residents will hang here, and I know the school paid for it and we didn't have that, but I was just saying if you thought about it that way, only the kids in the and you start to put yourself in those shoes and we didn't limit that and we celebrate all of the kids on the football team even if he lives over in the, I can't think of the name of the subdivision, and if you live over there you are still celebrated as an Indian and celebrate you on Friday night and you are big part of the community but when it comes to scholarship money, well sorry we closed that door, so that is where it is a fine line and a tough line to walk, I have no problem with anybody on either side of the issue but it is just personally where I had a change, and I wanted to share some of that rationale.

Walker called on Mayor Ebert to speak; Mayor said I still think if you want to establish another scholarship you can do that; I think the council prior to this council, Will was on that council, it would be a disservice to them to change what they thought was right and now you want to change it, so if you want to establish a new scholarship that is up to council to do. Amos said and maybe that is something we revisit, I have to just say this kid was impressive and his message was very clear, it wasn't driven with hatred but with a love of community and a love of people; you could not talk to him and go gosh, what can I do to help, little things, can I learn, can I stop and listen, there was so much to take in. Bennett said to touch on the Mayor's comment about the previous council I don't think it was even thought about as far as doing a disservice to the other student body, I don't know if it was ever a discussion point; Mayor said yes, I think it was; Jackson said I think it was Mr. Bennett; so the original scholarship and the way this was setup and the bed tax money it ran through the alumni association at the high school so essentially it was a pass through and council gave the money to the alumni association and they handed it out.

Bennett asked did the alumni association limit it to city residents; Jackson replied no the passed it on to everyone, because it was open to anyone in the school district it was not, however, open to everyone in the city, so that is the other side of the argument; Bennett said and I guess that is where my thought was, yes, there are two black and white sides to this but could eligibility be both, could I be a resident or a member of the school district and I know we pulled that money back from the alumni association because we wanted to honor Dr. Bender and we wanted to be the ones to facilitate that; Amos said I think they alumni association folded. Bennett said either way we decided, council did, that we were going to do this in Dr. Bender's honor, we were facilitating in previous councils for all Canal Winchester students to do this so in that council that eliminated it did they disrespect the previous council that allowed the kids and you can see how you can go back and forth on that. Walker said Mr. Lynch now is your chance; Lynch said I agree with Mr. Bennett we should open the scholarship to the whole school district and regarding change, everything in life is constantly changing and we as council have to look at issues and such and see how can we improve and make this better, and open it up to the whole district; his point about community there does seem to be a divide in this community and this side and that side; one of the terms I heard from this whole protest thing was the term greater Canal Winchester, I have never heard that term before but it includes a mindset of not just the city limits but our community as a whole and how can we extend ourselves to people outside but in a great Canal Winchester and try to unite this side and that side and we have to think outside of our city limits. Mayor said if you do that then what limits do you set and accept; Amos said I think you accept the school district boundary; Lynch said within the school district boundary; Jackson said so, what about the kids that don't live in the school district; Bennett said eligibility can be resident of city or school district; Mayor said within what school district; Lynch said we have kids that live outside our city boundaries but they consider themselves as being part of Canal Winchester; I grew up in Hilliard in Norwich Township in Columbus but always considered myself a part of Hilliard; we can look at our community in the same way; have to look at how we can do this. Amos said I would welcome Emanuel to us at any time and Mrs. Barnes and lots of people who helped to put that together but I think he asked for change in our society and our community. Jim Sotlar put out a letter to all of his parents and I thought it was well written and he said there are things we can change and things we need to look at and it starts with us and so that is my challenge to us and we sit here and we have the opportunity to try to make change and let's try to open minded as we look at these things and we can't do it all and can't change everything and if he shows up at our door and wants to talk he is always welcome as long as he wants to sit and talk he was just a great kid. Mayor said I never suggested, not once did I suggest that we not give scholarships outside of Canal Winchester; I said to set up another scholarship to do that. Amos said well luckily, we have one whole year to decide. Coolman said I would like to say I agree with Mr. Lynch in that we need to get better and change is constant; I would agree with Mrs. Amos that we have fantastic kids in this community as leading a charge of change and it is sorely needed, and it is long overdue, however, I would disagree with taking away from the established scholarship that we already have because then what do you say to the parents of those who say you all represent Canal Winchester and the scholarship represents a benefit for a child that lives in Canal to give them a chance to win a scholarship. I think possibly the best way to go to serve everybody and we are not taking away from one set of students to help another set of students, I don't think we do that; as Mayor Ebert suggested I think we add to it as Mr. Lynch said you get better and how do you get better, you get broader and how do you get broader you need more scholarships, and I think the school needs to get involved as they grow. We are sitting here as council members allowing our school district to grow as we are approving housing; the school makes what percentage of real estate tax in their coffers, about 93% of it so they get benefitted by us making decisions about housing and we are helping the school

grow and why not keep our identity on our scholarship and partner with other parties like the school. Amos said schools can't necessarily give scholarships from a finance portion they can't give their money away but are there other potential options, maybe so; Coolman said sure; Amos said we can broaden it, maybe change it and we have plenty of time to go back and discuss it and the population of residents that are graduating seniors that live in the downtown proper area that qualify are a very small percentage of your graduating senior class; with 300 graduating seniors and your potential candidates was maybe a quarter or a third of that so you really limit the number of students that can apply for it so that is the hard part. Coolman said but that is the benefit and the honor that has already been put out there and established and why do we want to take away from that by introducing a larger pool of people to compete for that \$1,000 scholarship; why not just create a new scholarship. Mayor said that is a privilege or benefit, whatever you want to call it, of living in the city of Canal Winchester. Lynch said how much is this scholarship, a \$1,000; Coolman said yes \$1,000 and we give two of them away; Lynch said so, \$2,000 and we opened it up to the whole school district, Mayor Ebert said the school should pay half of it, right, did I hear that right; Amos said the school can't; Lynch said if the school could we would ask them to pay what \$500 or \$1,000; Coolman anything; Lynch said theoretically if they could; Coolman said if you are creating an equal scholarship to what we have, then yes, half; Lynch said so, \$1,000; Coolman said sure; Lynch said I will give you \$1,000 every year from here on out if we open this up to the whole school district, I will donate \$1,000 a year to it; Coolman said why don't you make your own scholarship award; Lynch said I would just add it to the city scholarship; Coolman said I don't see it as necessary to take away what we have already established, there is such a thing as heritage and such thing as history of what we have and such a thing as people looking forward to that and I don't think we need to take away from that and I think as in your own words we need to better and they way to get better is to get bigger and the way you get bigger is you offer more and we have that ability. Amos said I am all for more, I will give you that one; I knew John Bender personally and he was the cross country coach for the entire school district, not just the kids living in the city and he was a man who brought kids of all diversity together and that was his passion to bring kids of all walks of life together to make a team and so that is where I wrestle because for me, John Bender was just a well-rounded individual who made sure that no matter what you brought to the table you were worth it and you had value. Clark said everything has boundaries and in Bloom Carroll they had the Wagnalls Memorial scholarship and they ran it into the ground because they kept expanding, expanding and expanding it and gave it to too many kids and now it is broke and they have nothing right now so you have to be careful and I am not saying...so you can't; one child that lived in Franklin County could not apply but went to school in Lithopolis could not apply for it because they lived in Franklin County and you had to be a Bloom Township resident to apply for that scholarship, even if you lived in the greater Bloom Township. Lynch said that Wagnalls scholarship was a completely different animal because they were paying for large sums of money; this is a fixed amount of money every year, we have a cap on it; Amos said we have not reevaluated it since we took it over; Lynch said Wagnalls was basically an open-ended thing; Clark said yes, basically it was divided by a kid in Bloom Township so that every child got some money; Lynch said that is crazy. Walker said this is a great topic and as Mrs. Amos said we have some time here. Milliken said as I am listening to everybody talk and a lot of great points on both sides and as Will said it is kind of a black and white thing here, sorry but that is the language we use but, and to step back and look at the big picture I think we are all in agreeance that anybody who feels like they are a part of Canal Winchester whether they are on this side of the line or that side of the line should feel like they are part of Canal Winchester and even though in this particular instance there is a little bit of division I just want to commend everyone for standing in unity for that, at least we are all here to support anybody who feels and calls Canal Winchester home. I am on the fence personally about this

but one thing I want to say in this time we are in and people are begging their leaders to take action we hear from leaders we want to bring people over from 33 but they don't really say what exactly they want to see done and I think it is our job as leaders to step in and do something and what we have here is what I feel is an action step, something we actually can do and like I said I am not saying I am for it or against it but I think in the light of these times and what we are facing and what people are asking for is an action step.

Walker said I would like to extend thank you to XChurch, I hope everybody got the invitation, and Mr. Clark and Mr. Milliken and I were able to attend and it was well done and the music was good and they just want to express their thank you and their prayers to all city officials, first responders, to all people and to everyone for a unified community, council, city, state on and on they are all about that as well; it was just that you could feel the power of prayer that was going out to all of us, it was amazing and I believe 5 or 6 of their pastors that got up and prayed and again it was for the city officials and first responders so well done and we thank them for that extension and again all about a unified people.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn made by Lynch; seconded by Bennett
Motion carried by the following vote:***

***Yes 7 – Lynch, Bennett, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker
Adjourned at 9:30 pm***