

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 01, 2013

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Mr. Ellington called the Monday July 1, 2013 Newark City Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL- Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Ms. Stare, Mr. Bubba, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Frost, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Houdeshell, Mrs. Loomis

INVOCATION – Mrs. Loomis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Newark Catholic 2013 State Champs baseball team

MINUTES- June 17, 2013 Motion by Mr. Rath second by Mrs. Loomis that the minutes of June 17, 2013 Council meeting be approved as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of council has received written summary of same. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received and Filed**

Capital Improvements- **Received and Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Hall- presented the Newark Catholic Boys High School Baseball team with a proclamation for obtaining the 2013 State Championship title for the 7th time.

Comments from Coach Cannizzaro and Doug Marmie followed.

Mike Milewsky- an email received expressing his opposition to Newark's Vicious Dog Ordinance-**Received and Filed**

Ohio Division of Liquor Control- notification they received a new application for a liquor license from Trent Cowgill for the property at 927 N 21st St- **Received and Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher- 129 W Mains St, asked what the City was going to do about the parking lot by him and the vacant building across from him.

Pete Gibney- 1335 Krebs Dr, reminded Council that about a month ago he brought up a concern of his regarding the lack of a guardrail on Sharon Valley Rd just north or west of Hamilton. He stated that there didn't appear to have been anything done about that yet, however he said he realized it may have been a short time frame. He suggested that a safety system similar to what they use on the interstate with the metal stakes and wire that runs between the metal stakes as opposed to a guardrail. He said he feels something certainly needs to be done there and was surprised that over the years no one has run off that ditch but perhaps that was because the trees were. The other point he mentioned was beside his problem with the speed limit there, it looks like Log Pond Run is getting congested with weeds. He asked that if it was something the City could address that they take a look at it.

David Greene 1791 Olympic Ct and David Farmer 340 Eastern Ave- Mr. Greene stated that David Farmer brought to his attention that he is a tenant at Washington Square; the managers are Harvest Management of that complex. He stated David is an experienced cartoonist, he passed around a cartoon, and that he lived in Michigan as a very skillful professional cartoonist. He said he is living at Washington Square and has been active with the tenant association at Washington Square. Mr. Greene stated that Mr. Farmer recently reported to him that he put the particular cartoon flyer which was just passed around on the outside of his door. The cartoon is critical of Harvest Management. The cartoon is about bedbugs, the problem with bedbugs as you know because we have spoken on this before; tenants have spoken about a problem with bedbugs at the apartments, at one point it looked like they were eradicated but they are back there are bedbugs, there is still an infestation at the apartment complex, senior citizens are still dealing with this problem. So the cartoon which is a picture of the secretary responding to the question are there bedbugs at Harvest Management and there are many bedbugs around her while she is responding no that they are not a problem or something like that. He had this up on his door at his apartment; he understands that management took it down threw

it away and he received a phone call that said that if he continued to criticize Harvest Management or put up cartoons like this or something of that form he would be evicted. Considering what Rhonda Loomis's introduction was to this City Council meeting of celebrating the Constitution of the United States and the founding of this Country, there are many pieces of law that support this besides the Constitution including the Ohio Tenants Land Lords Law, which prohibits retaliation against tenants' rights to free speech and organization. I am convinced that Mr. Farmer is telling the truth and that he had this conversation and I think that it is outrageous that this should happen.

Mr. Farmer- stated what he couldn't understand was how these people could continue to break the law, the law that was to protect him and people like him. What makes them so unique?

Mr. Greene- passed out a cartoon that he wrote recently, the cartoon has a picture of a tenant, you can guess it is a picture of a tenant who is gauged and his hands are also bandaged. This is a very professional respected person and this is a picture of him being told not to speak and the quote from management here is "you will not opionate or never, never, never depict anything pertaining to Harvest Management, if so you will be tossed to the curb, you have no rights."

Mr. Farmer- stated that that came from the CO

Mr. Greene- stated that he is reporting this conversation just to give you more information. Two drawings were taking from space provided for me, my rent space. I inquired at the office and was informed by management that the CO had removed them during a tour of the building and wanted to speak to me, this is what he was told. Management owned the CO, was informed by the CO regarding drawing they were inferior and not in good taste and to never, never draw or depict Harvest Management in any form or fashion or I would be put out of the apartment. I am not allowed to be opinioned regarding Harvest Management, I have no rights. He stated it was signed by David Farmer.

Mr. Farmer- asked where they get the power.

Emil Davis- 197 Pierson Blvd, expressed his concern regarding an unsafe situation that the closing of Mt. Vernon Rd had caused on the side streets Pierson, Hampton and Stare Rd. There wasn't very much signage that was placed up on Mt. Vernon Rd and the text billboard had just been placed up the day before stating the road was going to be closed. This morning there was a heavy volume of semi-truck traffic coming up and down Pierson Blvd. He stated he had just surveyed the situation before he had gotten there. He stated that there is only one detour sign that is stating which way to go when you are coming from the north end of town. He stated that there wasn't any signage at Deo Dr stating the road is closed in front of you then you have no alternative then to go up to Pierson and then the locals and others he assumed were just trying to get down there way taking them down Hampton which is a tiny road as well, which are not designed to handle a large traffic load. He asked if there was anyone Council or Mayor could direct him to in order to discuss his concerns.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Ms. Stare, Mr. Rath

13-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 222.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-13 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

13-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1610 OF THE NEWARK CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE OR EXPLOSION.

Motion by Mr. Guthrie to adopt Ordinance 13-16, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Guthrie- noted this legislation simply brings us into conformance with the Ohio Revised Code and all of the applicable Fire Prevention and Inspection Codes in our State and Country

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Floyd, Ms. Stare

13-19 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFTEY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$21,598.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO **Held to First Reading**

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

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

13-55 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HEREINAFTER NAMED ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED WITHIN NEWARK'S FY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 13-55, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion Passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Ms. Stare, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Loomis

13-56 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO SELL CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN BY INTERNET AUCTION

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 13-56, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath- explained that this a variety of material such as desks, cabinets and things of that nature that the City no longer needs which will be sold through an internet auction.

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Floyd, Ms. Stare, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

13-57 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(100 General Fund: Fire Safety Supplies- \$2,800.00; 621 Water Dept Fund: waterline-\$31,500.00; 669 Storm Water Utility Fund: Storm lines- \$300,000.00

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 13-57, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a 10-0 vote

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

13-60 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND SELL CERTAIN REAL ESTATE NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopted Resolution No. 13-60, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Rath-explained that this is for three different parcels, one on Waterworks Rd, Mt. Vernon Rd and Bryn Mawr Dr that are owned by the City and not needed therefore we are going to sell those parcels.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Floyd, Ms. Stare, Mr. Cost

13-61 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(100 General Fund: Bldg Ground Maintenance, Courthouse flowers-\$1327.00; 669 Storm Water Utility: Professional Services, EPA permit-\$100,000.00; 100 General Fund: Bldg Ground Maintenance, Courthouse fountain-\$1,650.00; 100 General Fund: Non-health Ins, check from Wells Fargo/Public Entities Pool of Ohio-\$28,252.97; 422 Debt Fund: Principal Pymt 2.2 M construction note- \$2,200,000.00)
Held to First Reading

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Floyd, Ms. Stare, Mr. Cost

13-62 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(335 Capital Improvement Fund: Services General, Cemetery bldg. maintenance and repairs-\$3,000.00)

Held to First Reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Celia Kendal- 5210 3rd St Washington D.C., stated she is the Chief Executive Officer of Harvest Management Group. She wanted to speak on behalf of Harvest Management about some of the complaints that have been brought to your attention by Mr. Farmer and his representative. She read a portion of a letter written by their service contractor for pest control, Terminix. The letter was dated May 13th. "In response to our discuss (it was regarding another tenant Ms. Kendal noted) please note that as the inspector for Terminix, I can say without hesitation that Harvest Management Group, Shiloh Neighborhood Housing Development Corporation and the staff of both organizations have completely complied with all recommendations set forth for treatment of bedbugs and other pests within the building and eradication of all pests. This effort has been collaboration between all individuals with a strong focus on causing the least amount of resident intrusion. I wish to say that management and staff have followed each recommendation offered and even took on the added cost of supplying each resident with mattress and box spring encasements provided by Terminix. I have found all staffing cooperative, inquisitive, and determined to address each issue we have discovered. The staff has always conducted themselves in a compassionate and professional manner while dealing with residents in my presence. In closing, I wish to say that each property within Harvest Management Group that I have had the opportunity to work with regarding pest control is very accommodating to heed the recommendations, requirements, and suggestions all the while addressing physical and emotional needs of residents both prior to and in follow up treatment. Ms. Kendal passed the letter to Councilmembers for their observation. She wanted Council to know that she has not personally had the scheduling availability to visit Washington Square Plaza so she is not sure when Mr. Farmer's flyers were taken down. She stated she did not personally take them down and that she hasn't been there since mid-April. She said while they encourage free speech, I would like Council to know that there is a grievance policy that we have so we are not inciting panic on the rest of the property and so that we are respecting the other residents. There is an order and a protocol for doing those sorts of things. That protocol is conspicuously posted within Washington Square Plaza. To date, I have two outstanding work orders, one that came in at 4:59 P.M. today for a light bulb that needs replaced and the other one was regarding a tenant in a motorized wheelchair speeding down the hallway on the 3rd floor. While I am compassionate for what Mr. Farmer is going through, I don't believe it to be a wide spread problem. I find the staff at the Plaza to be passionate about serving seniors. Our company is passionate about service and providing excellence in customer service that our tenants need. The work order procedure should an individual actually have a situation like bedbugs it does happen from time to time in housing, that work order procedure is posted for tenants to follow. To date like I said I have two work orders. The strongest argument I can give on behalf of our management company is please take the time to come visit our property, talk to the residents. We are currently installing a \$139,000.00 camera surveillance system in our Newark area properties and I know a lot of residents are really excited about it. Today at the Plaza we spent \$15,000.00 in lawn furniture to try to encourage them to go outside and enjoy the weather while it is still warm and to socialize among each other. Really helping them sort of age in place better and to help the quality of care provided at Harvest Management and exceed that of other facilities. Thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to speak. I know we will do what we can to follow up with Mr. Farmer to make sure he is as comfortable as we can make him. The last thing that I want to let you know is that the Plaza has 103 residents and while we do what we can do to make everybody happy it just is not always possible, it's not always feasible. Please take the time and go to the Plaza and talk to the residents, talk to the majority and find out how they feel about their experience. Take a look around the hallways and common areas and see all the work we have done there and I think that will change your mind about any misconceptions that may exist.

James Childers- 1550 Lamae Ave, thanked Ms. Stare for contacting Chuck and getting him to clean up Horns Hill Park, the race track that was up there. Chuck doesn't get the credit he deserves like Mr. Frost said, he has a lot of work load. He stated that they took it down and they are going to plant grass seed, I was up there before I came here tonight and it looks excellent. I also looked about there because Mr. Guthrie called it; you wanted to shut it down. There have been 3 police reports up there this year and 4 last year that is it, so you called it a security risk; I am trying to figure that out. I also have all the reports on the road and most of the reports on the road have been security checks for the school. I spoke to Chuck and he gave me full permission to go up there and clean any of the trash and the containers that go with the recycling program, The Green Team who is working with the County Commissioners on that, I would like to thank Mr. Spurgeon on that he was working with Lindsey Graham. We are going to add some more containers because we had a problem today at Fory Park, they are going to change the days from Tuesday and Thursday to like Monday, Wednesday, Friday. They are going to add three more to Cherry Valley and two at Granville Rd. He also thanked Al Zellner who was not there that night for putting the speed thing he talked about on Deo Dr, it was broke was the reason it wasn't out, they stuck it out there Monday. I can't get a police report on that until they take it down. He stated that it

has slowed down quite a bit. He stated that he heard another gentleman mention Goosepond and that is a definite problem, I live right off Goosepond. My dad got passed on Goosepond with a double yellow line. He stated that he has permission to go to all the North Newark and other baseball parks to get all the trash out of there. He stated once they found another site that would get better and that is the problem right there finding one. He thanked Ms. Stare for calling him back. He said as far as closing down that park, it isn't going to come down in your wildest dreams. There is too much money involved; we have people coming from all around going up there, other states and counties. We did have a little bit for problem up there but I was up there and it looks excellent. He said they are still looking for volunteers to clean up these sites. As far as it being a security risk he said that was the most ridiculous statement he has heard, it used to be but it's not now. It is a historical park too. You want to tear it down, that would be a waste everyone has told me that that is the best park they have ever seen, the most beautiful park out of all the parks in this County. He thanked Mr. Bubb again for the job he is doing over there of the paving of the apartment complex. He said he has been talking to the Police force about putting up more of the speed machines but there are only so many.

Jeremy Blake- 71 Ganior Ave, he invited everyone to the South End neighborhood picnic at the Moose Lodge on July 13th from 12-2 P.M. He stated that they are going to have a dunk tank there and that he hadn't approached the Mayor about getting into the tank yet. There will be other games for kids and food. We also have a second picnic that is in partnership with the Works museum, he passed out flyers to each council member, and it is on July 26th is to celebrate the Who South Newark Project that they have been working on. Right now if you go into the 2nd St entrance of the Works Museum Complex you will see posters of families that live in the neighborhood and you will see poems from interviews with those families. This picnic that is partially being paid for by Park National Bank will have food and music, it is just another celebration. Summertime is a time for celebrating and those are two events that I wanted to make sure that Council and the public were invited to. Good news, we did recently receive news that the South Newark Civic Association is now a 501 C 3 organization, it took 8 months but we are now accepting donations and you can write them off of your IRS taxes.

Mark Christenberry- 143 Maholm St, stated he was approached about a year ago about parking issues downtown people didn't feel safe. I own a towing company, Heavy Duty Truck and Trailer Repair and Towing. It is common for towing companies to deal with tow away zones throughout Newark. The ladies that came to me are small in stature; they complained to me that they had been pushed to the ground pushed against the building, spit on, beat up different things. We took our wreckers down and we started to try to pull violators out of the area, we changed the signs, we did all the things that we needed to do legally we signed the contracts. It really isn't feasible to use a wrecker, the size of the spots that people park are too small, by the time you get one out and back it's just really not feasible. And that is the reason why people don't really have to behave downtown Newark on private property. So we put our heads together about what we needed to do, where we thought we needed to go. Immobilization was the next place to visit. I called Columbus, State Highway Patrol, and a lot of different places to try to figure out exactly what I needed to do. As we went through the process we found out there is no real regulation on booting or immobilizing cars, it just doesn't really exist. He said a lady in Columbus said they leave it to the municipalities. I felt that in towing regulations, actually picking up a car and towing it away, we felt that, it says in the law that if you jack the car but you don't actually tow it away then the individual; who owns the car should be allowed to pay half price. The State law talks about \$90.00 if it is towed away, \$45.00 if it is not towed away. We decided that we were going to boot cars; we were going to do this service for the property owner and charge \$45.00. We started and have been relatively successful; people are starting to mind downtown. We send two man crews out for their own safety; a couple of the gentlemen are cadets at COTC. We have put our head into this and we have really tried to do what is right and necessary. He discussed the City's Ordinance 407.2 and that it discusses immobilization for the Police the Police are allowed to immobilize a car. Immobilization of cars, the precedence is set it is in the law it is there. It just has never been built into private property parking. I am here tonight to ask if it is possible that maybe the Safety Committee look into putting those words into 452.05, it would save a lot of messing around, I would assume the signage would be the same. At this point I didn't even have to put signs up; I can charge any amount that I wanted, I don't think that is responsible. And now that it has become an issue I think that it may be best if the Safety Committee would look at it. I don't know any other Committee to look at it; I have looked at what all the different Committees do. Again 407.2 is what the police are allowed to do, everywhere it says impound it says or immobilize, I would hope that we could do something like that with 452.05 which is private parking. I believe what you have pretty much mimics the State law. If anybody else would want to do it I would give the job up if, it's not like it is a lot of fun, it is more about making people downtown behave. You have individuals in town who rent property who only have 6 parking spaces and they depend on those parking spaces for them to do business. He relayed a conversation that he had with Mr. Martin who according to Mr. Christenberry was the individual that rumors were going

around about him being sued for booting vehicles. He said he would be happy to discuss this with them and thought other towing companies would also. He asked again if possible that the Safety Committee look into it.

Mr. Ellington- referred Mr. Christenberry to Director Spurgeon.

Director Spurgeon- stated that he has had a conversation with Mr. Christenberry and that he has asked for an opinion from the Law Director. While the practice is not prohibited, I cannot find anything in the law that allows it, so I am well abreast of the problem. I am sympathetic to the challenges the private sector is facing, I believe a discussion is in order.

Mr. Ellington- asked if the three of them were going to work on it and advise Council of what they find out.

Director Spurgeon- what I am saying Mr. President is that I will be happy to participate but I don't know that the Administration would be bringing a solution, a recommended revision to the Ordinance.

Mr. Ellington- asked that they just advise Council of what happens and they would go from there.

ADMINISTRATION

City Auditor, Stephen E Johnson- he thanked Council for passing Ordinance 13-13, he said it would solve some finance issues in his office.

Law Director- stated that he returned from vacation that day and did find an email from Director Spurgeon regarding the booting of vehicles. Booting of vehicles is not permitted in the City of Newark. Mr. Martin had in the past put boots on vehicles that were parked in his parking lot without permission and he discontinued that practice years ago because it is not legal. Council can make it legal much like they did when they passed an Ordinance authorizing persons who own private property and have vehicles parked without permission on that property to post signs, impose fines and tow vehicles. It is a well written fairly self-explanatory piece of legislation. But that was then the only thing that allows for the towing of someone's vehicle from private property. Currently the law does not permit the application of a boot. If Council is interested in doing that a piece of legislation would be absolutely necessary because apparently it is not legal to do that.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee meeting

Mr. Rath- called a Service Committee meeting. He mentioned the tragedy of the 19 firefighters who lost their lives in Arizona and hoped that we would keep their families in our thoughts and prayers. He addressed Mr. Farmer's question about where do people get the power, he told Mr. Farmer people only get the power when you give them the power. As far as free speech, if you put a cartoon on your door, keep putting it up. Ms. Kendal you talked about a proper order of protocol for grievances and if somebody is going to file a grievance with the property, yes you need to file a grievance and follow the process for filing a grievance but to put a cartoon up on a door stating an opinion, we do editorial cartoons in the newspaper all the time, people have the right to express their opinion. They are renting that facility; I got to believe that they are well within their rights.

Congratulations to the Newark Catholic baseball team and to Mr. Childers I am glad to hear that progress is being made.

Ms. Stare- wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July and thanked Jeremy for mentioning the two outings, the one on July 13th from 12-2 and that is the same day of the Jazz and Ribs Fest however the times won't interfere with one another.

Mr. Bubb- called for a Personnel Committee meeting.

Mr. Cost- stated that he has the pleasure of attend the beginnings of two neighborhood block watch programs. It is very encouraging and it is nice to see that citizens are interested and willing to step and help out. I would encourage it in other parts of the City.

Mrs. Floyd- congratulated the Newark Catholic baseball team; she stated that it was exciting a member of Council to applaud a team or an individual who has basically helped Newark make the news that is always a wonderful thing. In terms of block watch groups, in the 7th Ward there are actually two block watch groups. They both have been working actively; they both have had the police there working with them. I agree with Mr. Cost, it is one way citizens can truly be involved as long as they don't just become gripe sessions but people actually trying to help themselves, not actually take the law into their own hands but contact police officers when they see something they think needs to be corrected. I think it is sad in a week when we are all saying thank you for our freedoms and we appreciate everything that our founding fathers did. As a history teacher sometimes when I look back at what that group of men did, they were in effect taking their lives in their own hands; they could have been considered traitors and could have been shot. The fact that they were willing to actually declare their freedom is such an exciting thing. It is too bad that we have to be talking about free speech. I agree that Mr. Farmer should have the right to draw a cartoon and post it on his door and I hope that someone does look into to be sure nothing like that happens again. Freedom of speech is something that we all up here depend on that is why we have comments from citizens so that you have the right to say how you feel about things

that are going on. We may not always agree with you, we may not always be able to do something about it; sometimes we can't do as much as you think we can. Free speech is a vital right that we have and so much of the world doesn't have that. We are blessed to live in a Country where we have so many rights that others don't have.

Mr. Frost- Happy 4th everybody and I would like to thank our veterans who help keep us safe and keep those freedoms available. To Mr. Childers he said he was glad that he had more positive comments tonight. To Mr. Christenberry I just want to make sure that you understand that I think the Newark Police Department does a great job. You were talking about some individuals who didn't feel safe for parking and I know that we are talking about block watches and all but Newark is a safe city, it is a very safe city compared to most cities its' same size. The Newark Police Department does a fantastic job, the Mayor does a great job and so does bill Spurgeon so I just want to make sure we keep things positive and keep that in mind.

Mr. Guthrie- I would like to ask and we can't have any dialogue but I would like to ask the representative of Harvest Management if at some point you could provide me with a copy of your grievance procedures. I would just like to know what those procedures are if it is possible that I could have a copy. I would like to thank Mr. Farmer for his willingness to come forward before City Council. I would also like to thank Mr. Childers for coming forward. I did want to make a couple of comments regarding Horns Hill. First, I really want to encourage folks who are interested in my position on Horns Hill to read the minutes of Council and read what I actually said regarding Horns Hill. I think that we should look at all of the aspects of Horns Hill Park including the history of it, the deed whether there are any deed restrictions, our assets up there which I specifically mentioned in the Council meeting because of course we have to protect our assets up there. Now I do want to say and this is my biggest request of every single person in this room and that is visit Horns Hill Park and don't just go up there once, go up several times. I went up 5 times in 9 days. 5 times in 9 days I saw 13 people. 13 people in 5 visits. I picked different times of the day so that I would be there during the lunch hour, evening hour, mid-afternoon and on weekends and during the week, 13 people. Mr. Childers used a couple of words that caught my attention, actually it was his comments two weeks ago that caught my attention and that is the only reason that I even mentioned it two weeks ago. The two words he used were monkey business. Isolated areas invite monkey business and that is what we have some of at Horns Hill. That doesn't mean necessarily that people are going to file police reports. I had mothers approach me in the last 10 days at ball games and say that I just wouldn't take my children up there. Does that mean they are filing a police report or does that mean we have a feeling in this community that it is not much of a usable park for our citizens. So all that I am asking is for us as a community to take a look at what the best use and the best future for Horns Hill Park is. Maybe the answer is put cameras in the park and to find a way to have a Ranger in the park. I don't know how financially we can do that when we have less police and firefighters than we had 3-4 years ago. I just don't think especially a Park Ranger is a viable option but that is one option that I believe would make people feel comfortable in going to the park. Again the best thing folks can do rather than reacting negatively to the whole discussion of the future of Horns Hill Park is to visit the park and visit more than once, visit it at different times of the day and to sort of put yourself in the position of a mother who might take her children or grandchildren up there. Matter of fact I took my grandchildren up there because there is some pretty decent playground equipment up there. There was some activity going on up there that I know made this mother uncomfortable and she just flew through there with her kids. Matter of fact one of her kids knew my granddaughter and waved as she went around the circle. All I am asking folks is that we try not to have our heads in the sand on this and to take a very constructive approach on what the best is for that park and how we might work together as the Administration is working with me in a professional, non-political way to look at what the options are for that park.

Mr. Houdeshell- as far as the 19 firefighters in Arizona, those were an elite unit, imagine what would have happened to our guys don't have the training they do. We are lucky we haven't had more deaths in our fire department. There is a block watch on the east end, they meet the second Tuesday of the month at the church on O'Bannon Ave and it starts at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Loomis- she thanked all the citizens who come forward, that's what July 4th is all about. It is good when you come up with good news about things you have brought up and gotten some resolution on. This body up here can't always be the resolution but we can help be your mouth piece sometimes. She told Mr. Farmer that he was quite the artist. I think that everything has been said that can be said about that. As far as the power thing goes, it goes both ways. If they tear it down don't let it irritate you because that does give them power and if you don't like it up don't tear it down because it gives him power when you tear it down.

Block watches, I was contacted by some folks on N. Williams and now it is like this big buzz word but I am so proud of the citizens of the 4th Ward that started the N. Williams block watch. We met a week tomorrow and the things that they have accomplished and the relationship that they have built with the Newark Police Department, Mr. Spurgeon was kind

enough to come to their first meeting and Sgt. Bmjic, he was fabulous and I just got an email from a resident on that street and Mr. Zellner has helped out in some way. We had a second meeting on Sunday and it was a little more disjointed and what I don't want it to be is a political thing. Don't come because you're running, don't come because it is politics; come because it is important for the citizens. I am so proud of that group. It is probably the best thing that I have done since I've been in this seat is work with citizens. It has taken me a while to get to this point where I understand that there is only so much we can do and the resources that we have are slim but the Newark Police department has done an outstanding job with that block watch program that is all over the City of Newark. We have two going and we are going to get more going.

Mr. Ellington- thanked everybody for attending and being part of their Newark City Government. He announced that the next Committee meeting will be held Monday July 8th at 5:30 P.M. and the next Newark City Council meeting will be July 15th at 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT