

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 18, 2021
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL – Mr. Barker, Mr. Blake, Mr. Fennell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie

INVOCATION – Mark Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE _Ellie Bishop – Ben Franklin Elementary

CAUCUS – Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Ms. Hall and Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Blake, passed by acclamation

MINUTES of October 4, 2021 - Motion by to approve the October 4, 2021 Newark City Council Minutes as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same **Motion by Mr. Labutis , second by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation**

APPOINTMENTS

There were none this meeting

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – **Received and filed no objections**

Service– **Received and filed no objections**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Interim City Auditor, Lori J. Resta – Operating report for period ending September 30, 2021

Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator’s Office – Income Tax Revenue Reports for period ending September 30, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Notification of correct applicant name of Incredible Pizza Company Ltd. From original name of Incredible Pizza Co.

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Liquor permit application for Jeffrey L. Justice, DBA Cedar, 144 N. Cedar St. 1st Floor and Basement

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Liquor permit applications for Speedway LLC, DBA Speedway 1129, 364 E. Main Street; Speedway 1508, 737 W. Church Street.; Speedway 9194 & Beer Cave, 1280 N. 21st Street; Speedway 9312, 117 E. Main Street

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mable Broughton, 1472 Wright Dr – I'm very upset with what's happening at the corner of Wright Drive and Little Fawn. There's been two great big pieces of half houses put down there and they're just sitting there. The thing is they brought those down there on a Sunday, which is everybody moves stuff, right? One part got there about 4:30 and the other part got there at 7pm that night. Since then, there's been people down there after it's dark out with flashlights. It's not a very comfortable feeling to have those kinds of things going on in your neighborhood. I have been told that if you move something like that onto a piece of property, you have 10 days to do something with it. Well it's like 3 or 4 weeks now and it's still sitting there honey. Nothing's been done and it very discouraging. I'm scared to death that homeless people are going to come in and I'm afraid that we're going to end up with a fire and if it catches on fire that could endanger a lot of houses. I don't know why when there is a law that says you can't put it there and not do something with it in 10 days, that nothing's been done. So, that's my complaint and I certainly hope that you wonderful people will see to it that something's done about it. You wouldn't want that in your neighborhood. And guess what, I don't want it in my neighborhood either. Thank you.

President Ellington – I will say, I do know a little bit about this situation. I know they started about a year ago on this doing some excavating etc. I know the engineering department was notified. There was no permit at that point in time, it's been about a year later and then, like you said, the two halves of the trailer have been moved in there, there wasn't any permit at that point in time either. I do understand now that they're questioning where the survey line is and if the foundation he has poured meets the setbacks, so there is a stop work order on it, from what I understand. But, my suggestion, Director Rhodes and I have spoken and we'd like to get Director Rhodes, the Engineering Department, the Law Director's Office, myself and maybe 2 or 3 folks of the neighbors that would like to get together, we'll have a little meeting, we'll discuss where that is right now, what's happened, what the rules are and where we are. If you are interested in being one of those folks, stick around after the meeting, come up and give Janine your name and contact. That's where we are on that so far.

Dave Lipstreu, 40 N. 40th Street – I'm here to request council's help in getting the speed under control on 40th Street. Everybody's aware we've had a lot of work done there, there's still a final coat of pavement that needs to go on, but that doesn't affect the speeding that's been going on there. It's excessive and I've had some conversations and email exchanges with Councilman Rath and I understand there's a procedure the city needs to go through in order to determine traffic volumes and how that can be justified. But, in the interim I'm really concerned that there is going to be a bad accident and that somebody's going to get killed. A lot of kids in the area play in the street irrespective of the sidewalks being there. They don't stay on the sidewalks. So, any assistance, even if we could get a trailer out there with a flashing speed thing from the police department, it might help to slow people down. And I really, really appreciate your help. Thanks very much.

Kim Blaney, 1407 Misty Glen – Life long resident of Newark. I want to speak a second on Rice Street, but real quick I just thought I'd mention, the squad took me to the hospital, a few of you got an email from me. And it's kind of interesting to have four members of the squad in your family room and I said I just think I'll have my wife take me when she gets home. They said, well, a stroke or a heart attack, we recommend you go. Anyway, high blood pressure from

recent stress related, so what I wanted to say and I'm not sure I really wanted to bring this up, I don't really care if people know me as Ken or Kim and I'm pretty chill with that, but if somebody keeps referring to me as "he", sometimes I'll just politely say "her", but these guys came and maybe saved my life, I'm not here to criticize them but maybe they could've hinted around that I'm a "her" now. I'm not here to complain about that, it's just a suggestion, you know that sounds reasonable. Maybe it ties in with our accepting here, I'll speak on my other issue, the second time. Thank you.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There were none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Barker , Mr. Marmie

21-33 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF MOULL STREET AND NORTH 21st STREET.

By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie

21-34 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE OF THE STREETS IN CONOR'S PASS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Harris

21-61 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO THE LICKING VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt, second by Mr. Harris, motion passed 7-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Harris

21-62 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(\$3,945.40 Insurance monies for power surge damage to security access panels for entry doors)

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 7-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Harris

21-63 Exp A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$19,500 Payout for retiring Auditor employee Candy Stout; \$18,500 Payout for retiring Tax employee Jody Hill; \$14,000 Payout for retiring Officer Brent Snelling)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive the 2 day reading rule, second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Marmie – We need to expedite this because these are some payouts and we want to make sure they get their money as quickly as possible

Motion to waive 2 day reading rule passed 7-0

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt, second by Mr. Lang. motion passed 7-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Harris, Mr. Barker

21-64 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF NECESSARY SERVICES REGARDING THE COMPOSTING, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF LEAVES, BRUSH, GRASS, TREES AND STUMPS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Held two weeks for second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Linda Mossholder, 224 Green Meadow Dr – First of all I would like to acknowledge some of the comments that were made by citizens at the last meeting about problems with people either on their property or trespassing. One of the women was talking about a woman who without clothes was dancing on her porch. After the meeting I did discuss this with the woman who talked. I believe I know who this person is. We have seen her at the Outreach and had to ask her to leave the property. I've also seen her in the warming center two winters ago, we had to actually call someone and have her removed then, so she has multiple mental health issues and also some serious substance abuse issues. I just want to make it clear that the homeless outreach does not tolerate anyone who is committing a crime. I have been there for over three years. I have never been fearful of being there and in three years that I've been there we've had to ask only two people to leave the premises because they were not acting appropriately. I would just like to talk a little bit about some of the other things we do at the outreach. This coming Saturday we are partnering with the South Central Outreach Homeless Center to provide free Hep-C testing. This is a common thing that happens in the population. It is free for anybody, not just those without shelter. I spent the morning dropping off flyers to Job and Family Services, Vertical, The Men's Shelter and The Main Place letting them know the availability of that. I don't know if any of you are familiar with Narcan. Narcan is the overdose reversal drug. We distribute 50-60 doses each week. If someone is overdosed it can save their lives. We have had people come and thank us for the Narcan. We partner with a lot of agencies, the Health Department, gave COVID shots at the outreach. We've also had the Health Department come give HEP-A shots which helps prevent disease from being transmitted. In addition to the Hep-C testing we will have Family Health Services

present to do HIV testing. In addition to the testing, if a person tests positive for Hep-C we will make arrangements for that person to get treatment. Hep-C treatment is extremely expensive, if they test positive for HIV we will also be able to connect them. All of these things help keep the citizens in our city safe, not just the people who are un-sheltered. All of these are transferrable diseases and can be transferred to the general population. I just wanted to make sure you know that just passing out fentanyl testing strips is not the only thing we do at the outreach. We're trying to work with other agencies to make sure we can get services. For several months now I've been asking for an outreach person on the Housing Coalition to come down for 2 hours on a Saturday once a month and to do outreach present on our site. We just want to make sure that people can talk to somebody where they are at. During COVID I understood that the office was closed, they could get an appointment by phone, but asking somebody who is unsheltered, may not have a phone and then try to make an appointment if they could be p[resent at the Outreach they could make an appointment then. The only people who can verify homelessness is the Housing Coalition. With the transient population they could be in the south end one day and in the east end another day. If they could come to the Outreach they could tell the person where to meet them and they could start the process. If we're going to solve the homelessness issue in this community, we need to all work together. I understand that the request I made for the fentanyl testing strips, because I did not apply for CBGD monies, that will probably not be honored. Again, I am willing to take off the request for the disposable boot containers, that was our way to try to prevent people from touching things at the Outreach, we have not missed a Saturday in three years. We served people all during COVID. We were careful, we tried to do social distancing, but I would still like to be considered for the fentanyl testing strips under the AR Act Funding. They are about \$3,100, I would still like that to be considered. I would be happy to answer any questions if anyone would like Narcan, through the State there were some grants available so churches are now distributing Narcan and at my particular church, I took one, so we have 499 kits. This is a lifesaving drug. I keep it in my car because you just never know. Just as an example, not only do people that are unsheltered come and get Narcan and fentanyl testing strips, we have a woman who comes every week to get Narcan and fentanyl testing strips because her son is an active user. He is not homeless. She is afraid that he's going to die so she comes and gets these kits, so I just wanted to make sure that you know that the Homeless outreach does not condone behavior that is criminal or disturbing the public. Thank you.

Thomas Brunner, 419 S. 2nd Street – Over the weekend I had a traumatic experience. I always cut my grass on Thursday or Friday, so Friday I was cutting my grass out back, I own a little over a half acre and as I was going back towards the wooded area I noticed a bicycle. I've found several of them back there before, I call Newark PD have them come and pick them up I figure they're stolen. As I got closer to the bicycle, I saw a head and as I got closer there was flies all over this head. There was a deceased body in my back field. I don't know what's going on whether the city is concerned about the homeless people or the people who are drug addicts, but it has to stop. I'm glad I found it, not my 5 year old granddaughter or 2 year old grandson or my daughter or my wife. I'm having trouble right now

sleeping at night because of this. It was an experience I don't want anybody to see. Now we have a house next to us that caught fire back in August and the house has been empty, the lady has decided she didn't want to rebuild, so she got her insurance money and put it up for sale. It sold, the sold sign's been there for about 2 weeks. Somebody kicked in the back door already. Something's got to be done about the homeless people, they're just doing what they want when they want and we have no control over it. I've found human , where they use the bathroom in my back field and I've had to clean that up, I don't want to have to clean that up but I don't want to run the mower through it or step in it so it has to be cleaned up. We have some apartments around us that don't have the best tenants. I think this needs to be looked into and we need some help. I can sit on my front porch for days and never see a Newark officer in the area. Never. But, I can see a Utica police officer or a Heath police officer, Sherrifs go up and down through there, but the only time I see a Newark officer is if they 've got a call. It's time they start patrolling the area a little bit and doing their job. This is getting really, really bad. I don't know how bad you think it is, but come across what I come across and we'll see how you feel. I'd appreciate if we could get some help. Thank you.

Kim Witzberger – I am speaking on behalf of my mom Kate Sharrer, she's right back there. She also lives on South 2nd Street, she's been victimized and bullied by people in the neighborhood. She's lived there since 1964, it was a very nice neighborhood at one time, but it is just being overrun by, I don't know if they're homeless, I don't know where they're coming from, but there's people on bicycles with backpacks constantly riding up and down through her yard. We've asked them not to do that, but they continue. They have recently broken into her shed and stole tires and rims out of her shed. My brother's put cameras up to try and correct that issue. We are the adjoining property to Mr. Brunner, so the body issue. Not so long ago there was a random car parked in her back yard, she called the police department because there were two people passed out in the car in her back yard. They came and knocked on the window and said you've gotta leave and then they left and left her to deal with them. So, I mean something has to be done to help these people. They have lived there for a very long time and they just want to live their life too.

Kim Blaney, 1407 Misty Glen Dr – It's interesting to me because my grandmother was Tax Commissioner that there's someone here from the tax office. I guess I grew up with grandma being the tax commissioner. For 20 years I was the parks and Recreation Rep for the Catholic School System, the kids kind of preferred to sit in the Mayors seat when they came down here, I feel comfortable here. I gave you a copy of the Decrow Subdivision, so me and my kids own Rice rail Properties. We own everything on this street but 2286, the Land Bank owns it. Down at the end of Decrow there's 3 lots 2279,2280 and I think they made it into 4 lots, so if you developed this it's now like a cul de sac. What I'd like to do on this and actually the City Engineer, we own most of this but not all of this and we were going to make it into 3 parcels at his recommendation, just a conversation, we bought the other property so his suggestion was that we would ask for the street to be vacated. We've never gotten any further to make that happen so somehow with COVID his office is closed and I think they work with ADR, if that is the name of the company down in the old library, so somehow I need to get some

engineering print or somehow I need to get something. I think there is an order, so I don't know if we can kind of maybe make an exception and say look let me take this to planning and after planning and after planning says hey this is a good idea, I'll spend thousands on an engineering plan and I'll spend tens of thousands tearing down everything, we'd like to give tenants some time to get out. It is 21st Street, it's a quarter mile from potentially a World Heritage Site, if that does happen, maybe somebody could sit in the train car, it's something to do. So, it's kind of an idea I've had for 43 years. I'd just like to move it forward by somehow getting it to the Planning Commission, if we go out of order. Whatever. If they say no, I'll sell it individually and move out of Newark. I think that's what you guys would prefer. So anyway, I'd just like somebody to tell me what to do. Maybe the engineer could tell me what to do, if somebody could kind of guide me through this process. That's it. I'm sorry to come down here and wear out my welcome. As you can tell it's kind of stressful, sent me to the hospital with high blood pressure, there's a squad record of that. Somebody help me make this happen.

President Ellington – Your question is you're trying to vacate the street.

Ms. Blaney – That was the City Engineers suggestion, he said why don't you just make it one parcel and I said we can't we don't own that. We've got the whole thing for whatever it's worth, it's got a theme, it's next to the railroad. Maybe that's a detriment, maybe it's an asset. It's too much stress, I've spent my whole life on this project. Somehow let's see if we can get it through Planning Commission, if they say no, I'll move on in life. Does that seem fair? You can help us, I know you can do it. Thank you, I'll come back sometime.

Janine Paul, 1435 Amesbury Ln. - First let me say that I am speaking tonight as a Citizen of Newark, NOT the Clerk of Council. Next, I would like to thank President Ellington and Director Rhodes for getting involved and trying to help with this situation. There are 3 reasons I am speaking tonight, The 1st is because the zoning inspector has failed the residents of the city, the 2nd reason is because there are Ordinances that are knowingly not being enforced and the 3rd reason is because Ordinance 8-33 The zoning code for the city needs to be changed. I moved back here 2 years ago into what I think is a nice neighborhood. For most people, and in my case, their home is the biggest investment they will ever make. There is a lot next to me that has been vacant except for a garage and they always did a decent job of keeping the grass cut. In October of last year the new owner started excavating. I emailed George on October 11th of last year and asked him about the construction that was going on and also asked him about permits for septic systems. He replied on the 13th and told me that the Health Dept handles permits for septic and that he would look into the zoning. He never did anything! Winter came and the work stopped, but the lot was left torn up all winter with trenches dug and mounds of dirt piled up. Spring and summer came and with the lot in the condition it was in it couldn't be mowed so the weeds grew as tall as a person, so I contacted property maint. and they had the owner cut the weeds. They also told me they notified George of the situation because they noticed the exposed septic tank and the footers that had been dug. Shortly after that the owner began digging again. I have personally either spoken to or emailed George at least 3 times, if not more, asking about the status of a permit for this. On September 11th I emailed him a picture of the State permit that was posted. He replied that this was "just the first step" and that he would "reach out to the owner about obtaining a permit". He didn't and footers were

re-dug and concrete poured and on September 19th two pieces of a double wide trailer were hauled onto the lot. If a trailer in your neighborhood isn't bad enough, it isn't even a NEW trailer. It is a 16 year old trailer that has obviously been sitting in a field somewhere because it is trashed inside and out. It doesn't even have an electrical panel in it , it's been torn out. Only after Director Rhodes got involved, did George contact the owner of the lot. Now he's issued a stop work order and the result is that we are stuck with these pieces of a trailer , one still attached to the semi that pulled it there, sitting on this lot, parked right against my lot line, along with the bulldozer they were using and a trailer loaded with concrete blocks. We are living with what looks like a junkyard right next to us and this all could have been prevented if the Zoning Inspector had done his job a year ago. In addition to all of this, the doublewide pieces were transported to the site with a truck that has no visible license plate and without an oversize permit being obtained. When I asked the engineers office about the oversize permit I was told " I'm sure there are oversize loads moved throughout the city every week of which we are not aware of. NPD used to monitor this with scales to weigh oversized loads on the axles, but I believe they quit doing this several years ago." The Ordinance speaks to requirements for obtaining a permit and about fines for not following the Ordinance. When I asked about that I was told" in the 12 years that we have had the administration of the Zoning Code, the directive and process has been to try to bring those who violate the letter of the code into compliance, rather than to burden the Law Dept. with several misdemeanor cases of non-compliance, and then enforcement of a \$500 fine upon conviction of such misdemeanor convictions" What's the point of requiring permits or having Ordinances if they are not enforced?

If you think I am frustrated and upset over this situation you're right. The entire neighborhood is upset by this. Our neighborhood is being ruined and our property values being negatively affected because the Zoning Inspector failed to do his job and because this Ordinance, at the very least, needs to be changed.

Currently there is only one small paragraph in the entire Ordinance that references "manufactured homes" on city residential lots. It simply states "No person shall occupy a manufactured home on any premises in the City of Newark outside an approved manufactured home park without first obtaining a zoning permit for such use from the Zoning Inspector. The parking or storage of an unoccupied manufactured home shall not be permitted for more than 10 days other than on a lot approved for the sale of such units." A trailer like this is not acceptable in any neighborhood in the city.

Unfortunately, I have resigned myself to the fact that I am going to end up with a doublewide trailer on the lot next to me. My neighborhood along with all of our property values will have been ruined.

I would just like to ask this council two things:

First, please change this Ordinance so this doesn't happen to another neighborhood, maybe even yours!

And second, I would like to ask why we as law abiding, tax paying citizens should have to live for up to 12 months, possibly 24 months, according to George, with what looks like a junkyard next to us. As of today it has already been parked there for a month. All of this to cater to someone who doesn't live in this city, hasn't followed any laws or even paid his property taxes on the parcel. As of tonight it's in arrears. Thank you.

Mable Broughton, 1472 Wright Dr. – The truck that pulled this mess in there doesn't even have a license plate, but it came through Newark and hauled this junk in there, but nobody said anything to him about it. Hey buddy, if you're going to be hauling stuff you need a permit and you need a license plate. So these people don't care, they're not paying any attention to any laws, so it's time somebody stepped in and said enough. Get this junk out of here. Thank you.

Earl Redman, 1446 Wright Dr. - I live right across from the new trailer park that Janine spoke of. I owned a trailer and put it on a lot in Newark back in 1961, at that time it was legal ,but I thought they made it illegal, but apparently not because this is a double wide trailer that I'm looking at out my front window and just wanted you to know my feelings. Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Auditor, Ryan Bubb – It's been a pleasure serving with all of you over the years on Newark City Council. Very much an honor. I'd like to introduce our new Deputy Auditor, Mr. Jim Weisent. Just a few items real quick. We've been up and running since Thursday the transition has been really smooth and the staff has just been remarkable. We have a retirement coming in the office, we've been talking with the Human Resources Department, we've gotten the hiring process expedited. We are in the second step of the process, so hopefully we'll be doing some interviews soon. Myself along with Jim Weisent and Jackie Prince will be conducting the interviews so I'll keep you posted on that. We also just about completed a rather lengthy questionnaire, why it wasn't done already I don't know it should've been done in September for the State Auditor, they put an RFP out for an audit that will happen 21 though 25, we had a very productive meeting today regarding City debt, we have also started working on the budget process we do own the revenue side of the budget, I would encourage you if you have any ideas or questions about expenditures to please talk to the Mayor, Service Director or any Department Head. Thank you.

Law Director Tricia Moore – Good evening, this is my first official council meeting as the new Law Director. I realize I've got a big job ahead of me and I'm up for the challenge and I look forward to it. I attended my first block watch meeting the Thursday I was sworn in with Councilman Marmie and Councilman Harris and we hear a lot of the same stuff throughout the City. People wandering streets, people in your yards, wondering when things are going to change and how we're going to change them. This isn't going to be an easy fix and it's not going to be an overnight fix, but we're working. What I would encourage you to do is to continue to report it to the police. I've been in the criminal area for 17 years, I know that Newark is working

hard and they're doing it probably understaffed, but they are working hard. I can tell you from the amount of charges I get from them they're working hard. Please keep reporting. When the police do show up please make witness statements. Then when it gets handed to the prosecutors we can go forward and prosecute them. Without witnesses and without people willing to show up to court sometimes multiple times we can't do it. We need you to cooperate with us, so that would be my piece of advice. Then we'll just keep fighting and moving forward. Thank you.

Mayor Jeff Hall – I'd like to welcome Tricia into the new position as Law Director and my partner in crime up here. And I will welcome Ryan as the Auditor and certainly Jim Weisent as the Deputy Auditor. We have a change in the guard. Brenda Cooper took over as Tax Administrator back in July, so we've got a few new people and that's always good and with that we look forward to the future.

Mr. Barker – I want to thank Director Hickman for taking my call as he was headed out of town on an issue over in the seventh ward that I was made aware of, we finally have all of that information we'll be able to get over to the Director tonight. Just a couple safety concerns like we've heard in the past, some things we need to work on and we will work on. I want to thank Director Rhodes for his help on a couple property maintenance issues that we've had around the city he is always eager to take the call and eager to help so ZI appreciate that. I want to thank Law Director Moore for some help she gave me on some interesting emails I was getting from someone. I appreciate her help on that. Also congratulations to her, I was able to attend her swearing in, large group of people to support her. I also want to congratulate Auditor Bubb and Deputy Auditor Weisent. Ryan it's been great serving with you. We've know each other since I was that little, a long time ago, I'm happy to see you in the Auditor position and look forward to working with you.

Mr. Blake – I want to congratulate Law Director Moore, I'm looking forward to working with you on some very serious issues. I also would like to congratulate Auditor Bubb. High School graduates, now our City Auditor, congratulations to you and new Deputy Auditor, congratulations to you both there. I just want to recognize Mr. Brunner your comment because what you just shared with us is a very traumatic experience, typically what we would see on television, when we come across a dead body on our property. So , not only the experience of you seeing that and having to go through that, but having the police and fire department come and remove that body from your property. You also spoke about your grandkids and the trauma that comes from that whole experience and now the sleeplessness you're going through. I know the day of the event you gave me a call and I'm glad that you did. I thank you for coming and publicly sharing that experience because we have had many citizens come in and out of this room now talking about this concern. I am hopeful that Law Director Moore will take theft, property damage, trespassing, what your neighbors have experienced. All of these are crimes. We need to make those arrests and get those prosecuted, so I am hopeful that we

can move in that direction to do so. It is going to take all of us to do this. We've had many conversations this year and previous years dealing with the homeless situation and in my mind the bigger issue is drug addiction and substance abuse that's going through our city. I am hopeful we can have even more discussions about how we can help the Police Chief get to these calls and what resources we need to get to him and top the officers to help them handle these situations in a more effective way. If we need to have hearings on that to have that open discussion and dialogue then we need to do that as a council to have solutions for people who are having these types of traumatic experiences. I want to recognize and thank you for coming in tonight and sharing that with your city officials. I do have some thank you I want to give out though. The Chief has helped me on some issues with other residents, property maintenance has been helpful and I want to thank Linda for your comments too. I just want to share some success. About a month ago, Director Mauter and South Newark Civic Association hosted a breakfast at St Johns Church, we had low attendance, but from that, people have been reaching out about some of the programming. I sent Director Mauter an email about a gentleman that wants some assistance with sidewalks, a woman wanting assistance from LEADS for her porch. So, even though the event was not well attended the word has gotten out about the programs, I think that's important, so thank you Director Mauter.

Mr. Fennell – I'd also like to congratulate Law Director Moore and Auditor Bubb. It's been a pleasure serving on council with you. One thing I wanted to comment on, some people have said some incredibly difficult things, even to hear, so I can't imagine what that would be like to experience it directly much less coming forward to speak about it. Also Janine, that couldn't have been easy coming up and speaking so thank you for doing that, that took courage. Coming and speaking and letting people know is how we deal with this process. We've received some messages and these are things we all want to help with. We live here too. At the same time we need to do the work to help people who are dealing with homelessness in our community. This has been really difficult time for everybody. I work in a public library and for a time our biggest thing to deal with was people coming in dealing with homelessness or addiction and then it went away, but it really didn't. It's still a problem, it's still out there and we still have work to do, just know that the people sitting up here, while we don't engage with you while you're speaking, we hear you, we write down what you say and you have people trying to do the right thing to help.

Mr. Harris – I'd like to thank Ellie Bishop for coming in to do the pledge tonight. Her parents and grandparents own Too Tall's pizza, so if you are down that way grab a pizza from them. I'd also like to thank Mr. Waugh who was here earlier to talk about the parks, we have some great parks in Licking County. I want everybody to know that everyone up here listens to what everyone says and we all care. If we didn't care we wouldn't be up here. Sometimes it's difficult for the police to get to you when you need them asap and the Safety Director is sitting right here and as you guys were speaking he was writing things down, so we're going to get out

there and do our best to help solve the problems. Your speeding on 40th Street, we should be able to help you with that. I just want you to know that we do care. The people on Wright Dr. I think if we can get that meeting set up I think we can get a better understanding and some better answers and make you guys feel better. I'd like to congratulate Mr. Bubb and Ms. Moore for their new positions, I know you'll do well. Ryan it was great serving with you on council, got a lot more room up here tonight, Mr. Weisent too and wish you guys the best.

Mr. Labutis – I'd just like to thank everyone for coming tonight and sharing your concerns. I'd also like to thank property maintenance for helping me with a couple issues in my ward. I'd like to welcome Law Director Moore to her position, I know you've done great things for the city so far and look forward to seeing what you do in the future. Auditor Bubb, it's been a pleasure serving with you and I'll miss having you sit next to me, but glad to get to work together as well. Deputy Auditor Weisent welcome, look forward to working with you as well.

Mr. Lang - First, Janine and everybody else who spoke about that situation on Wright Drive hopefully that meeting will help resolve some of those issues. Janine, if you could send me that ordinance you mentioned I'll take a look at that and work with the Law Director because obviously that needs to be reviewed and updated. Mr. Brunner, I don't know what to say except I'm sorry. That was really hard to hear and a really difficult thing for you, I don't have words, so I'll just say I'm sorry. And hopefully we can do better in the future, give you some support. Last I'll welcome Tricia, Ryan and Jim. Congratulations on your new roles and I look forward to working with you.

Mr. Marmie – I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for the 1st of November and a Service Committee Meeting. First I want to congratulate our new Law Director and I appreciate her coming out to the Block Watch meeting on Thursday and speaking to you and her words what she said about making sure you file a report, become a witness and willing to come to court is so true and so helpful because she's been the prosecutor and when that witness doesn't show up they can't do anything. I've seen this at Block Watch and being on the insurance side and knowing about risk the biggest thing you can do is light up your exterior as much as possible, but that is better than a ring camera. Light is always the best deterrent and I again like Mr. Lang said Mr. Brunner I am so sorry you had to experience that. I think our law Director is a fireball and she want to go after people and you will see that from her and her office so congratulations and I am glad you are with us and fighting on our side Law Director Moore. Mr. Bubb and Mr. Weisent, congratulations and I look forward to working with both of you, been in communication already and I appreciate it. Ryan I haven't known you since you were this big, but Jim has known me since I was this big and I've worked with Jim on a lot of different things and he's a hard working individual and Ryan I've worked with him, hard working individual. We're going to get a lot of hard work out of that office. I'm looking forward to working with the two of them and I think good things are happening in our City and there's a big example of some good things. I know some of you are experiencing some not so good

things, the trailer situation, do I need to call property maintenance in the morning about a vehicle that's unlicensed on a property or are you going to take care of that. It is illegal if it's unlicensed on a property, it's a junk vehicle and we can issue a citation. That's what I've been told in the past, if it has legal plate it's okay but if it has no plates we can write a citation, I hope we can do something there. Mr. Lang has indicated about the ordinance. I think we definitely need to update that ordinance, I don't believe that trailers should be authorized and if they are authorized should go to the BZA and I think the language needs to be written to that effect. Ms. Blaney left so I am not going to comment on that. Ms. Mossholder I will say I have done some research and I'm going to get with the Law Director's Office but from the research I've done on my own, I'm not an attorney, I believe fentanyl strips are illegal in the State of Ohio so I don't believe we will support that. Like I said, I'm not an attorney but I want to make sure we do what is correct. We do have a lot of issues facing Newark, I do believe we have some obstacles, I do think we're doing better, but we can always do more. Our Safety Director is here and he is doing his best. Staffing is an issue right now and we're working on that and I think that it will get better. Finally I want to end my comments, we lost a great one in Colin Powell. He is someone I have admired my entire life that I've known of him. Being in the military and following him and reading his book, listening to him speak, just a great man. Somebody that you could admire. He could communicate to anybody and everybody and he always made decisions that were for that particular incident. He didn't say there's a rule book that in this situation you do this he always indicated there are no two identical situations, you always make the decision based on the situation with the best information that you have. I always respected the man and his position. It's a great loss that we've had when we lost General Powell.

President Ellington – I appreciate the job you did on council all those years, you did a very nice job, were here for the right reasons so, I certainly appreciate that. Also, welcome to you Jim and Tricia in your new jobs I look forward to working with all of you. All of you will do a great job, no doubt in my mind about that. Again, if any of the neighbors to the trailer park would be interested in being a part of that meeting, after the meeting just come up here and we'll get your information if a couple three of you would like to. Our next meeting is November 1st, 5:45pm are committees 7:00pm is full council, that's the day before the election.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Mr. Harris , seconded by Mr. Labutis , passed by acclamation

Don Ellington, President of Council