

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 21, 2015

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.- President Ellington called the Monday December 21, 2015 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL- Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Guthrie, Ms. Hall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rolletta, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost

INVOCATION – Mr. Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Mr. Guthrie

CAUCUS- Mr. Guthrie- I would like to bring forth Rule 14 A which was approved by the Rules Committee last Monday.
Motion to adopt Rule 14 A by Mr. Guthrie, second by Mrs. Floyd. Motion to adopt passed by a vote of 10-0.

MINUTES- of December 7, 2015 Motion by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same, second by Mr. Rath.
Motion carried by acclamation

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hall- reappointing Mark Mauter to the Licking County Tax Incentive Review Council (TRIC). The term begins January 1, 2016 and will expire December 31, 2017. - **No objections, carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

Capital Improvement- **Received & Filed**

Rules- **Received & Filed**

Ways & Means- **Received & Filed**

Economic Development- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Stephen Johnson, City Auditor- notification that the City's Auditor's office received a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting. - **Received & Filed**

Barb Jobs, City Tax Administrator- Newark City Income Tax Revenue Report for period ending November 30, 2015.- **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Moran- his comments and concerns from the December 7, 2015 Newark City Council Meeting.- **Received & Filed**

Roger Loomis, Utility Superintendent- water bill liens to the county in the amount of \$9,184.89- **Received & Filed**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 15-27 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 135: DISPLAY SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO ADOPTED MAY 5, 2009 BY ORDINANCE 08-33 A.

This Ordinance will establish new zoning requirements for article 135 of the zoning code within the City of Newark in which it shall not apply to any church, temple, mosque or other place of religious worship and study located in an area zoned CSI pursuant to Article 34 of this code.

There were no comments received either for or against this matter.

President Ellington- before I close the public hearing I would like to state that the Planning Commission did reject this. Director Rhodes I believe stated they are planning on reviewing our entire sign ordinance in early 2016. If we are going to pass this it will take 7 votes in order to do so since the Planning Committee did not pass it.

Motion by Mr. Cost to adopt Ordinance No. 15-27, second by Mr. Guthrie

Mr. Guthrie- I was telling the Service Director earlier that I don't think in all of the years I have been in public service I don't think that I have ever voted against something I proposed but I am doing that with Ordinance 15-27. The reason I am doing that not necessarily because the Planning Commission recommendation but because the administration has made a commitment and I take them at their word. They have committed to work on this problem and I am grateful for that so for that reason I will be voting no.

Mr. Cost- I am in a similar situation as Mr. Guthrie. There are some inconsistencies I think need some work. I think it can be a better piece of legislation with some additional effort.

Motion to adopt failed by a vote of 10-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St-he would like to see his street paved by summer of 2016, pot holes in the alley behind his house fixed and asked when Cherry Valley Road was going to be done. He would like to have a flint festival.

Dave Morris- I haven't been in this chamber for a long time, I am very fond of this chamber. I sat where Mr. Cost sits now and Mr. Resta sat beside of me and I think that I probably had as good of a time in that period of time as I have had in my whole life. As I look around this room and as I think of the County Commissioners office, as I think of the State Legislature there has been very few Ohioans who have dedicated 40 years of their life to public service. Marc Guthrie is just ending a 40 year career, I personally want to thank you Marc and I suggest that we give a standing ovation.

ORDINANCES ON THE SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath, Mr. Guthrie

15-31 A AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 218 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, REGARDING MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING FOR CERTAIN ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Ordinance No. 15-31 A, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

15-32 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE POSITIONS OF GRANT WRITER, RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, AND OFFICE MANAGER/ACCOUNT CLERK AND SETTING COMPENSATION THEREFORE. THE POSITIONS OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/PLANNER, (2) BUILDING INSPECTORS, BUILDING INSPECTOR/LEAD RISK ASSESSOR, (2) OFFICE ASSISTANT/ACCOUNT CLERKS, CODE ENFORCEER WILL BE ABOLISHED.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-32 by Mrs. Floyd, second by Mr. Johnson

Mrs. Floyd- this is one of the hardest working departments, everybody in the city works hard but this department works extremely hard with very few people and I think it is very important to this community.

Motion passed by a vote of 9-1(Mr. Marmie)

ORDINANCES ON THE FIRST READING

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

15-33 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO DURING THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 2016. **Grants Budget**

Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Blake- we need to pass this and the next two pieces of legislation to fund government starting January 1st

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Ordinance No. 15-33, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 9-1(Mr. Marmie)

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

15-34 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO DURING THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 2016. All Other Budget

Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Blake- we need to pass this and the next two pieces of legislation to fund government starting January 1st

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Ordinance No. 15-34, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 9-1(Mr. Marmie)

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

15-35 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO DURING THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 2016. General Fund Budget

Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Blake- we need to pass this and the next two pieces of legislation to fund government starting January 1st

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Ordinance No. 15-35, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Blake- first I want to say thank you to the Mayor and the Auditor's Office. I think this is the first year that members of Council got the legislation and detailed information a week prior to the committees; usually we only have a weekend to review things but I think that extra week allowed the administration to reach out to members of Council and communicate. I thought that was very helpful and it was very much appreciated. I don't see Lori here but I wanted to publicly thank her for not only on the budget but also the request to compare it to the previous budget. Steve if you could pass that on to her.

Motion passed by a vote of 9-1(Mr. Marmie)

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

15-36 AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AMENDING SECTION 890.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF INCOME TAX REVENUES.

Motion by Ms. Hall to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mrs. Floyd

Ms. Hall- this has to be done by the first.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Ms. Hall to adopt Ordinance No. 15-36, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Marmie- since last week's meeting I have had numerous constituents and not just in my ward talk to me about this. They have great concern about our roads and the biggest thing they kept telling was that it shouldn't be an either or when it comes to safety forces and our streets. They are paying tax dollars and their expectations are that their streets get taken care of. Cutting the Capital Improvements budget really sets us back. Last year with a 90/10 split we had two premium holidays to offset that. I think that it is only the beginning that we are going to hear about concerns. William has come up here how many times and commented on the condition of his street. Some of our own streets aren't in the best of shape. I hope that we come up with some kind of solutions to help fund capital improvements and get more money in there in 2016 because I think that our streets are going to greatly deteriorate if that doesn't happen.

Mr. Blake- in 2014 several members of Council working with the Mayor had proposed to the citizenry some additional revenues for streets so if that option comes around again I think we really need to get a coordinated effort to tell the story to the citizens about this need. I would echo whatever campaigns come up in the future for additional revenues for

this specific purpose we should all get on board with it and look towards citizens to help us with that endeavor.

Motion passed by a vote 9-1(Mr. Marmie)

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-37 DECLARING TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIVER TRAILS PROJECT, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE RESPECTIVE PARCELS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Ordinance No. 15-37, second by Mr. Johnson

Mr. Rath- we have to declare an emergency on this to meet budgetary calendar restrictions.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SECOND READING

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-103 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 WITH THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-103 by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

15-104 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BASE RATE FOR THE STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICE CHARGE AS AUTHORIZED BY CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-104 by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 9-1(Mr. Marmie)

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-106 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- CI

Motion by Ms. Hall to adopt Resolution No. 15-106, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

15-108 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE LOG POND RUN DIVERSION CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Cost to adopt Resolution No. 15-08, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Cost- we have a deadline we need to meet.

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote.

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-109 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF NET EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT REVENUE

Motion by Mr. Bubb to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Bubb- this is a key component to make sure that our budget is able to be balanced.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution 15-109, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Guthrie- I am grateful that the administration was willing to sunset this for a year from next week so that the new Council can take it up again next year and discuss the merits for it.

Motion passed by a vote of 8-2(Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath)

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-110 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND DISAPPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- EXPEDITE

Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution No. 15-110, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Blake- this resolution contains several sections that will clean up the books for end of year business.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-110 by Mr. Blake, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-111 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, FOR 2016.

Held for a Second Reading

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-112 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR THE OFF-SITE DISPOSAL OF LIME SLUDGE FROM LAGOON #3 AT NEWARK'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Held for a Second Reading

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-113 A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS PARCEL # 054-245358-00.000, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, FOR MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING 21st AND CHURCH STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF SUCH LANDS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-113 by Mr. Cost, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

15-114 A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS PARCEL # 054-233580-00.000, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, FOR MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING 21st AND CHURCH STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF SUCH LANDS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-114 by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St- thanked City Council for approve the budget and told Mr. Guthrie that he would miss him and then wished City Council a Merry Christmas.

Tim Waldron, 167 S 2nd St- Marc you and I are dinosaurs up here, you have been here almost as long as I have, 38 years

you have been off and on. We fought a lot over the years but we got stuff done. We got streets and alleys paved now we can't get a pot hole filled but we can get things downtown.

Mark Fraizer, 20 W North Street- I want to thank members of Council, President of Council and citizens of Newark for giving me the opportunity to represent the city in the next coming four years. Mr. Guthrie you have had a great tenor and have a lot to look back on and reflect and I know that you have a lot of priorities ahead of you in the next couple of years and I wish you the best in your endeavors. I pray for your granddaughter and hope for the best for her and your family. With that being said I look for to the opportunity of this Council to improve the City of Newark and to work with the administration to move the city forward. I appreciate all of your support. I know all of you are the tenor people here and I look forward to taking lessons from you and adding input where required. I look forward to working with the administration over the next four years as well. I really hope that we can see a better Newark after our time.

Daniel Crawford, 163 S 2nd St- relayed an experience that he had with Mr. Guthrie and spoke of his compassion and how he learned what a public servant should be like.

Paul Moran, 63 N 4th St- shared his thoughts on what a public official should be like at all levels. He urged bicyclists to avoid traffic whenever and wherever possible. He wished Mr. Guthrie the best in his retirement.

Dave McElfresh, 153 N 39th St- thanked Mr. Guthrie for his service. Mr. Guthrie has been a tireless advocate for public employees going back to the 80's when he fought for public employees to have collective bargaining rights. He continues those efforts throughout his career knowing that employees are an important part of what makes government work. He has always made sure that he has watched out for everybody and I thank you for that.

MISCELLANEOUS

Law Director- Marc I will miss seeing you up here, it will be weird not having you involved in politics but somehow I think we will see you around for a little bit to come.

Mayor Hall- Councilman Guthrie I want to wish you the best in retirement. Thank you for all of your service in the public sector and certainly the number of years here for the City of Newark it has been a pleasure working with you. I wish you the best. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Floyd- I know that next year is going to be tough for most of us because of the situation financially that we are in but as you get older you learn this too shall pass. Things will get better down the road. I think we have seen a lot of changes in this community; we have a lot of growing pains before we get done. I am hoping in two years all of downtown is done, Hudson and Mt. Vernon are done and the new bridge is done. I think we will be looking forward to a whole new City of Newark which I think is wonderful. I would like to thank all of the employees in Newark, the administration and members of Council who have worked tirelessly to make sure that these things get accomplished. I first met Marc when he was in high school and I was in the legal women voters and we took a trip to New York City where I was a chaperone. He was in a group of students from Heath. There were students from Newark, Utica and others. We went to New York City to observe United Nations in action. Marc wasn't in my group so I didn't really get to know him but over the years I have gotten to know him and respect him as a great public servant who has done a lot as a teacher, obviously collective bargaining was very important to me and his work in the State legislator to get collective bargaining legislation was extremely important. I know that everybody in this room doesn't always agree with Marc, I don't think that any of us agree with all of us all the time we all have our own ways at looking at things but Marc has always cared about the people whether it was the City, the County or the State he has always cared about the people and he has shown that through the work that he has done and the things that he has done and for that thank you Marc. Merry Christmas everybody.

Ms. Hall- I would like to thank Marc for his support over the last couple of years. I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday. I wish everyone here a safe holiday as well.

Mr. Johnson- I can echo everyone's thoughts and I want to mention the wonderful opening of the fire station last week. It was a nice day, a good crowd and a beautiful opening. Marc I wish you well in your retirement and I too thank you for your service. I know we probably wouldn't have agreed on a lot of things but that is the wonderful thing about the country we live in we have that opportunity to agree to disagree and to disagree. There are not a lot of countries in the world that have that opportunity. Good Luck to you.

Mr. Marmie- this evening I said no more than my entire time on Council. Every single no that I stated this evening were related to each other. I can't support a pay raise with our current financial situation and so I didn't support the changing of the pay ranges. I also didn't support the budget the way that it is. I just feel that we really owe it to our citizens as far as making sure our infrastructure is solid. I don't disagree with the Mayor when he says that our number one priority is our safety forces that have always been my number one priority also. We changed two pieces of legislation that previous Council passed in order to try to secure the financial stability of the city and now we are messing with that again. I can understand an exception to the rule but now two years in a row I think that the exception is the rule. I hope that we find some creative ways to make sure that we can actually operate within our budget in a way that we set aside money for capital improvements to make sure that our streets are improving at the same time that our safety forces are strong. I can't support an increase in the storm water utility at this point. Here we are talking about increasing that or going to hard billing possibly on the EMS and then we are also going to turn around and if what Jeremy is saying is true then the request for increasing taxes is just around the corner. I can't see making it more difficult for our citizens to live in the City of Newark and for it to cost more with everything else that is going on. I just could not support that at this point. I think that we need to make sure that we are doing things in a conservative fashion to make sure that the tax dollars that are already allocated are being spent wisely and they are prioritized in the manner they should. I wanted to explain why I went on my no tangent this evening. Finally I want to wish Marc the best in his future. I am reluctant to use the word retirement because I know Marc and that isn't in his vocabulary. He is going to sit back and say how did I work? I just know that he is going to be involved in things because that is the type of person he is. I am positive our paths will cross again because I know that he gets involved and he likes to make sure that things that are a worthy cause are recognized. I really do appreciate everything he has done in his time to make sure that whatever the cause he made sure he was 100% all in. Curtis mentioned we don't always agree but that is fine, that is why we want to debate, we want to make sure that we have looked at every single angle and at the end of the day whether I vote no or he votes no on something it's not personal, it is something that we have our beliefs. I am glad that there are people in this country that have strong beliefs and that they stand by them. Marc has always done that and I have always tried to do that too. You can almost say that Marc and I are alike; well I wouldn't go that far. I wish him and his family well. I want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Rath- I hear people talk about the downtown and putting all of the time, effort and money into downtown and I have always been all for that and a great supporter of that but I am also a greater supporter and for the rest of the city as well and today we passed 15-37, 15-104, 15-113, 15-114 all ordinances that are going to effect a very positive improvement to areas of 21st Street, Church Street, 30th Street, Buckeye Ave and River Road, all areas outside of the downtown area. Unfortunately it is not one spot and one grandiose effort so a lot of people won't see it or recognize it but they are going to be some significant improvements and I am very happy about that. Mr. Guthrie we haven't agreed on much but somebody once said that if we all agreed then 9 of us wouldn't be necessary so thank you for making me necessary. Seriously, 40 years of public service is commendable and I appreciate your service and your willingness to do that. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Rolletta- like everyone else I want to thank Mr. Guthrie for his years of service. Marc I truly believe that the work you have done as a Councilman and as a County Commissioner and as a State Representative our community is a better place to live. I think your compassion should really inspire all of us to be the best elected officials we can be so I want to thank you.

Mr. Blake- I would like to thank the Fire Chief and the Mayor, we took the Youth Council to the fire house last week and I thought that the teen leaders enjoyed that. I think the Youth Council has come along well this year with visiting different city facilities and learning about the executive branch. Next month we are going to visit the Judiciary; we are taking the Youth Council to visit Judge Stansbury. I think they are doing a good job with learning different local government aspects. I thank the Mayor for his partnership on that and the different administrators that hosted the youth Council at their facilities. When you talk about the Youth Council or any type of our citizenry it brings up constituents services and if anything about Mr. Guthrie that I have learned, my take away would be is when someone calls or emails is to follow up. That person has taken the time out of their busy day and whatever concern they might have they have reached out to their elected official. Marc I have seen you work with different constituents over the

years so that would be my take away from observing you and from seeing you as a mentor is that is constituent service above all else is very important. Giving that person the opportunity to vent, we are here to take that role, to take that responsibility. It is part of our elected duties and I have learned that from you. When I was a staffer in the State Senate I remember fondly the stories from people that were there long before I of the 80's of when Gene Branstool, Marc Guthrie and the whole collective bargaining process was going through the General Assembly even when you came back to visit people knew who you were because of your leadership on that and other things. Being a servant leader, a humble leader and being a leader that has great experiences and shares those experiences I thank you for that. I know your passion and love for public service. I know your next passion; your next chapter is going to be Karis' Cause and is going to be the benefit for your grandbaby and other children in our community and our state. The Advocate wrote a few articles about Karis and I had them frame a few of the articles that were in the paper and I thought that you might like them to hang on your wall. Merry Christmas everyone.

Mr. Bubb- good luck in the future I certainly wish you the best and I would also like to welcome new Councilman Mark Fraizer who will be joining us at the beginning of the year. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Cost- I would like to congratulate Steve Johnson and his staff for the award that they received. Thank you so much that is a pretty incredible thing that you do. Marc you have been an amazing public servant. After 41 years of service I still have to tell you is that what I admire you most for is for what you are doing with Karis' Cause. That is amazing and really hits home for a lot of us. Early in this campaign we had a meeting and The Dispatch came over and did a story about the meeting we had and when they wrote the article I wasn't sure I was at the same meeting they were at because they referred to Mr. Bubb as being a Democrat, me as being a Republican and Mr. Guthrie as being 41 years old. Needless to say Marc was the only one happy about the article. Thank you so much for everything and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Guthrie- Carol I didn't tell you this when we talked about the United Nations Tour but some of us male students did some things on that trip that probably slipped by. Thank goodness for us Catholics we have confession. Someone mentioned something about being humble and since this is my last opportunity to talk about my past. When I was a young County Commissioner I was probably a pain in the neck because I was in the office all the time so I was taking a very high percentage of the complaints, Ryan your dad can relate to this I'm sure. One day one of the secretaries was off so I was answering the calls and I had three really difficult calls, it was not going well at all and about the fourth call I had a woman said to me "I will not speak to anyone lower than a Commissioner" and I said ma'am I don't think today there is anyone lower than a Commissioner but she made me humble. That is an important part. I appreciate the fact that some comments have been made about serving constituents. When I was in the legislature I was blessed to have a great staff including Barbara Gilkes and it was first and foremost to take care of people. Anybody could look back at my years I served in the House of Representatives and in those 6 terms I represented a Republican District the whole time so I knew I had to be a good advocate for my district and I believe that is the key to success for all Elected Officials is being responsive and returning the phone calls and letting people know that you care about them. I want to thank you Mr. President and every member of Council for your service to our city. I am grateful for all of you who voted for the Ethics proposals tonight. I know that in lots of ways these measures are educational and in some ways symbolic but they do send an important message to our citizens about public ethics and the fact that it is important to us as a City Council. I would like to take a few minutes to reflect upon some things as I depart this evening that I considered to be my failures. I should probably talk about the high points but one of my disappointments is my failure to convince others that the people of Newark deserve the opportunity to vote on whether or not our city should be a non-partisan city. I have advocated for this before two Charter Commissions without success. Before too long you folks will establish a new Charter Commission and my hope is that you will appoint folks that are open to letting the people decide as to whether we should have non-partisan elections in Newark Ohio. Well over half of Ohio's charter cities have gone to non-partisan elections and I will always feel that the people of Newark should always have the opportunity to decide whether it is a good option for Newark. I believe that they will make a sound judgement on that issue. Similarly I am disappointed that I have not had success in the area of trash hauling. I will always believe that we can create a plan which would keep trash pick-up in the private sector would respect our economic needs of our trash haulers in our city but at the same time

reduce the number of trucks on our residential streets and more importantly a greatly reduced cost of trash service to our residents as many other communities in Licking County have done. Many folks come before Council advocating for neighborhoods, property maintenance, transportation, job creation and in some ways, several of you here tonight I consider you to be the conscience of the city. I respect you and I believe that everybody on the Council respects you and I will miss hearing your concerns brought forward. Many of them especially in the area of transportation, we just haven't had the resources to do some of the things that I wish we could have done and I think others wish we could have done too. I am going to spare you my rant on cuts from State Government other than to say that the State of Ohio in my opinion has done a great disservice to cities like Newark. By taking funds that Newark taxpayers send to Columbus away from us. It causes our citizens to suffer. I can remember going clear back when Dick Baker was Mayor, when Bill Moore was Mayor and when Mary Lusk was Mayor talking about these kinds of issues and how important it was to have County and State assistance for the city to help the city because we often need a hand up from State Government and from County Government to assist us as we try to advance the best interest of our citizens. I am sure during my tenure some of you viewed me as being in the tank so to speak for our employees. In all my years in public service I have believed that you could maintain balance resources and salaries of public employees. It is up to negotiators, mediators and arbitrators to keep that balance and then Council has to make a judgement. Prior to Ohio's 1983 Collective Bargaining Law there was no balance. Mr. Morris may remember that as a member of City Council. It was known as collective begging. Today we have a fair process and I am very proud of it. I know that there is going to be some discussion next year about revenue and a tax levy and I encourage you as part of that discussion to consider splitting any revenue from a tax proposal equally between our streets and our safety. Our man power in both Police and Fire are willfully inadequate. I feel it would be short sided not to use at least half the revenue generated to protect our citizens. Please consider this because the likely hood for support from our citizens for an additional tax of any sort will hinge to a great degree on whether we are keeping them safe in their neighborhoods. Finally I want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday. To Mayor Hall and your cabinet God speed to you. I wish you must success Mayor. Mr. Sassen I hope Clemson delivers you a National Championship, anyone but the SCC please. Auditor Johnson best of wishes on your continued good works. I was proud to support your raise. I have been proud to be recognizing you for several years, tonight being the 24th time for your good work as our City Auditor. I want to thank our city employees, people who are working right now to keep us safe, if there were snow they would be working to keep our streets clean and probably wishing it was so they could get a little bit of over time. I have heard the Mayor say we are operating on a thin budget so I wanted to thank the city employees. I have always thought that being the Union President has got to be the lousiest job on the face of the earth. Here you are working for your employer and you are fighting and you are fighting for your fellow workers. There can't be a hell of a lot of Union Presidents that get a lot of promotions if they are doing their job the way they should of course. As I say good night I ask you to keep Karis in your prayers she is along with a lot of other children are spending the night at Children's tonight so pray for her and all her little friends and all the children everywhere that are suffering from disease and neglect. Thank you, God bless you and best wishes.

President Ellington- I would like to add that I wish you and your family well in your retirement. Thank you for your service. Thank you all of you for your attendance and attention I know it was a long meeting tonight. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you and unless there is an emergency we won't see you until next year.

ADJOURNMENT- motion by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Rath. Motion carried by acclamation.