

## COUNCIL MINUTES

**August 19, 2013**

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

**7:00 P.M.** - Mr. Ellington called the August 19, 2013 Newark City Council meeting to order.

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

**INVOCATION** – Mrs. Floyd

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chief Stickradt

**MINUTES-** August 5, 2013 Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mrs. Loomis that the minutes of August 5, 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**

Service- **Received and Filed**

Personnel- **Received and Filed**

### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

**Stephen E Johnson-** Operating Report for the period ending July 31, 2013. - **Received and Filed**

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Mayor Hall-** introduced Newark City Fire Department Captain Bolte who recognized the citizens and lifeguards who aided in the rescue of Emily who nearly drowned at the Hollander pool in July.

**Don Ellington-** announcing the resignation of 5<sup>th</sup> Ward City Councilman Duke Frost

**Kathryn Spergel, Executive Director for Mental Health Recovery of Licking and Knox County,** emailed an invitation to join them for a special state presentation in recognition of their award. - **Received and Filed**

**Ohio Division of Liquor Control-** transfer of liquor license request from Newark Downtown Center Inc. to John E Guy for Pounders Pub- **objection by Mr. Marmie, there is going to be an administrative review of the request so we would like additional time to review this and have the communication on the agenda again at the next Council meeting.**

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

**William Butcher-** 129 W Main St, expressed his concern regarding drivers who don't obey the laws regarding emergency vehicles.

**Ms. Kakias-**185 W Church St- 196 W Church St and the one next to it both are supposed to be single residence properties or at least a duplex but both of them have rooms for rent like individual rooms and the residents there are starting to get obnoxious and outrageous they are outside everyday yelling on their front porches. There is a vacant lot beside of us, there used to be a house there as a barrier. My parents have owned my house for 26 years, there used to be a house there but it burned down. How do we get those houses single residences where they are not renting out rooms? The property that has rooms for rent is 196 and the property next to it. I know the same man owns those two green houses and there is a house further down by the Circle K that has the same green paint so they are owned by the same person.

**Mr. Ellington-** advised her to speak to Director Spurgeon after the meeting.

**Norma Messina-**340 Eastern Ave Washington Square Apartments, I am the President of our Residents Council down there. You know we have been picketed down there. Everything down there now has taken a different turn. Anybody can come down, come into one of our apartments. There are only three apartments that have bed bugs. We are all happy there, a lot of us, some of us aren't. She said she has heard that the Residents' Council hasn't been active ever since Ms. Dorothy Flowers left. It has been active. I have games for the seniors, we have potlucks, we have a group of people meeting with residents who come down there, and we talk about the problems down there. Matter of fact when the picketing was going on this gentleman here with the beard, he came into 4 or 5 apartments; he was invited to come in and look in the rooms. I don't know but I am sure he found them clean, we explained the rules there. No matter where you live if you have a house of your own or you rent, you have rules, you keep your apartment clean, you make sure the yard is mowed and everything else. Our new management Ms. Scanlon, she has done more now since she has come, it is like you have to go up the ladder to get approval from HUD and Harvest Management to get things done. When the bed bugs were out Lisa Bennett and Ms. Scanlon they came in and put the mattresses on they came in and had it sprayed. We now have a new person that comes in and checks them and does this all the time. I got a call from her daughter when the picketing was going

on. We are not slums, we live in the east end, and I was raised in the east end since I have been little. The east end is trying its' best to clean up. I am proud to be an east ender. I went to Lincoln and Conrad. I don't know if this has anything to do with it but the east end is picking up and we are having a Christmas thing to donate to our east end kids that don't have the privileges other kids have. Our lobby is a welcome lobby now, she just ordered furniture. It's not because of the picketing, they had this going on they had ordered this stuff 3 months or so ago. It takes time; anybody in business knows that it takes time to build up but you have to go through steps. You can't come in and take over and think you are going to solve everybody's problem in a minute, it doesn't happen that way. I have lived there 2 years and three days, my kids, my grandkids and my great grandkids come over to visit if there were infested bed bug situation there believe me they wouldn't be able to come to my place and I babysit. I did have bed bugs there when I first moved there, I went to the doctor and they took care of my apartment until they were gone. I am proud to live down there and you know what east end isn't so bad.

**Norma Phillips-** 340 Eastern Ave Washington Square Apartments, I just want to reaffirm what Norma has said. Our manager has just done wonders. I have only lived there since last September but when I came there I didn't have bed bugs but there was an apartment beside me that did and they were all cleaned up immediately. We had one company in there that wasn't doing us any good at all. We have 103 apartments and we only have 3 infested right now and Terminx has been working on them very rapidly. I would just like to say that I am very happy where I am. I am an old east ender; I grew up in the east end on Boylston Ave, I lived on Clarendon St for 30 years. I am very happy with the east end and I wish some of these people would take their picketing to some other slum areas instead of always picking on someone in the east end. Come to our apartments, Shirley has been down there once and I invite you too Mr. Ellington because I know you are in real estate and I have known you and your family a long time. So I would really love to have any one of you come, Mr. Guthrie you are welcome too.

**Mr. Guthrie-** said he had been there many times.

**Norma Phillips (cont)-** we enjoy our homes, like Norma said we are outing all kinds of activities together for our residents. We are planning on a Labor Day cookout and a Halloween Party. We have 4 members of our Council and we are working very hard to make the seniors come out of their apartments and enjoy living there.

**Paulette-** Washington Square Plaza, I am proud to call the east end Washington Square my home because I am one of them if it wasn't for there I wouldn't have a place to go, I'd be on the streets. My daughter lives in Texas and for health reasons I can't be out there. When I first moved in, I have been there a year and a half; I had problems with bed bugs. It was immediately taken care of. Our maintenance and our management, if we find something wrong in our apartment and we tell them that there is something wrong, they don't hesitate they are there. I wouldn't want to live any place else, I love my home. When we were picketed I felt like my home was invaded.

**Eddiemae Scott-** 353 Eddy St, I am here to put a positive spin on what has been in the paper. I was just appalled when I saw the picture with picketing, I couldn't figure out why. Then yesterday there was a letter to the Editor that was very negative and I couldn't figure out why. So I am in the process of writing a letter pointing out the positives about the housing at Washington Square Apartments. Why it has been singled out I have yet to figure that out. There was nothing in the newspaper articles that said why except that you had some disgruntle residents. Now any time you work with over two people you are going to have problems. (laughter from audience and councilmembers) I am just appalled and my heart is just saddened because that is where I worship at, I have been a resident of this city and county for over 60 years. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church sits in the center and sponsored the housing and this is not what it should be about, not at all. Ever since the apartments have been initiated we have always had some nay sayers and you are always going to have that when you have more than two people. Whenever you have more than two people living in a residence someone is going to be unhappy but to take it this far and to bring it down to the Councils' attention, I don't know what was expected of you to do. Management is on top of it, I worked at Washington Square as a rental consultant years ago until I went to work for Pastor Noble. I know what it takes to run the facility and we have good management now. The site looks wonderful. The other thing that troubles me is the talk about the division of east Newark and the rest of the city. We are all citizens; the Mayor is just as much the Mayor for east Newark as he is for the west end. It just troubles me to hear the talk of division, to divide the city against each other. I am just as happy to live where I live at just as they are happy to live anywhere else. This is not what we want to happen; Pastor Noble spent many, many hours developing the housing and Shiloh Baptist Church sponsors the housing. He wanted a place for seniors to live out their last years in comfort. That is what they are doing and the management has been doing a tremendous job.

**Kathryn Rossman-** 1443 Dickerson St, she came to have her comments/concerns on record regarding Ordinance 13-07 which she stated was on the agenda for that night, as a neighbor across from Wing/Mack Dental Clinic. She stated she had 4 items to discuss. She thanked Mr. Rath for contacting her and taking her comments. If anyone has driven between McMillen and Westmoor, Dickerson St is the quick cut through from the hospital parking lot out to the west side. We get a lot of traffic there during the day but generally after office hours traffic drops down. People occasionally speed as you will have down little side streets without a lot of traffic control. If you drive through that road you will notice that McMillen and that short little area from McMillen to the Wing clinic has been upgraded over the years with sidewalks curbs, repaving but that little short stub of Dickerson where the residential area is west side of Dickerson, you could pretty much cut the road in half. The west side of Dickerson is all residential; there are only about 5 homes on the road, ours is one of them 1443 Dickerson St, Kathryn Rossman is my name. Our concerns that have been raised and I'm sure they will be addressed in same manner shape or form and I know you're having the final hearing so I just want to get them on record.

Traffic, in the short term with the construction issues, from my background I know that construction requires brick to be brought in, heavy equipment brought in. We would like to see that brought in on McMillen and not through Dickerson. There are a couple of telephone poles, if you take an opportunity to take a drive down there; it is a very tight corner at Westmoor and Dickerson, we have already had semi-trucks that have had to back out to McMillen because they know they can't make the corner. We would like it to be considered that construction traffic be directed out the more appropriate street. Long term we are considered about the expansion with our good neighbor the Wing Dental clinic as far as long term what the traffic issues may be. Will there be higher traffic; can we do something to get people to slow down? Lighting concerns, will there be any additional light pollution if you will? We do have a lot of lighting in our neighborhood; we appreciate it as far as security for the assisted care facility, the hospital and the neighborhood. I would like to go on record requesting that any lighting be looked at in terms of it being downward focused and not impeding on my neighbors, their back yards and other people who live on the neighborhood.

Ingress and egress, do the building plans call for new driveways in and out. There is an easement that goes down along the Wing Dental Clinic, are they going to put in a new driveway? Is there going to be any difficult with the telephone poles and having another ingress and egress to their facility?

**Mr. Ellington-** advised her that it wasn't on the agenda tonight and that it would be at the next Council meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mr. Rath-** apologized for misinforming her and the neighbors about the second reading being tonight. That was my original understanding and I just found out about an hour ago that it was going to be tonight, it will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I appreciate you coming. Your concerns have been addressed as far as the lighting and the traffic. I will make sure that I will continue to talk about that with Mr. Morehead our Engineer. As far as the ingress and egress goes I believe the additional parking that they are going to have is going to be primarily for employees.

**Ms. Rossman-** so potentially they will to be coming in the same ingress and egress driveway as opposed to I know they own the parcel next door and there is a right of way so we thought maybe they were going to build a big driveway there.

**Mr. Rath-** that additional parking is primarily for employees.

**Ms. Rossman-** ok so September 3<sup>rd</sup> and that gives us enough time to iron out the details.

**Mr. Rath-** both the developer and doctor Wing, I haven't spoken to doctor Mack, seem very eager to be good neighbors and conscience of neighbors' concerns.

## **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Ms. Stare, Mr. Marmie**

**13-22** AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING APPROXIMATELY .284 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, (LOT 182) LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

**Mr. Rath made a motion to adopt Ordinance 13-22, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Mr. Rath-** this is about a quarter of an acre, it has been through planning commission and they recommended it and there has been no objection to this from anybody in the neighborhood and I would support this.

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**13-23** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO PROVIDE STANDARD FEES FOR CERTAIN ABATEMENT ACTIONS

**Mr. Rath made a motion to adopt Ordinance 13-23, second by Mr. Cost**

**Mr. Rath-** this is allowing our Property Maintenance Department to have scheduled fees for the removal of trash, rubbish and tires. It will just make their department much more efficient and standardized.

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**13-27** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER, THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$51, 949.04 FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR STORMWATER, WATER AND SEWER FEES TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY

**Mr. Rath made a motion to adopt Ordinance 13-27, second by Mr. Houdeshell**

**Mr. Rath-** this is a list of individuals and businesses that owe back payment to the Water Department and this allows up to place a lien on their property in order to get paid.

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

## **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

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

**Ordinance 13-14** A ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND POSITION AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK BY CREATING THE POSITIONS OF GIS COORDINATOR WITHIN THE DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND DATA TECHNICIAN WITHIN THE DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER EACH WITH A STRENGTH AUTHORIZATION OF ONE (1) EACH AND ELIMINATING THE POSITIONS OF GIS TECHNICIAN IN THE DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND CLERK-TYPIST/DISPATCHER IN THE DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER.

**Held to First Reading**

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

**13-29** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN FOR VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS

**Held to First Reading**

## **RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING**

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

**13-65** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- NON EMERGENCY(100 General Fund, \$1,000.00-Courthouse Square fountain; 100 General Fund, \$5,134.93-Fuel costs for summer youth employment program; 100 General Fund, \$2,050.00-Repair to cemetery roof; 100 General Fund, \$2,177.25-Refund of Chip 09; 221 Street/Traffic Fund, \$6,374.00-Radio narrowbanding needs)

**Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution 13-65, second by Mrs. Floyd**

**Motion passed by a 9-0 vote**

## **RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

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

**13-72** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (General Fund-\$1,068.77: Memberships; General Fund-\$1,137.60: Computer Hardware/Software; General Fund-\$8,045.15: Salaries)

**Held to First Reading**

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

**13-73** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

**Held to First Reading**

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

**13-74** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND DISAPPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Compensated Absence Fund-\$200.00: Termination Vacation; Compensated Absence Fund-\$18,850.00: Termination Vacation, Termination Sick, Termination Comp; Compensated Absence Fund-\$25,550.00: Termination Vacation, Termination Sick, Termination Comp; General Fund- \$36,653.20 Salaries and benefits for a Parks & Cemetery employee; General Fund-\$27,000.00: Professional Services for Zoning Official and Secretary; General Fund-\$27,000.00 DISAPPROPRIATION for Zoning Salaries & Wages & Health Ins)

**Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive the two day reading rule for Resolution 13-74, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Mr. Marmie-** we had some terminations which we owe employees who have either retired or are no longer employed by the City therefore we need to expedite this in order to pay those employees.

**Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 9-0**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 13-74 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mrs. Floyd**

**Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.**

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

**13-75 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

### **Held to First Reading**

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Zack Thomas-** 195 Mt. Vernon Rd, I spoke to the Clerk here regarding the State Route 13 widening project. I have only been here for about two years now and when I moved in I purchased my home, I believe I live right across from Mrs. Floyd, I was under the impression that there was something going on with Rt. 13, and they mentioned it to us when I first purchased the home. I have kind of waited on doing any work to it because we didn't know what the City was going to do. No one could ever give me any answers as to what was going to happen and which properties were going to be affected. So as of right now I would have to say my house is not in the best of conditions. I do have the money to take care of things, make things better but if my house is going to be taken I'm have not investing in painting or anything like that. With that being said, they came to a conclusion, they went with option B I believe is what they said in the letter that we all got. They also said they would accommodate parking for the people on Mt. Vernon Rd by widening Chestnut, in that plan which is available on line, I didn't bring it with me because it is on the Newark City website, it is dated May 20<sup>th</sup>. That concerned me because we were all in this very room here with ODOT and the Engineer's office and they didn't have that plan anywhere up here. That really bothered me. It was obviously designed before ODOT came in here and gave their presentation. Today it is a one way street; I had to circle around 4 times just to be able to back into my driveway because if I pull in I can't back out. I know she has watched us struggle with this (referring to Mrs. Floyd) on a daily basis. It is a blind spot. I encourage anybody to please come down and I will let you park in my driveway and try to get out. With this new plan they are going to put this divider in the middle, I'm still going to have to circle all the way up and around, it isn't going to make it any easy for me. Grant it it's for the better of Newark and I understand that but this parking situation, I brought it up to the Engineer's office, who refuses to call me back, it was only when I went to the Mayor's office did someone call me back and arrange a meeting the very next day. I should have never had to get to that point. I have not spoken to the Mayor directly but I do know that he is working on it, I spoke to the Clerk, she said he is working on it and I trust that and I said I was going to be here tonight to voice my concerns about this because there isn't going to be any parking for me. You can't move 20-30 vehicles on to Chestnut. All the surveys and things were taken in the middle of the day when people are at work. I went down on Mt. Vernon Rd at 2 A.M. counted the number of cars that you are going to move on to Chestnut. There is no way it's going to happen; there is not enough room there, even if you add 6 parking spots. There is a business next door to me, in Newark we are trying to keep business not get rid of business. I don't know what their plans are I can't speak for them but if they lose all their parking, where are all their customers going to park, where are their employees going to park? I don't think Council is fully aware of all the Engineer's office has actually done, especially with these dated plans. When I look at those plans that are dated May 20<sup>th</sup> and we had that meeting here I believe May 31<sup>st</sup> and that plan was nowhere to be found. It didn't come up on line until July and that is a little bothersome. I hope that you work with that on Mr. Morehead. I don't know why they are not returning my calls, why they don't return anybody's calls. When I come here they had write a message out and I never get a phone call. I had every intention when this project started if nobody would call me back I was going to stand out there, I was going to make it a point to know that I am upset because I don't know whether to sell my house right now or should I start going to get it appraised to say hey you can buy this house that doesn't have any parking anywhere; congratulations park your vehicle around the corner. You are going to affect property values that way too. I'm curious for a response, I know the Mayor is working on it and I look forward to a response from him.

**Paul Moran-** 63 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, 355 W Main St, work has stopped and there is a wide gap between the new sidewalk and the old sidewalk and the property is up for sale again. 2<sup>nd</sup> St Bridge, something I notice when I walked across it tonight was that there is an opening between the road and sidewalk; you can look down into the river. The problem I noticed is that debris is going to the river on both sides.

**William Butcher-** 129 W Main St, asked if anybody knew what was going to happen to the old school over here. He would like to see it turn into a recreation center.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor Hall-** stated he would talk to Thomas and others who had questions. This is a big week around here, school starts and I would appreciate everyone to be respectful of the additional traffic and foot traffic more importantly up and down our neighborhood streets. I know we can get complacent over the summer please be careful, I think kids probably forget too how to walk safe. We had a nice kick off at White's Field on Saturday night, for the football team it was very encouraging lined up along 11<sup>th</sup> St. it was well attended, the band and the cheerleaders came down as well. We appreciate the local involvement from the residents who came out to support the team.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Rath-** called a Service Committee meeting for next week. What an awesome site to see Tristan and Olivia Knotts here and all the lifeguards. It's great to have good news coming out of Newark and to know that we have citizens like that here in Newark.

**Ms. Stare-** I would like to second that and say the ceremony was very touching. I am so happy to see that the people from Washington Square are here. I did stop up there and talk to Ms. Scanlon that is the property manager there I believe. I couldn't have asked anybody to be any nicer to me, she showed me the downstairs, I didn't go into any apartments but it was immaculate and as clean as could be. I did manage 108 apartments for 12 years so I do know a little bit about what it and I do have a real estate license. I did check in the real estate law. Apartment buildings that have halls, that is a common area and it is the landlords' responsibility to take care of that, they are the ones that have the say as to what happens there. I am with you it really turns me off to see the continual harassing when there are so many other places in the City of Newark that aren't ran nearly as well as Washington Square. On a positive note the Mayor's last concert on the square will be a swing band and the old jail will be open.

**Mr. Cost-Shirley** I just want to make sure the last Mayor's Concerts are on the 31<sup>st</sup> St and I think that is when the jail is open.

**Mrs. Floyd-** called for a Ways & Means Committee for next week; secondly I too am an east ender, I see several people I had in here as students or that I know in association with Lincoln school which I taught at for many, many years. I am proud to be an east ender too, thank you for all your nice comments about the east end. The ceremony tonight was very nice and touching, it was a great outcome to a horrible situation and we are glad that it got resolved. As a retired teacher I always pay attention to when school is starting and as the Mayor said schedules change and things are going to be different so we all need to watch out. I would like YES Club for painting the underpass on Hudson Ave. If you drive up Hudson you can see the painting that they did, there is a ceremony this Friday there to recognize the work the students associated with the YES Club did there. Final Friday which we said will be a week and a half from now is a history tour of downtown Newark and if you haven't done that it is really interesting because you find out about the Louis Sullivan Building and some other places downtown. We certainly have a magnificent downtown area and something to be proud of. Zack I agree with you when I came to that meeting about what was going to happen down on Mt. Vernon Rd because it affects my property too, one of the first things I said about it was that there is not enough parking. Because the business, and I will talk with you afterwards Mayor, I know the business across the street is a motorcycle shop, they do most of their stuff by mail, they have about 60,000 orders go out of there every year. There is a Fed Ex truck there and the other day there was a huge semi-truck unloading stuff for almost an hour and I don't know how they are going to do that if Chestnut is the only place to park. I would hate to lose that business. I think that is a very good business for the City of Newark and I would hate to see that disappear. I talked to Brian at the time about other possible solutions for parking, other places people could park because. You can't park on my side of street now but if there isn't any on the other side, I check every day and I know how many vehicles are at your house. It is something that needs to be looked at very carefully.

**Mr. Guthrie-** first I want to say I hate to see Mr. Frost leave, I don't know who is going to read my notes to me now. I was thinking to myself though that now he is going to the Court it might lift the dress code over there but then you never know what they have on under those black robes. We will have to go over and check on the judge now and then. (audience and members of council laugh) There are some folks here tonight that I was real glad to see. Reverend and Mrs. Noble I haven't seen you here for quite a while and it's an honor. Going back now we have been friends for about 38 years. I am proud to recognize you and see you folks here tonight. Eddiemae Scott I swear Eddy Street is named after Eddiemae Scott. What you did for the former YWCA, I believe Eddiemae was on the National YWCA Board for years and a really wonderful contributor to our community. The last thing that I wanted to mention, I actually went to a couple of Elementary schools. I went to Garfield and I also spent 3 years at Blessed Sacrament. I have two granddaughters going into kindergarten right now, one is going to start next week at Carson and the other one started today at Garfield. We read so much negative, we have been seeing some negative stuff about education on the papers here recently. The mother of my granddaughter that I took to sign up for kindergarten at Garfield teaches first grade there. We see all this negative stuff and yet when you go in for registration you sit there and you sort of watch them as they go from spot to spot and do different things and I am telling you I have never seen more compassion out of educators than I saw the love that was displayed by every one of those educators to those little ones. It bothers me; we often hear our public education systems being trashed. I am telling you right now I am proud of our public schools in our community. After seeing that today and I was almost taken back because of all the negativity and what a contrast it was to see that wonderful love and affection for those kids by those teachers and that's not just at Garfield Elementary that is every public school in this community.

**Mrs. Loomis-** I also wanted to recognize the ladies that came from Washington Square Apartments, for a minute I thought you all were going to be named Norma, (audience and councilmembers laugh). The same thing with Mr. Thomas, I have been where you are at I have come before this Council as a citizen and been nervous but you all presented your thoughts and opinions very, very well. Mr. Thomas I think that you have a pretty good Ward representative that knows the situation so I think you will be in pretty good shape for a voice up here for your situation. For the rooming houses, I think you are going to find they are legal, I know that isn't the answer that you want. I know the owner of the three properties you are talking about. Director Spurgeon is sitting in front of you and if there is an issue you can trust that he will get that taken care of, he is pretty swift. He has a lot on his plate so he likes in on his plate and off his plate. Colonel Noble, are you Colonel Noble, I worked at the Air Force Base and had the privilege of working underneath of you.

**Mr. Marmie-** called for a Finance Committee meeting

**Mr. Ellington**- thanked everyone for coming and for their comments. Then he advised everyone that the next Committee meetings would be on Monday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and the next Council meeting would be Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> due to Labor Day on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**- there being no further business to discuss Mr. Rath made a motion for adjournment and Mrs. Loomis seconded the motion. Adjournment 8:08 P.M.