

# Canal Winchester

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



## Meeting Minutes - FINAL

May 20, 2019

7:00 PM

### City Council

*Bruce Jarvis – President  
Mike Walker – Vice President  
Jill Amos  
Will Bennett  
Bob Clark  
Mike Coolman  
Patrick Lynch*

- A. **Call To Order** *Jarvis called the meeting to order @ 7:08 p.m.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Jarvis
- C. **Roll Call** *Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*
- D. **Approval of Minutes**

[MIN-19-022](#) 4-29-19 Committee of the Whole Minutes ([COW Minutes](#))

[MIN-19-023](#) 5-6-19 Work Session Minutes ([Work Session Minutes](#))

[MIN-19-024](#) 5-6-19 City Council Minutes ([Council Minutes](#))

*Amos: Quick note, page 8 of meeting minutes – (Mr. McCarty name correction).*

***A motion was made by Amos to approve MIN-19-022, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:***

***Yes 6 – Amos, Coolman, Bennett, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker***

***Abstain 1 – Clark***

***A motion was made by Lynch to approve MIN-19-023 & MIN-19-024, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:***

***Yes 7 – Lynch, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Jarvis, Walker***

E. **Communications & Petitions**

[19-045](#) Jake Howard Thank You Letter ([Letter](#))

*Jarvis: A nice, handwritten letter from Mr. Jake Howard, who was presented one of the Dr. Bender Grants.*

*Jarvis: At this time, I'd like to recognize Mr. Boyd, who is a representative with the US Census Bureau, to give us a presentation on what the US Census Bureau is doing for this year.*

*Mark Boyd, US Census Bureau Representative: Mayor Ebert, council members, department heads – thank you so much for giving me an opportunity to present some really important information regarding the upcoming 2020 census; it's a massive operation with lots of moving parts – as a matter of fact, it's the largest operation the federal government (non-military) undertakes; we want to make sure that you're updated and informed, and that you're ready to answer questions from your constituents; I hope to partner with you to make sure that we get the most complete and accurate count for the City of Canal Winchester.*

*Boyd: What I'd like to talk about today is the goal of the 2020 census, and the objectives, I'd like to talk about why we conduct a decennial census, a little brief history, and how the data is used; we'd like to talk*

*about a new design for the 2020 census, as opposed to the 2010 census, some of the challenges and efficiencies, and some of the things we'd like you to do to get the most complete and accurate count possible.*

*Boyd: The goal of the 2020 census is to count everybody once, only once, and in the right place; some of the objectives are to deliver the best decennial census ever; (explains the methodology and gives a brief history of the census, see PowerPoint).*

*Boyd: Why do we conduct a decennial census? First of all, it's mandated by the constitution – Article I, Section II of the US Constitution; in addition, there are 3 other principle reasons – the first is that it determines our representation in Congress, the second reason is funding – it determines the allocation over \$675 billion that comes back from the federal government to states and local municipalities like Canal Winchester; the third reason is for planning and decision making; the census is used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets; it's also used for redistricting; (explains the processes behind these reasons, see PowerPoint).*

*Boyd: As we move toward the 2020 census, and try to count everyone, we're going to encounter challenges and obstacles like the increased distrust in government, declining response rates across all surveys, there's an increasingly diverse population and informal/complex living arrangements; there's a mobile population, and a constrained fiscal environment; we've come up with some great innovations to address some of these challenges and barriers (describes top 4 innovations, see Powerpoint).*

*Boyd: You can see in this map that we have 6 regional census offices, in 2005 we had 12, so we have cut that in half – we are based out of the Philadelphia office; in 2020, we will have about 248 area census offices – they will be opening in 2 waves; wave 1 has already opened in Columbus, in Dublin; wave 2 will be opening across the rest of the state in the Fall.*

*Boyd: Here is how we are actually going to do the 2020 Census – a new design for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, I'm going to break it down really fast (explains model and timeline, see Powerpoint).*

*Boyd: How can you help? We hope that you form a Complete Count Committee; we have had some discussion with the mayor about this; what is a Complete Count Committee – it's a voluntary committee of influential leaders and trusted voices from a cross-section of the community, who understand the critical importance of the 2020 Census and are charged with completing the most accurate census possible; they can be established by a state or local government like yours, or by community leaders, or by an organization; CCC's are typically appointed by the highest elected official, or the head of an organization, or a community leader; (explains objectives of a CCC, see PowerPoint); you can do it how you want to do it – there are benefits for members of a Complete Count Committee; this is a prestigious, high-profile committee that is frequently covered by media that is always interested in the census (further explains how to develop and maintain a CCC, see PowerPoint).*

*Boyd: Takeaways – if you could take anything away from this presentation, it's these 3 things; the objective of the census is to count everybody once, only once, and in the right place; we want everybody to know that the census is easy, it's safe, and it's important – it's easy because it can be done online, or by phone, or by paper; it's safe because your information is protected under Title 13 of the US Code; none of your personal identifiable information can be shared with any other government agency – not law enforcement, either local, state, or national; not immigration – either INS or ICE; not any public program that provides benefits – either state, nationwide or locally, like Medicare, Medicaid, jobs and family*

*services, etc; none of your personally identifiable information can be shared with any of those agencies; it's important for all of the reasons that I mentioned – representation in Congress, allocation of funding, which is your taxpayer dollars that you put in; for planning and problem solving, and problem prevention; I'd like to say one additional reason – you as elected city officials, and non-elected department heads, you more than most people I think understand that democracy is not a spectator sport; it requires active participation by its citizens, therefore I humbly submit that participating in the census is our civil responsibility, it's even our civil duty; it's just as important as voting, and just a way to give our community a voice in democracy; we are happy that you are in the process of forming your Complete Count Committee.*

*Jarvis: Mr. Boyd, thank you so much for your time – this is a massive undertaking.*

**F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person**

**G. RESOLUTIONS - NONE**

**H. ORDINANCES**

***Tabled***

**ORD-18-046**

*Development*

*Sponsor: Clark*

An Ordinance To Amend Part 11 Of The Codified Ordinances And The Zoning Map Of The City Of Canal Winchester, Rezoning An Approximately 69.237 Acre Tract Of Exceptional Use (EU) To Limited Manufacturing (LM), Owned By Gender/Thirty Three, Located On The North Side Of Winchester Boulevard (PID 184-000532 And 184-000871) ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

*- Adoption*

*Clark: no need to remove from the table; Jarvis: I understand the applicant would like us to leave it on the table until June 17<sup>th</sup>; Clark: correct*

***A motion was made by Amos to adopt ordinance 19-025, seconded by Bennett. The motion carried with the following vote:***

***Yes 7- Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker***

***Third Reading***

**ORD-19-025**

*Development*

*Sponsor: Amos*

An Ordinance To Accept The Dedication Of Real Property From Phele Investment Properties, LLC ([Ordinance Exhibits A B](#))

*- Adoption*

***A motion was made by Amos to adopt ordinance 19-025, seconded by Bennett. The motion carried with the following vote:***

***Yes 7- Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker***

**ORD-19-026**

Development

Sponsor: Clark

An Ordinance To Amend Part 11 Of The Codified Ordinances And The Zoning Map Of The City Of Canal Winchester, Rezoning An Approximately 110.244 Acres Of Land From A Combination Of Exceptional Use (EU), Limited Manufacturing (LM), And General Commercial (GC) To Entirely Limited Manufacturing (LM), Owned By Willis M Alspach, Joan A Alspach, And David B Alspach, Trustees Of The Willis M Alspach Revocable Living Trust, Located On The Southeast Corner Of The Intersection Of Bixby Road And Rager Road (Parcel ID 181-000159, 181-000026, 184-000828, 184-000879, And 184-000954) ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Adoption

*Haire: I have a quick question on this one for Gene; this is approving zoning for property that is not officially been annexed into the city and so do we need to read that ordinance and accept before we approve this ordinance to zone it; Hollins: yes where is it; Haire: it's on for first reading and to pass as an emergency this evening; Hollins: chairman discretion if we could; let's move this to after the annexation acceptance ordinance assuming that you want to waive the three reading and get that passed this evening; Jarvis: is there any objection to moving the order of this ordinance; Amos: as long as poor Tiffany does not have to reread that whole thing again; Hollins: we can take this under advisement until after first reading there; chairman has the discretion to take it under advisement until later in the meeting; Jarvis: if I hear no objection we're going to move on then.*

**Second Reading****ORD-19-028**

Finance

Sponsor: Amos

Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000) Of Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds For The Purpose Of Acquiring Approximately 110.244 Acres Of Land And Interests In Land At The Corner Of Bixby And Rager Roads And All Necessary Appurtenances And Improvements Thereto; And Declaring An Emergency ([Ordinance](#))

- Second Reading Only

**ORD-19-030**

Public Service

Sponsor: Lynch

An Ordinance To Accept Hill Road Right-Of-Way ([Ordinance, Exhibits A B](#))

- Second Reading Only

**First Reading****ORD-19-031**

Development

An Ordinance To Accept The Application Of Willis M. Alspach Trustee, Joan A. Alspach Trustee, And David Benjamin Alspach Trustee, For The Annexation To The City Of Canal Winchester Of Certain Territory In Madison Township Containing 88.66+/- Acres And Being Located In The State Of Ohio, County Of Franklin, Township Of Madison, Northeast Quarter Of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 21 West; And Declaring

An Emergency ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Request waiver of second and/or third reading and adoption

**A motion was made by Clark to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Yes 7- Clark, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Lynch, Jarvis, Walker**

*Amos: do we need to state why it was an emergency; Haire: it is one of the contingencies of our real estate purchase agreement so we need to move forward because we have to close on that; Hollins: and its been laying; it was approved 60 days ago by state law we can't lay it before you until 60 days after the county commissioners approve it; which is a long waiting period dealing with a real estate purchase; that's the request for the waiver and the emergency and then we can push forward with the rest of the real estate purchase; Jarvis: its time constraints because there's so many pieces; Hollins: absolutely contractual time constraints.*

**A motion was made by Clark to adopt ordinance 19-031, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Yes 7- Clark, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Lynch, Jarvis, Walker**

**[ORD-19-026](#)**

*Development*

*Sponsor: Clark*

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- Adoption

*Jarvis: at this point we're going to loop back and address ordinance 19-026*

**A motion was made by Clark to adopt ordinance 19-026, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Yes 7- Clark, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Lynch, Jarvis, Walker**

**[ORD-19-032](#)**

*Development*

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement For Building Department Services With Dynasty Inspections, LLC For The Provision Of Building Inspections And Residential Building Official Services ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- First Reading Only

**[ORD-19-033](#)**

*Development*

An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 1321 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Canal Winchester To Adopt The 2019 Residential Code Of Ohio

Including All Referenced Standards Therein ([Ordinance](#))

- First Reading Only

## I. Reports

Mayor's Report

[19-045](#)

[Mayors Report](#)

Mayor: thank you Mr. Jarvis; just in my written report I want to point out one item in there; City of Canal Winchester and Franklin County Public Health will be hosting a substance and alcohol abuse seminar on June the 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 at the community center; I think this is very important to all communities; so if you have an interest in any of that you should attend; it's open to all ages; and the Kris Sims memorial spaghetti dinner was probably the best we've had so far; at the time of print we were at about \$2400; do you have an update on that Amanda; Jackson: well that will be \$2400 plus what you gave me today; so we're somewhere between 24 and 2500; so that's probably the best we've ever done; so congratulations to everybody there; that's all I have on the mayor's report; however I do need approval for the April 2019 mayor's court report.

**A motion was made by Bennett to approve the Mayor's Court report for April 2019, seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Yes 7- Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker**

[19-042](#)

[April 2019 Mayor's Court Report](#)

Fairfield County Sheriff - I have nothing further from my original report sir.

Law Director - thank you; we do have a need for an executive session this evening; hopefully not too long; for purposes or acquisition or sale of real estate; and other than that I just wanted to let you know I'm awfully proud of my team at work there; today was our filing date for our request to take the municipal income tax case to the Ohio Supreme Court; we were joined by not only the city of Akron has filed its own brief in support but interestingly a group of about a dozen what would be municipal law or local government law professors from across the filed a brief to support sending this to the Ohio Supreme Court because it's that important; a national phenomenon that local governments have the ability to control their own funding sources; we'll wait the state law and obviously file a brief hoping that the supreme court doesn't take it; of this isn't a case of general public interest all residents of Ohio which is sort of the standard of the supreme court then I don't know what is; fine work by Thad and other folks in the office; we'll wait to hear from the supreme court; other than that no further report unless you have any questions.

Finance Director

[19-044](#)

[Finance Director's Report, April 2019 Financial Statements](#)

Jackson: thank you Mr. Jarvis; just a couple things from my written report I wanted to highlight; the auditors were in last week for two whole days; so I expect them to come back in June to finish up; so far so good; don't forget that the pool opens this Friday at 4:00 pm; so we've been selling memberships and pool

parties online; if you know anyone that hasn't gone on yet and purchased those; please encourage them to do so; especially the memberships so we can have their cards ready and waiting for them at their first visit; that's all I have.

Public Service Director

19-043

Public Service Director's Report

Peoples: Thank you Mr. Jarvis; the only thing from my report is the pool season getting up and running; it opens on the 24<sup>th</sup>; all ready to go;

Development Director - just a few quick updates; there is a ribbon cutting ceremony planned for the new Edward Jones Financial Planning Office; it's going to be in the Winchester Office Park; so that will be there first business to open within that complex; so that is taking place at 3:00 pm on Wednesday; an update on the former Marathon lot at 26 W Waterloo the single family home; you should see some activity there later this week; they plan on starting the demolition of that; the whole thing should take two to three days; it may be done and down by the end of the week; you should see that taking place here fairly quickly; and then thanks for getting the annexation and the zoning sorted out; so that's kind of the last steps we have before we can close on the property there; Mr. Lynch mentioned the three single family homes in the annexation; those are all now in contract to be purchased by Northpoint; all of those three single family homes; they'll be pursuing the annexation on behalf of those property owners and potentially the rezoning of those as well; and likely all of those homes will be demolished and incorporated into the development they can close; Lynch: so based on that annexation map we proved it didn't include those three; Haire: it does not include those three; so we needed to get the annexation done so that those three home are now contiguous to Canal Winchester so we can file the annexation to have them incorporated into the city; makes it easier.

**J. Council Reports**

Work Session/Council - Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing - Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.

- 2020 Tax Budget

CW Human Services - Mr. Lynch: Lynch: nothing to report at this time; Amos: we do have a retirement party tomorrow; Lynch: yes for Penny Miller; that is Wednesday; Jarvis: that's at the community center; Amos: starts at I think 11:30.

CWICC - Mr. Clark - our next meeting May 29<sup>th</sup> 11:30 at the Interurban building.

CWJRD - Mr. Bennett/Mrs. Amos - the next executive board meeting will be Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> here at Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Mr. Walker - our next meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Interurban; I'd like to also add that the Art Stroll was very successful; the was first year hosting; that was this past Saturday; very successful; also, TOSRV extremely successful that was also last Saturday; we had approximately 500-600 cyclists; so another great

day with TOSRV and the Art Stroll; this Saturday is opening weekend for the Farmer's Market.

## **Old/New Business**

Jarvis: we did carry over a topic from work session 19-041 to talk about the 2020-21 elected officials salaries; that's the mayoral salary and the council salaries; I don't know whether there's anyone on staff would like to lead that discussion or whether we just share our opinions; we were given reference materials from MORPC salary study for the latest which was 2018; that's something to look at; and then you've got your own ways of normalizing that data because it's a little difficult right; when we look at some of these towns nobody is exactly the same as us and you have to apply a little bit of logic to what you're reading; but at least it's something of a guideline; does anyone have any thoughts about it; Walker: I'll open up with a little bit of some research that I had done four years ago; the cost of living adjustment increase every city and everybody takes a lot of different things in when they're thinking about this lets say for the mayor's increase or council's increase and cost of living adjustments are aimed at ensuring that benefits keep up with inflation; you can go so long which congress, Mr. Clark informed us it was quite a while ago and heard it before that congress had not given themselves a raise for so many years that they couldn't even afford to live in Washington because it just exceeded; they kept forgoing letting it go the cost of living raise; then you play catch up trying to keep up with the other cities; so when you have to take something into consideration when you're looking at these raises and the three percent is in line, Mrs. Jackson help me here; with the city employees would be at around a three percent increase is that correct; Jackson: we've been at 2.5 the last two years; Walker: so 2.5 to three percent; and I believe last year according to social security would be at 2.8; Clark: 2.8 was our cost of living in 2018; Walker: would be the COLA and the 2019 won't be out until October; it won't be announced; so we only have again there are different things too; we've been compared obviously with having a mayor; just speaking on the mayors part here; where some cities have an administrative assistant for the mayor; our mayor does not have a city administrator; that would probably, again Mrs. Jackson I'm going to ask you again to help me here, approximately 45-50 thousand that possibly would be and then benefits on top of that is that correct; Jackson: for an administrative assistant; Walker: if there were to be one yes; Jackson: that's probably maybe a little high but; Walker: let's just say 40 plus benefits; Jackson: yes that's fine; Walker: and medical benefits would be approximately; Jackson: about 30,000; Walker: 30,000; so 40 plus 30 so we'd be looking at 70,000 that is not being spent; so again there's many things; how many people are looking at us comparing with other cities; we're not comparing city managers; we have a strong mayor and don't have the city manager so; so that's pretty much all I have to open up with; Jarvis: are you proposing an across the board increase based on cost of living in the index of 2.8 or 3 percent; Walker: just basically starting a conversation; just like to go from there just to open it up; not really proposing anything yet; Bennett: Mrs. Jackson last time we went through this exercise I believe council abstained from an increase; what was the mayors increase a 2 percent raise; Jackson: let me check; I know he did not receive at the midpoint of that two year ordinance; I can tell you that; Mayor: at that time there were two options for council; one was six percent to cover two years which is basically what you went with and the other was, I forgot what it was; it was a higher rate the first year and then it went into another rate the second year; and you opted to go with the six percent that covered both years; so that would equal out to three percent a year; Bennett: I'll jump in; from a cost of living standpoint if we wanted to continue to make the argument that the mayor deserved a cost of living increase there's I think potentially an argument to be made for that; this is sort of a full time job; our obligations here; we can do a cost of living increase; there's no way to ever live on this salary; this is potentially always a part time position so from that standpoint and looking at other communities about our size we're fairly in line from a council perspective;

*obviously I'm one voice of seven; but from my position I think we've seen our health benefits are pretty amazing from that standpoint; so I think that's a great benefit to us; so my position would be I guess I'd be open to a discussion for merit increase for the mayor based on cost of living adjustments; I'd be less open to a council adjustment; Walker: now there's one thing I believe and I may be wrong there merit wouldn't come in play to; Bennett: cost of living instead of merit; Walker: basically when I say cost of living basically it's trying to keep up with the inflation is why I had brought that up; certainly its elected official so it wouldn't be by merit is that correct; Bennett: that's correct; I misstated myself there; cost of living; Jarvis: just to respond to that I tend to agree with your assessment on the council side; I remember when I started on council and they asked for a W9 and I realized oh my gosh you get paid to do this to represent your community and it was a surprise; so ever since then I've been kind of like you know; I've never felt 100 percent comfortable with it; and just to be clear this is no reflection on Mayor Ebert or his performance; I think he's had a very good run; but in regard to this matter and the pay raises and such I feel that we are kind of where we need to be on both sides; I'd be status quo guy for this topic; Walker: well I will make it clear on the council side I do believe that we are right sized; Mr. Bennett on the as far as council I look at that and yes it's not a full time position and I agree there as far as the council I would be in line to say that with council we would I would feel staying at the same; but again with mayor I probably would feel there being that it is a full time without an administrator or administrative assistant that is a different issue; different situation; Jarvis: Mr. Hollins before we go any further with this we're emulating a voting process here a little bit but I don't know how to avoid it; Hollins: honestly the concern arises when that would happen outside of the public context and as long as you're doing that in public and there's no formal vote right now; continue the discussion; you're just talking about it; I think legally when people have concerns it's when a decision is made in an executive session and not in a public session; Jarvis: okay thank you; Clark: I just had a question to Mrs. Jackson; the last two years the mayor got a six percent; three percent for each year but; Mayor: no I got six percent one year; Jackson: correct; Clark: but we kind of though it goes for a two year time period so you could kind of make a case that its really three percent each year; he just got it earlier than waiting for the; Jackson: yes so 2016/2017 there was no raise between those two years; there was a raise between 2017/2018 of the six percent and then there was no raise between 2018/2019; Mayor: I will say had you chose the other option and I don't remember what that option was but I do remember that the salary would have been higher than what I'm making now at this time; I don't remember what that was though; I think it ended up being like 97,000 and some odd dollars I believe; it's at 95 now; Clark: the increase this year is worded how; it's 2.5 and 2.5; Amos: that's what they're asking us to do; Jackson: there is no written legislation for this; Hollins: I found an old email by the way and you can fill in the blanks; mayor was 85,000 for 2014; 87.5 in 2015 with a \$500 vehicle allowance; three percent increase for 2016 to 90; no increase for 2017; and then you probably pick up form there with 18 and 19; Jackson: yes that's all correct; Lynch: if I'm looking at these numbers here maybe I'm looking at this a different way; cost of living raises and everything aside if you take a look at what we make as council and at the mayor on a per capita ratio; if you take a look at us we're basically \$13.50 per capita; if you look at Reynoldsburg it's \$2.77 per capita; you look at Findlay it's \$1.82 per capita; you look at Cuyahoga Falls it's \$2.62; Mayor: their population is almost triple what ours is; Lynch: exactly that's what I'm saying; Mayor: but our growth is a lot better than theirs is; Lynch: we're growing a lot but what I guess I'm getting at is we don't do too bad in this town; I don't see there's really a need for an increase in salary' that's my opinion; I certainly would not want to take an increase myself; not in this position; Walker: and I'm with you; Clark: I'm fine with that; Walker: we are as well; Lynch: that's just my opinion; and again just looking at a per capita we're very generous; Coolman: I would like to throw my two bits into the anti; last time this came up I was not sitting on this side of the table; I was at that podium and speaking as a citizen; now that I'm on this side of the table speaking on behalf of just being a member of*

*council; I agree with Mr. Bennett; for me I'm in a profession where if you don't perform you don't get paid period; so for me sitting here in this chair I didn't select to take on this job responsibility to represent my community because the pay; but what really makes me want to step up and spend that extra time I know we have mentioned before that it's a lot of pages of reading on the weekend; it's a lot of commitment; and for people who work more than 40 hours per week sometimes that's a real drain; so we do put forth effort and we have to do research cause we're not fluent with this but what makes me want to get up and do that are the benefits; I think the benefits for us in this position speak louder than pay; so I'm okay with council members receiving no increase; as far as the mayor is concerned the way I look at it there's two different types of government around central Ohio; it's either a mayoral system or it's a city management system; if you have a city manager, Mr. Walker alluded to having just an assistant for the mayor but let's talk about the other side; some of that data we looked a lot of those municipalities had city managers and each has an assistant; that's an average of between 200-300 thousand dollar additional expense on our budget; and for what did they gain; I'm not sure; I know Gahanna recently is struggling with keeping theirs because they can no longer afford it because there's no greater return and their budgets are challenged; then I look at our community; I look at it differently from the standpoint that a lot of those communities that equal us in population or are maybe large than us; for example Findlay; I'm not sure for other than a job interview at Marathon Oil I'd ever go to Findlay; what is there; you know you come here; every time you come to an event here people applaud us for how nice our community is; how well it's run; all the extra services we have; and then of course let's take on the new honor of being one of the quickest growing communities in Ohio; and I'd have to say we have some really good talent employed here; and in my opinion it's the best that is around; and to corral that and keep them in check you have to have a leader; and they don't come around us every day in the form of what Mr. Ebert has surrounded himself with; so for that I think Mayor Ebert I'm in tune and happy to give him a raise; I'd be for that; I think for his the end result is the community we live in; the end result are the honors that we receive verbally every day by our visitors; that is a total reflection on his abilities; to form a team; to progress our community the way it needs to progress with a focus on increasing our income tax revenue through development; he has one of the best development directors that I know of anywhere; and I would challenge any city to match it; so I think to keep the nest you've got to take care of them; Walker: I believe it was also unanimous the last time this came up on council that all of us had voted no raise for council; I believe all seven had voted no and I think we'll get to that; but definitely so far it seems like everybody is agreeing that council is just right sized as far as leaving it alone; so I'd be proposing to leave it alone; Amos: I think we're all going to take the turn giving our two cents so I'm going to give mine; I'm looking at just numbers and not the actual person in the office; I think we offer a very competitive rate because the amount that's shown does not include the car allowance as my understanding; I think we offer a very competitive rate for somebody to come in and serve our community; I think we have a lot of very, very fine people in Canal Winchester that work for us; that put a lot of effort; but that being said when you look at the numbers and the per capita we are very generous with our salary for our city; and we do have an amazing beautiful city; but I think we're very generous with our salary on all parts; just my two cents; it's not directed to the mayor; I think the mayor does a fabulous job; but in general I think that we; when we look at the numbers across the board; they give us this survey to look at for a reason; so if we're looking at the numbers just being honest it's a considerable salary; it's a nice looking package that hopefully the mayor would consider running again and a challenger would consider running to get; Coolman: right; Jarvis: I don't know if anyone else was veer in this position but when I worked for the Department of Defense I went through two reorganizations and one of them I was the primary one on it; so we went through this big drill of staffing basically the organization and the function of staffing you determined what the duties of a position are what authorities it has; you determine its pay grade based on the level of responsibility of that position*

*and also like level of contacts; if they're contacting people external; but under no circumstances cause you never had a face or name to put with that position it's all generic; you're just looking at that position itself; once again I need to reiterate I'm not talking about performance either; I'm not discounting your comments Mike because I they're from the heart and right on; the way I'm approaching this particular topic is a nameless faceless staffing slot that based on what limited information we have feel that its probably where it needs to be; so what I'm kind of hearing from the group if I'm capturing this right; correct me if I'm wrong the consensus is council is fine where it's at; there's no reason to go forward with anything on that; and then on the mayor's salary there is some mixed feelings about it; something along the lines of a cost of living allowance of say three percent; Walker: I just was throwing out from social security when you're looking at cost of living be rounded off around three percent; again I don't believe it would be base don merit; would that be correct Mr. Hollins; Hollins: well usually your cost of living is separate from additional merit; that's what we do with employees; Amos: Mrs. Jackson you said yours was 2.5 in general correct; Jackson: that's the highest on the scale; I should say that; Amos: in my opinion we should not go above if we consider a raise; if; I don't think it should be above what staff got; Jarvis: right; our task right now though is to determine whether something goes forward; you can vote on whatever goes forward; but whatever goes forward is a recommendation; like I said we'll vote on it later on but we've got to put something together; Bennett: we have to pass; Hollins: and there's other mechanisms; if some people like 2.5 and some people like 3 you draft it one way or the other; somebody can make a motion to amend; we can see if there's four votes; Bennett: if there was a consensus for and increase at all then we need to make sure we're bringing that forward; we want to make sure that we're not bringing something forward that's not going to fit; Hollins: and I'm trying to remember if you have to pass something or if you only have to pass something if you change it; I'll look; Walker: so if we weren't looking at a cost of living which we wouldn't be we'd just be looking at basically staying in line with what the city workers increase would be; Jackson: the only thing I'd like to say about that from my perspective is that keep in mind the city workers get that based on a merit; that's a merit raise; that's based on how we do our job; if you're looking solely at the position of mayor not at the performance take that into consideration because what you are talking about now is equaling his raise to a merit raise; Coolman: for me considering what we have coming up in the next few years; we have a lot of development; we have a lot of growth; it's going to take some expertise and it's going to take a continuation of what that position has already been doing to lead us to this point; we are in the crux of growth right now; and it's just going to come to a head; in the next couple years because of what we have on the agenda; so I don't think that would be; Bennett: I am just curious to ask are there any department heads that their salaries are greater than the mayors; Jackson: yes; Bennett: so there are salaries on staff that are greater than the mayor; Mayor: there's at least one great and some that are real close to being; Jackson: most of that and the one that is greater is due to how long they have been with the city; Bennett: some people have been here a while; Mayor: you just hit it on the head right there; we want to keep the people and we have not had any turnover; since I've been mayor we have not had any turnover; Luke came what seven or eight years ago; Amanda has been here for about seven years; Matt's been here 95 years of something like that; Bill's been here quite a while and they're not leaving us; they like it here; and there's more reasons than one I understand that but I'd like to think I'm part of that; Bennett: I think it's hard to disagree with that; maintaining good people is a talent; I think it's beneficial that we've had that consistency; I think there's multiple ways that you can view this from; we don't lack; in the past maybe there hasn't been multiple candidates for mayor; we've had once consistent thank goodness; Mayor Ebert has continued his tenure here; but if you're trying to create a competitive environment you can argue that maybe we have had that; but also I think you're looking at it from the same point of the head of our city isn't even paid more than it's department heads; is that interesting to anyone else; Clark: that happens all the*

time; there was 30-40 people that made more money than; Mayor: and I don't mind that; Coolman: in a sales organization sales people always make more than managers; they always do; performance positions; Bennett: I get salary based off commission; Coolman: I'm not talking commission I'm just saying performance positions generally the performers will earn more than the directors or managers; Amos: in several of our worlds longevity puts your salary above or your education puts your salary above higher directors often; Lynch: I do understand that the pay should be based on performance and everything; that's not to say that no one's performing here; in fact I think the city has been ran extremely well; we've got tons of great amenities here and we are growing; but the data that I have is what's in front of me in a comparison to every other city in Ohio; at least the ones that are reported here; and what mayors and council are paid and what everyone else is paid based on population; and like I said there is no one that comes even remotely close to what we're offering here; and like Mrs. Amos said I think we're very generous; Bennett: Mrs. Jackson what's a three percent increase from the current salary of the mayor; just curious what we're actually haggling over; Lynch: \$2800.00; \$2850.00; Jackson: yeah; Bennett: I mean in that context; Clark: it's really not a raise it's a cost of living increase; things increase; costs increase; that's why people do COLAS most government agencies and cities and counties do a COLA every year' Lynch: but I think like private industry that doesn't always happen; I'm realistic that way; Walker: with the comps right there in front of you Mr. Lynch how many of those have administrative assistants; Lynch: you can take a look at it you've got the same form; it says mayor and then census; Clark: what cities are they; Lynch: this is full time not part time; Mayor: are the cities listed; Lynch: yeah; Mayor: can you rattle a few of them off; I'd like to hear what the other cities are; Amos: some examples Aurora; these are just the charter ones not; so just looking Aurora has 122 full time staff and the mayor makes \$98,000; Bay Village 200 full time staff; Mayor: who; I can barely hear you; Amos: you have Ashtabula; they didn't count in; Mayor: have you been to Ashtabula; Amos: I'm trying to find some that are comparable to ours; Lynch: I've got four right here that basically listed; Canal Winchester it says we have a census of 7,100 people if you divide the salary per capita its \$13.50 per capita; Cuyahoga Falls 49,000 people divide the salary and that's \$2.60 per capita; Findlay; Mayor: what does Cuyahoga Falls have; Jackson: Cuyahoga Falls is beautiful; just saying; Amos: it is beautiful; they have a lot of tourists; Jackson: they have a really cute downtown; Amos: they actually have a lot of tourism is Cuyahoga Falls because of how pretty it is with their backpacking; Cincinnati their mayor is \$131,000 with 296; Lynch: Cuyahoga Falls was 131,000 per year but there was almost 50,000 residents and this is I'm just going by the information that we have right here; that's how I'm coming up with the comparison; like I said when you look at the full time salaries based on census our per capita is; we're good; Bennett: Gene correct me if I can't do this; I would be in support of 2.5 percent increase over the next two years; you didn't correct me so I guess I'm okay; Coolman: well my question on those mayor's salaries how many of them have assistants; personal assistants; Amos: we're not going to be able to tell that from this; Coolman: some of them have it on there; Amos: some of them but not all these have; that's the bad part; half of these don't have it; Jarvis: Mr. Bennett has made a proposal so that we could move forward on this topic; it's acrid for anybody that hasn't been through this; this is very typical; its awkward and uncomfortable and all that good stuff but it's something that we're charged with doing; so we got to do it; so what Mr. Bennett has proposed; first of all council is off the table; big red X; for the Mayor's salary Mr. Bennett is proposing 2.5 percent increase each year; 2.5 and then 2.5 on the following year; does anybody have a problem with that going forward; I'm not asking whether you like that number or of you have something you want to counter propose that's fine; in order to go forward; we've got some division within council; the best way to handle it I feel is to package it and move it forward; Hollins: look at it as a discussion starter and you'll have more opportunities obviously as it goes through council; Jarvis: right and that's something I want to ask; Mrs. Jackson what's the time table for this; Jackson: it has to be passed by July 1; so we have three meetings left after tonight; Bennett: so

*we got exactly three left; Jarvis: three or two; Jackson: three; our last meeting will be July 1<sup>st</sup>; Amos: I think the big thing is that none of us are denying that the mayor is not doing a great job; we all think that you're doing a fantastic job; it's hard to look from the outside standpoint where you said we look at numbers; we don't look at a person; and in my job I look at a job and I look at an education and I look at all different things to make the piece fit together; so you give us a report and that's the hard part is I look through it and go huh well okay it looks like we're doing well comparatively so; Walker: just taking everything into consideration; we're looking at the numbers as well; but I like that Mr. Bennett had got that proposal there and say that we just keep it open for; Mayor: I have to do the same thing with my staff; I'm up against the same thing but multiples; try that once; Bennett: so it sounds like maybe we ask Mrs. Jackson to bring the 2.5; Jarvis: 2.5 each year and bring that forward; unless anyone has an objection; Walker: thank you Mr. Bennett; Hollins: no final vote tonight so; Jackson: alright thank you;*

*Jarvis: is there any other old or new business to discuss; Amos: I have one; I had sent you all an email earlier asking for us to review ordinance 16 which is the ordinance to establish the rental rates on the city facilities; the reason I had asked is that we are looking to try and find a permanent location for community coffee so that all of our residents and as well take turns floating in and out of there our residents don't have to try to find us; so far we've had to switch buildings every time and we've had residents show up late and say you know we're having trouble finding it so we were trying to establish a permanent location; at this time we are not considered one of the groups that can have the fee waived; so it was my suggestion that we consider changing or not changing but adding to the language that would allow each council member afforded the opportunity to rent the Interurban or the community center for a community or civic engagement event once per month; currently we have no one using the facility for community or civic engagements so this would be the first; there is nobody currently using the Interurban building on Saturday mornings for the dates that I am looking for; as we are trying to rotate out through council and we are going to ask you guys after this; we do need to fill in a couple spots; we're just trying to provide a permanent house for something that to this nature; we do have people coming and talking with us and we just want to make sure that they can find us easily so that whoever is there that day the residents have the opportunity to find it easily and to; Jarvis: it's an attractive building; I don't have any objection to that although I would if the language did change to extend it and elected official within Canal Winchester to do that it prohibit any political messages; cannot be used for political gain and couldn't be used for commercial; it would have to be used for non-commercial; in other words like if Will you had a bridge club or book of the month club; yeah everybody is picking on you tonight; poker a forty dollar buy in; if you had something like that then there would be no political message; you're not selling anything; Amos: or campaigning; I agree with you; Bennett: the other potential option is if we don't edit the ordinance and just get the Mayor's consent to waive for the remainder of this year as we figure out whether or not; is this a trial year for this program; is this something council would officially adopt after this year; Jarvis: I don't want to put words in the Mayor's mouth but I think you were saying that my hands are kind of tied; Mayor: it was given my discretion from council when this was adopted whenever it was; Jackson: 2016; Mayor: it was given my total discretion; I even tried to get some guidance from council and nobody wanted to help; so it was totally up to my discretion; Hollins: except on weekends; Mayor: yes except on the weekends; Hollins: yeah if it's a Saturday the ordinance right now constrains it and we can't waive it; Coolman: it says under section IV that there are certain community organizations as termed by the Mayor or designee that are granted free rentals of the Interurban station and or community center; no group with free rental status may use the facility free of charge more than two times per month and are not permitted on weekends; that's section IV of the ordinance; Mayor: and you're right; and I did read this once I got Jill's email; I did go to this and look at it; and there's more than one issue there is the reason I did not*

*waive it; Amos: and I know the original concern was other council members we are floating them out and we have to get some people scheduled; so we have June open and we have two spots in July open; so we are rotating these out; our hopes are though that for those serving that you would want people to be able to attend and they could find it easily; so that's our whole objective; the rental fee was; Jarvis: I think you made your case of that; the sticking point is the weekend right; I guess the reason for that is that there was an assumption that staff would be required to let them in or to verify that the building wasn't left trashed by whoever was in there; Mayor: I don't recall that was a council decision that I don't recall what it was; Jarvis: I don't either; Peoples: it was so we didn't have free rental blocking out paid rentals; especially at the community center there's revenue that comes in and if we had a bunch of free rentals going on we wouldn't be able to make that money or generate that revenue; Mayor: the Interurban is just now beginning to become popular so I say; we've kind of limited it to certain groups; no kids; no boy scouts and no girl scouts; no stuff like that; but it's just now becoming appealing to the adult groups I'll say; so there's probably I don't know how many rentals there are that are booked; there may not be any; I don't know; Bennett: I guess from my viewpoint on this Mayor if there was a paid rental within a certain window you'd move our event for that paid event; Mayor: but what if someone wants to rent it but council wants it for a Saturday and then somebody wants to rent it after that fact; Bennett: we'll move; I think within a seven day window; Mayor: but here concern is confusing the public as to where the meeting is going to be; that's just going to confuse them even more; Bennett: not hats not great but at the same time we're not trying to turn away revenue; Jarvis: I don't think it would be frequent that that would happen; Amos: as of right now I was able to go in and reserve; there was no rentals for the dates that we currently scheduled; there was no rentals; Bennett: I think if we argue section V of that ordinance; counteract section IV a little bit; the Mayor has the opportunity at his discretion to modify any; Coolman: right, to modify anything based on [public demand; right now at this very moment there may not be any; but who's to say; we've got a big restaurant opening that has already I believe voiced that they would like to use the Interurban; Mayor: and they have expressed that; Coolman: and we have two more business coming in on Waterloo; what if they want to hold their public training sessions there; we have construction company over here on High Street that they have no facility to train their drafters; I'm just saying; have they yet; no; but my whole point on this is that I don't think that the ordinance is already in play and now we want to come back for this specific agenda; when this first was mentioned by Mrs. Amos I put out an email to everybody stating what my reservations were and one of them was the reflection on each of us when the city is involved by us using their facilities or their personnel in organizing this thing; because it looks like all of a sudden now we're getting favoritism; and we're going to walk in here because we can't find a spot to have this community coffee and we're going to change an ordinance because it doesn't suit us; that to me reflects poorly on us as decision making council members; Amos: Mr. Coolman we have found many spots; we've had many places open up to offer it to us; the whole point was to find a spot so that our community was not trying to find us every single month; we've had lots of businesses offer to host it; Coolman: then why can't you use one of them; Amos: it's much easier to have a set location; I'm not saying it has to be Interurban or it has to be community; we asked for Interurban originally because no one has been renting it; we thought one it would increase traffic; and two it's the right setting; it's a conference table; but there's nothing that says that we couldn't come in here; we're just looking for a space so when council members have this the community knows where to go and doesn't have to go seeking us out; this is supposed to be a community engagement and to let our community know that we're listening; it doesn't have to be one of our rental spaces; it could be here; we're just asking to be able to have a space where all of us can have the community know where we are; Coolman: I fully understand that and as you earlier stated you have many other options but by coming back and engaging the city to change so that we have acceptability to a city building; that does not resonate very well in my opinion on us; so it*

looks like we want favoritism versus what others could get; Amos: we're asking for it for our residents; so our residents can have a way to get to us easily; it's not for personal gain; Coolman: I still challenge that on that fact that we have certain areas in the community that no matter where you have it someone's always going to struggle getting somewhere; and in the true definition in a community outlook program most community outlook programs are defined by their; Clark: you guys are cancelling the meeting or going ahead with it; you're moving it around' it's your call; so this is your event; this is Will and Jill's community coffee; Amos: that's our intention to be able to rotate our people; yes it was my idea to start this and Will has graciously stepped on and helping me support because he did have a lot more experience than I did with discussing some of the things that happened before I came on to council; but our intent is to have members rotating out; Bennett: this is how we spend every fourth Saturday; Coolman: well then I guess my question was in April's event; Clark: why don't we go on a basis where we rotate more than just your two and one more every time; Bennett: one thing we wanted to chat about tonight as well is how we get other people rotating in besides just the one extra person; at the same point I guess there are some other questions about promotions that I had for Gene; as a side not on how that works; Coolman: with no disrespect Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Amos when the April's event was canceled I never received a phone call; if you guys couldn't attend it, it wasn't put out there to anybody; I didn't get a phone call; I didn't get an email; did any of you get one; she was at the Easter egg hunt and I think you were at the trash; Amos: that was the one that Bob and I couldn't attend; Walker: it was council last month and you had mentioned the May 25<sup>th</sup> with no place and no time and by the time you had gotten back with and still no place and no time I was already at three other engagements; Amos: well our goal is fourth Saturday of every month; Walker: I like what Will had mentioned I think if we're going to do something like this why does it have to be just Saturdays; because there's a lot of people that can't; if it could be different days too because not everybody is available on every Saturday; if you had rotated it out like Will had mentioned; rotate three different people every time; so its more of an outreach; Bennett: I comp[lately agree Mr. Walker but there were so many parameters put on us at first that had to be followed; I think if we're in a place where somebody else is willing to coordinate taking all then notes and entering all the data; Clark: I've gotten one communication about a meeting; I've gotten no follow up; Amos: you've seen all the messages come from community coffee; you've seen the spread sheets that have come out; any communication has been shared back; you've got the same thing we've gotten; Clark: I've gotten one; I thought you were going to send notes of what was spoken after every meeting; Amos: we have; Clark: I haven't gotten them; Jarvis: this is kind of going off into the weeds here; you made a request; Clark: did you send this week's already out; Amos: no we just finished them; Jarvis: okay will talk about the overall process; what I'm kind of hearing or feeling is that there's a desire for inclusion; also some feeling that maybe Saturdays are not necessarily; it's kind of like a whole revisit here I'm hearing; Coolman: lets put it to Gene; Gene do you have anything to put on this ordinance; Hollins: the ordinance right now would need to be amended to make this happen; so the question right now is the weekend use and whether a fee waiver is being sought for the weekend use and if so we need to draft and amended ordinance; Amos: the ordinance currently applies to the Interurban and the community center; Mrs. Jackson do we have the option to use this facility; is it a building; Mayor: it also has shelter house and athletic fields on it; Hollins: not applicable in terms of charge; Amos: I'm asking about this building; could we use this for community coffee so that it can be in a set place; our intent is to rotate out through people; and we don't want you to have to try and find a place; we want to make sure that the dates are set and that we can blast it out there for the entire year; and we can tell where it's going to be for an entire year; and then you know exactly where to go and you know exactly what dates it's going to be and sign up way in advance; Bennett: part of that is trying to find a place every time; Coolman: well you keep saying that but it was stated earlier that you had seven or eight businesses; I would just like to know what is the full venue if other locations that are available; my concern is

*if you have retied folks and we've all seen them walking in town with canes and limps and they're not always bale to climb those steps out there; Bennett: well it does have a ramp; Coolman: but that's Interurban; but I'd like to know what the other venues are that you have access to; you said earlier that we had seven or eight locations; Amos: we've had churches; we've had the school; we have had a couple restaurants; Jarvis: what you're saying is that one of those are consistent and you're looking for; Amos: correct; Bennett: it will make it easier to rotate more people in and out when you're not trying to find a new venue every month; so that it makes it easier for us to rotate in and out this event; I hear what Mr. Coolman is saying; if this is sort of a trial run year for this just to see if this is a viable program; because I know other cities have tried this and failed; I've actually been surprised by the amount of engagement this has received; does this become a full council or adopted council program for actually putting it as an event on the; is it a wider adopted program that we would all be able to have; and I think that's the goal is not have to; Coolman: the goal is to have a foundation to grow; Bennett: the goal is to not have it feel like just me and Jill's event; Jarvis: there's a desire I'm hearing for everybody to be included; Bennett: I think that's our desire as well; and maybe a little bit more than just one at a time if that can be worked out on a schedule; where you have one person for continuity who knows or who has been through it once or twice and they can sort of facilitate while somebody else is coming up to speed; so that's one thing; it has nothing to do with the facility; Coolman: well the other requirement is if they plan to grow it we need to have seating capacity; so how many meetings have you had so far; four; Amos: we've has four; Coolman: what the average attendance; Bennett: probably somewhere around ten; Amos: we've had ten to fifteen; the one that Bruce was at I think we probably had sixteen; right now the Interurban building would house it because you have almost thirty seats around the table; it's also a nice conference room table; and Mike let's not jump ahead. It isn't there yet; if it took off; Coolman: I'm just trying to validate the facility size that's needed; I'm just trying to say if that's where it's at what kind of growth can be expected; Amos: I guess if I could amend my request it would be to allow is to use the building until he end of the year and see where this goes rotating out members who have the opportunity to take a turn on it; were putting out a google sign-up sheet where basically you guys can go on and put up; we know we can't have more than three; again our intention is not to stay on there every single month because it doesn't allow for everybody to have an equal chance but if you want to be able to do it then we want to try to set this up so that not only does our community have easy access to it but that you're not trying to build it yourself every time when it's your turn to run it; Jarvis: would you consider weekday evenings; changing that rather than Saturday; it seems to be a rubbing point; Jackson: why can't you rotate it; so that sometimes it's on a Saturday and sometimes it's on an evening; Walker: that's what I was getting at when I mentioned it earlier or that it just wants always on a Saturday; because I mean there's coffee houses everywhere; there has been for years; there's all kinds of coffee houses so it's just like coffee in the morning kind of thing; it could be seven in the evening when people get home or just a rotating type of deal; Bennett: I think the ease there was that if you weren't to have a solid marketing plan for this program; so with the limited opportunities to start pushing this out to the community one of the benefits is having it on a consistent day and consistent time; so once a community member learns that it's the fourth Saturday of every month 9-11 you can share that with your friend; you can say hey you know what I heard you talking about that; it allow sit to be word of mouth when its consistent; Jackson: doesn't that automatically rule out anyone let's say that have kids that play summer sports; Amos: you would think but we've actually had several that have attended; they just come for a few minutes before their sports; Jackson: I just think myself personally at least once a month I am not in town on a weekend and if that weekend happens to fall on the fourth weekend I would never have the opportunity to attend; Walker: it would be difficult for me to have that opportunity as well; so it's not only the public but all council; Jackson: what about people who work Saturdays; Mayor: like Mike works the Farmers Market; what time do you have these; Amos: 9-11; Bennett:*

they're not necessarily 9-11; they're kind of in and out; Amos: and we've had people drop in on the first one that didn't come back until the third one; they're not there every single meeting; Jackson: isn't the point of this to be to get different people to come and not the same people every month anyway; Amos: well that's our hope is that people kind of come as they want to talk; Bennett: I think we can definitely do it on different nights; I'm not opposed to payin; but I think your publicity machine is going to have to ratchet way up other than one Facebook ad that I'm pushing for twenty dollars; Walker: that's a good point you brought up Mrs. Jackson; if you're on the same basis as everybody would it be this time this date every time that would be thinking that you're going to have the same people every time; but if you're wanting to bring new people it could open up doors; I would think that you would want to refresh and have another twelve or another fifteen and not the same people all the time; Mayor: well here's the other thing too; Charleston Lake for instance has a club house; they have a clubhouse out here on Groveport road at the condos across from the pool; you could do it there and you don't have to announce when it's going to be as long as you're getting those people from that community that's all your looking for; you're looking for different people each time; and the way to get different people each time is to go to their community; Amos: while we do want to see different people because we want them to come in; the other thing is we want them to feel free to come in and just listen; and feel free to come in and just talk; some really cool stuff has come out of there like the friends of 33 project; the recycling program has come out of it; and some of those people have come to the multiple meetings and they've carried on conversations with new community members; so things are coming out of it that are very neat so I don't want to say I just want new people because it's almost turned into the two high schoolers that came in January it's so funny; one of them said in August I'm going to be so sad because I want to come to community coffee; he said I really enjoy talking with community; Mayor: well at each meeting you could announce our next meeting will be wherever; that way those people there will know right away; Walker: put it on your iPhone or your cell phone in your calendar; Amos: I do see the value in having multiple days or maybe a weekday and a weekend; but I go back with Will as we're building this program to get the community to have a set date; and you're not going to capture everybody's schedule but we all know our schedules; one week I'm free on a Tuesday and the next six weeks I'm not free on a Tuesday; so I think we're not going to captures everybody's schedule right off that bat; and I think in this first years it's about seeing is this program going to be sustainable; Jarvis: based on what you've seen you'd say yes; Amos: I'd say yes bit we're only in our fourth meeting; Jarvis: I think the summer is going to be a challenge; but we've got to get out of this huddle here eventually; Mayor: my point is Jill I think if you go to the people instead of having the people come to you it's going to be more successful; Coolman: for the that's the whole idea for any kind of community outreach program I'm involved in; all of our non-profits in town here; and believe me they all have different programs and different fundraisers and different events that they seek the interaction from the population and no one organization has their events at the same place; Amos: I think you meet at Interurban an awful lot; Coolman: I'm not saying meeting I'm saying total events; I'm a nonprofit too; we pay for that no profit status and events that we host; but a simple community outreach program like what Will and you are trying to develop it should be mobile because then you can hit the masses in their home front; if you go to these clubhouses you're going to them; yet you want to sit back in one position and let everybody come to you; and to me that's what you said in the beginning was people don't want to come to us here because they're afraid of speaking into the microphone; well if they're not going to come here and we're scheduled every Tuesday night during the month for the meetings we have what's going to make them come to another location to speak in front of council members; they may know you and Will but they don't know Clark or myself or anybody; Amos: but the majority people who have shown up I've not met before; it's been very encouraging; Bennett: I would like to just say that Mayor I hear you about going to the people but I will say as a counter to that, that requires a member of council to lead

that every month and it will make it harder to rotate people in and out; the desire is to rotate is to get more people in and out; consistent time; consistent location will make that the easiest opportunity to do that; but if the desire of the group is to put it on Jill and I to continue to find new venues and move these meetings and make day commitments and weekend commitments then it will be harder to make those opportunities; I'm not trying to play hard ball or be difficult it's just the truth of who's going to bear the weight of this; Jarvis: right and this discussion we'd have to have for probably another hour or two to sort it all out; next time we have a committee of the whole meeting I'd like to do that; so let's go back to the immediate question of can they use it on Saturday; is that within your authority to grant Mayor Ebert or is that something that requires; Mayor: it's within my authority if council gives me authority to do that; Jackson: according to the ordinance it is not; not on the weekends; Hollins: at least not free of charge; there's specific sort of controls over the general that we addressed; although I think the charge is only twenty bucks; Bennett: that's fine I'll give them twenty bucks; Jackson: well first off its twenty dollars an hour; Hollins: oh I'm sorry; Bennett: fine deduct the twenty dollars an hour from my council check and I will pay it; I will pay the sixty dollars; Jarvis: well that's honorable but; you've reached your limit; Bennett: pay the sixty bucks and we can move on; I do have one other piece of business if I may Mr. Jarvis; Jarvis: proceed; Coolman: are we going to handle this first; Amos: he wants to know if we're going to make a motion to change the ordinance; Bennett: no we're not; I'm paying sixty dollars; Amos: no you're no you're not paying sixty dollars;

Bennett: I wanted to get back to the hands free conversation and see if there was desire to bring that ordinance actually to council; I think Mr. Hollins had shared some information with council; I guess the next step is a decision for council to either bring that ordinance forward and make that an ordinance; Jarvis: I meant to look at that again to refresh my memory on what the differences were; this is another good one that I would prefer to discuss as a group unless anybody had a feeling; I didn't want to go too far but I think tweaking what we've got is in order just to match what the state has; now the question is do we want to go further than that; Bennett: but I think what Mr. Hollins said is the state doesn't make it a first offense; Hollins: a primary offense; Coolman: it makes it a secondary offense; Clark: so they can pull them over for holding a device right; Jarvis: right but that's something you feel might be in order; Bennett: I'm asking if there is a desire to move it forward; there are seven of us here; Coolman: every day I sit at that light out at Walmart and I see people just playing around; Jarvis: it's bad but at the same token we don't want to go too far; and I think there is a line that; if we can find that sweet spot that is better than what we have but maybe not where we're going; so Mr. Hollins is that something you might be able to bring us and we can discuss it and we'll have the first second and third reading and we'll table it if we have to talk about it more than that; Hollins: I hear making it a primary offense but I don't hear going all the way to what Bexley did which is totally hands free; is that what I'm hearing; Jarvis: I'm not there yet personally; Hollins: so I can draft that; Jarvis: there are time like if you're looking at GPS or whatever I guess you could put it in the stand and look at it; Bennett: but if you're going all the way to hands free you'll also have to figure out what are the publication methods for announcing that; how are you indicating that; it would require a much larger plan; I'm not for hands free; I mean I am for it but at the same token there's got to be a sort of larger implementation around it; Mayor: I think we needs a show of hands from council who would want to do this on the weekends; Hollins: we've moved onto the texting while driving; Mayor: I know; Amos: would you agree with allowing us to use the building on Saturday yes or no; Bennett: I'm going to pay for it; Amos: no you're not going to pay for it; Jarvis: I don't want you walking away like that; Mayor Ebert seems like he just wants to find out where our minds are on it; Bennett: I don't want Mr. Hollins to have to redo the ordinance to allow this to happen; I think it's just worth the sixty dollars; Walker: my suggestion Mr. Bennett is the only day you can't okay is a Saturday so you just forgo the Saturday for a moment; Bennett: I'd rather pay and

*have it on Saturday; Coolman: I like Mr. Bennet's approach; after all the city is investing in him and giving us benefits and he's just giving back; I don't have a problem with that; how many meetings are we talking about; Bennett: the rest of the year; Amos: so if you take a turn are you willing to help put forth part of the money for the rental; Coolman: I've put forth money for other things than that; that's not a problem; Amos: just asking; Coolman: money's not an issue; Amos: in case you have to foot the bill while we're rotating out members that's all I'm saying; if we're rotating out members; Walker: I would chip in to it if I have a time and a place; Clark: you now I think it's safer that way anyway; Amos: the Mayor brought I back up; Coolman: the Mayor is staying status quo; Hollins: the three council members that do show up all bring twenty bucks; Walker: there you go; Amos: we'll drop our envelope in the door; Hollins: we know where to find you too if you don't bring your twenty bucks; Mayor: we have an executive session; Jarvis: we still have more to do this evening; Amos: we still need to close out' Gene was talking about hands free and we all agree; yes, yes, yes; Walker: I'm at a point to bringing it up to what the state's doing; Clark: what's the difference between holding a coffee and holding a phone; Walker: and I brought that up the last time; a sandwich a soda pop; right now I'm just more; I'd like to see it brought up to state level; Hollins: remember the state is still secondary offense; what I heard is draft one where its primary; Jarvis: you can capture it that way and we'll discuss it and let's put a stake in that; we're done with that; we're not talking about it anymore; and we're done with the previous topic right;*

**L. Adjourn to Executive Session @ 9:02 p.m**

*A motion was made by Bennett to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Amos. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 7- Bennett, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*

*Council returned from Executive Session at 9:46 p.m.*

**M. Adjournment @ 9:46 p.m.**

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

*Yes 7- Bennett, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*