

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, March 20, 2008, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Peterson, present; Wallace, present; Popp, present; Mongold, present; McKay, present.

Chief Hatten was also present.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Wells to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, March 6, as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: At this point, I would like to open a public hearing for rezoning requests from Dennis and Cynthia Whitfield for 0.357 acres located at 564 Prairie Avenue from I1-Industrial to R1-Single Family Residential. Do we have any discussion on that point? Is there anyone in the audience who would like to voice their opinion? Okay.

Service Director Reinsmith: Mr. President, for the record, that house is located on Prairie Avenue right at the entrance going into Prairie Creek Crossing. It is a two-story white house. It is presently a non-conforming use – the same as Councilwoman Peterson’s house where we rezoned that two months back. That was also zoned industrial. This is zoned industrial, and they just want to get it back in compliance with proper zoning.

Mayor Raizk: And it has been recommended by Planning Commission.

President Ertel: Very good. Let’s see. Is there any other discussion on that point? Okay, at this point, we will close the public hearing.

President Ertel: At this point, do I have anyone that would like to offer a motion?

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on the ordinance Changing the Zoning of Real Property Located in the City of Wilmington, Ohio.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

President Ertel: Very good. They did request three readings here. At this point, I also have a letter to the same from Cynthia Flowers-Whitfield and whatnot. Do we see any issues as far as taking the second and third reading on this?

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Peterson to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by McKay to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4749 passed as read.

Clerk of Council Laura Curliss arrived at the meeting at 7:45 and joined at this point.

President Ertel: Okay, thank you very much on that. At this time, we would like to open a public hearing, please, for all of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs for 2008.

Whitaker Wright: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Whitaker Wright. I am with CDC of Ohio, and tonight we're having the first required public hearing for all of the federal programs for fiscal year 2008. These are federal funds that are coming through the Ohio Department of Development. The Ohio Department of Development provides four different types of funding. One group includes housing programs. On the handout that was provided, the applications and programs for which the city is eligible have been highlighted in bold letters. This year, the city will be applying for \$500,000 in May for Community Housing Improvement Program funds. In addition, the state offers funding to Community Action for operating expenses, housing and development. They also work with community development through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for housing development programs for rental housing. In addition, they provide funds to the Clinton County Homeless Shelter for the Homeless Assistance RFP Program as a competitive application that is due in July and the Hopewell program, which is housing for people with AIDS. However, that is a designated program for the metropolitan areas. In addition, The Department of Development offers the Community Development Program through the Community Development Block Grant. The city will be eligible to apply for approximately \$51,000 in federal funds, with an application that is due on June 27. In addition, they offer the Water and Sanitary Sewer Program, which is a competitive but open cycle grant with a maximum award of about \$600,000.

Whitaker Wright: The state also has several economic development programs: the first being the competitive Downtown Revitalization Program. Wilmington currently has a downtown grant and a Tier I Planning Grant. The Tier I Planning Grant is an open-cycle application. The Downtown Grant, which is funded up to about \$600,000, is due in May of each year. It is a two-tiered application with a series of thresholds required. The state also offers Community Development Programming for counties and cities on an open-cycle basis and the Microenterprise Loan Program. The primary focus of economic development programs is to work on low and moderate employment creation and retention. Additionally, the state has a number of discretionary grant programs that provide funds for targets of opportunity – small, specialized projects, housing projects, or emergency shelter projects. They also offer grants for additional fair housing funds and some limited funds for training and technical assistance.

Whitaker Wright: The ways that the community or a project is eligible – the national objective, which is low and moderate income – is that the area is qualified by census. There is a direct benefit to low and moderate income individuals. It is serving what the federal government calls a limited clientele (those are people with disabilities) or the area that is addressing slum and blight. If you look at the last page of the handout, the map shows the areas of Wilmington that are currently meeting the guidelines for federal LMI areas and also the city's downtown redevelopment area. The city has been focusing in the last several years in putting its CDBG funds into the downtown redevelopment area and currently has a project that we will be discussing this evening for the former Little Giant building. For people who are interested in applying or requesting project funds, there is a project proposal form that the city uses. They would be available through the Mayor's office. What we ask is that the organization or unit of government describes the project, its type, where it is located, why is it necessary, and how does this benefit low and moderate-income households. At this time, I will be happy to take any questions on the eligible programs.

(There were no questions.)

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you, and at this time, we will close the public hearing on that. Thank you much.

President Ertel: Okay. I would like to now open a public hearing for the Little Giant Project.

Whitaker Wright: This is a specific public hearing for the Little Giant project. In 2006, the city applied for funds to work on the property at 119 N. South Street. As many of you know, the city plans to restore the Little Giant property. The original project called for the building's demolition and the installation of a municipal parking lot, which was identified in the downtown plan as being an important need in the city. The city has since been contacted by the American Diner Museum and has been working with architects on the restoration of the property instead of demolishing it. It is proposing to use its 2006 money along with 2007 funds to carry out the rehabilitation of the property. The final project will create a usable commercial space in the building and will provide some additional municipal parking downtown. Since it is part of the city's downtown redevelopment area, it meets the federal guidelines for benefiting the elimination of slum and blight. At the Ohio Department of Development's recommendation, the city is proposing to amend its fiscal year 2006 grant outcome listed for the property from clearance to public rehabilitation. This way, the outcomes for the 2006 funds will match the outcomes for the 2007 Formula Grant and the 2007 Discretionary Grant. Currently, the project budget total is about \$104,454. The architect's cost estimate is running at about \$98,000 and this evening the city will be discussing passing a resolution to authorize accepting the bids for the project. The architect is completing his plans, and it is our understanding that they will be delivering the plans tomorrow. Any questions from the audience or council?

(There were no questions.)

President Ertel: Okay, thank you very much. At this point, we will close the public hearing.

President Ertel: Okay, that completes my portion of the agenda. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Raizk: Thank you, Mr. President. Actually, Whitaker said everything that I was going to say, so I don't have any other report.

President Ertel: Thank you very much. Asset, Acquisition and Use?

Asset, Acquisition and Use – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Mr. Auditor is busy with taxes.

Auditor – In the absence of the Auditor, there was no report.

President Ertel: Finance Committee?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: No report.

President Ertel: No report. Water Committee?

Water Committee – Chairperson Mike Wallace: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Streets Committee? Before we get down there, number "C"; that particularly ordinance was unfortunately put on there.

Clerk Laura Curliss: We have an amended agenda. We took "C" off after it was requested.

President Ertel: Oh, you already have done that. I am using the one out of the packet.

Clerk Laura Curliss: I'm sorry.

President Ertel: Good. Very good. So, "C" does not exist. Okay, Streets?

Street Committee – Chairperson Peterson: We have a couple of items. The first one is the third reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 351.131.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Wallace to give the third reading only on the ordinance Amending Chapter 351.131 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Wallace to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4750 passed as read.

Councilwoman Peterson: The second item is amending the downtown traffic control map. A couple of comments on the map. We are going to need to amend the previous legislation that we had the first reading on. Before we do that, there is a page that we need to make based on our committee meeting. We passed at the committee meeting – on Sugartree, the parking between Walnut Street and North Lincoln Street – we agreed to make that four hour.

Service Director Reinsmith: Is that there along the Eagles?

Councilwoman Peterson: Yes. So, I would like to amend the current map to reflect that. I also wanted to kind of get a sense from Council: We can have another committee meeting, but we will have only one more reading tonight, and then we will have the third reading at the next council meeting. As we look at this, our goal was two-hour in the business core and then four-hour in the other areas. Once we got the changes made, there are a couple of areas that I think we may need to work on. Depending on what Council thinks, I would like to consider making those changes tonight. On Mulberry Street and on Main Street...the area....making that four hours.

Councilman Jaehnig: The southwest corner.

Councilwoman Peterson: Thank you. Yes.

Mayor Raizk: Where again, Cindy? I'm sorry.

Councilman Jaehnig: The very southwest corner.

President Ertel: Of Mulberry and Main?

Councilman Wallace: On Mulberry Street between Main and Sugartree? All four-hour?

Councilwoman Peterson: All four hours. It is going to make it very consistent...

Mayor Raizk: And that would be on the west side of the street?

Councilwoman Peterson: On the west side and then on Main Street on both sides.

Mayor Raizk: On Main Street?

Councilman McKay: Main Street.

Councilman Wallace: That would be in front of Zeigler Pharmacy and...

Councilman McKay: Oh, west of Mulberry.

President Ertel: Out there.

Councilman Jaehnig: Well, you've got Zeigler's and you've got the bank there. I'm not sure that...

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay, stay on that one?

[Further inaudible discussion]

Councilwoman Peterson: Just to get a sense of where....okay...So, what would you think about making four hours, though, on the other side of Mulberry?

Councilman McKay: To me, that makes sense.

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay, let's go ahead and make that...

Councilman McKay: It would make it more consistent.

Councilwoman Peterson: Yes. It makes it consistent.

Mayor Raizk: Opposite of where it is on the other side.

Councilwoman Peterson: Yes. Then it would be four hours...

Mayor Raizk: It is four hours on the east side and now it would be four hours on the west side.

[Inaudible for Transcription]

Mayor Raizk: What did you say?

Multiple Speakers: It changes from blue to red.

Mayor Raizk: That will work.

Councilwoman Peterson: Then, we would go...

Mayor Raizk: But, leave everything on Main alone.

Councilwoman Peterson: We would leave everything on Main alone.

Mayor Raizk: Thank you.

Councilman McKay: Madame Chairperson.

Councilwoman Peterson: Yes.

Councilman McKay: The Chief was pointing out another area that we might want to consider. On North Walnut, between Locust and the alley, that would be [inaudible for transcription due to background] That is two-hour now and it looks like it might be more appropriate to be four-hour.

Mayor Raizk: Clear up here?

Councilman McKay: Way up on the north...

Mayor Raizk: Right there. There are about four spaces there. Is that what we are looking at?

Councilwoman Mongold: Up there, you have a business.

Mayor Raizk: There is a beauty shop there.

Councilman Wallace: But that is one of the places that we have a problem.

(Couldn't tell who the speaker was): There is always a place to park.

(Couldn't tell who the speaker was): They usually park around back.

(Unsure who the speaker was): Yes, but they park around back. There is generally a lot of parking up in there that is not...

Councilman McKay: I would make one other suggestion first. I have a question anyway. The area in front of the Murphy Theatre, which of course is a fire lane. A lot of people use it as a drop-off, etc. I know people get tickets there periodically and that is probably correct. I am wondering if we could consider a 15-minute space back toward Mulberry Street. That would be in front of what would be the Murphy Theatre Office. That would cause that area, hopefully, to turn over more often. It would allow people a place to park doing business there throughout the day.

Councilwoman Peterson: We have already...

Councilman Wells: Is that the first spot past the fire lane. Is that what you're...

Councilman McKay: The first spot to the west side of the fire lane.

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay, we'll take that one back to committee.

Councilman McKay: It has been talked about in other areas, and for some reason, it didn't get brought up in your regular meeting. I apologize for that.

Councilman Wells: These hours would be in force from 9:00 to 5:00. Is that correct?

Councilwoman Peterson: Yes. From 9:00 to 5:00. And, it will be clearly posted on the signs, where it says either two-hour or four-hour. It will outline the hours of enforcement. There has been some confusion with the public on the signage.

Councilwoman Popp: That would be Monday through Friday?

Councilman Wallace: I noticed the sign coming in today when I was coming here. It says two-hour parking, except Saturday and Sunday. Would that mean no parking or...

[Laughter]

Mayor Raizk: We're going to try to get that...

Councilwoman Peterson: We're going to get consistent messages out. Consistent and accurate messaging.

Geoffrey Phillips: Those who attend the Quaker Church are okay?

[Inaudible for transcription]

Mayor Raizk: What did you say?

Geoffrey Phillips: The Quakers don't pay on Sunday.

[Laughter]

Law Director Kathryn Hapner: Yes, can he tell you on Sunday?

Councilwoman Peterson: Just to kind of summarize.

Mayor Raizk: I think this is an assault on First Amendment Rights.

Councilwoman Peterson: We're turning red to blue and ... Okay, just to summarize, during our committee meeting, we had decided. . .

Mayor Raizk: I'm really in favor of turning red to blue.

Councilwoman Peterson: Or something like that. Making the area on Sugartree 4-hour between Walnut Street and North Lincoln Street and then Mulberry Street between Main Street and Sugartree, four-hours. All four hours.

Service Director Reinsmith: And a 15-minute drop-off.

Councilwoman Peterson: Oh, there was also...

Councilman Wallace: No, that is going to committee?

President Ertel: Which one is?

Multiple Speakers: The 15-minute drop-off.

Mayor Raizk: You don't want to put the 15-minute drop-off in at this point then.

Councilwoman Peterson: No, there's... There are four spaces on Walnut Street, the northern most parking spaces, those will be four hours as well.

[Inaudible discussions]

President Ertel: Having said that, you want to make those changes to the second reading?

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Popp to amend the previous legislation as presented.

Motion passed

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by McKay to give the second reading only on the ordinance Amending the Traffic Control Map and the Traffic Control File, as amended.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Peterson requested that the third reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Peterson: I have one other comment with regard to this. I am going to be at a family commitment during the next council meeting, so I just wanted to express my appreciation to the public, to the property owners, to the business owners, my colleagues on Council, and certainly to the Police Department as well, as we sort through this. I think it has been a collaborative effort, with satisfactory results.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you, Cindy. Very good. Solid Waste and Recycling Committee?

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Wastewater/Sewer?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Judicial?

Judiciary Committee: Chairman Mark McKay: We do have two items tonight, Mr. President. The first item is the second and third readings on the resolution regarding the agreement between the Wilmington Planning Commission and the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission. Are there any other further comments or questions with regard to that?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution, Regarding Coordination Between the City of Wilmington Planning Commission and the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission on Advisory Review of Plan, by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2067 passed as read.

Councilman McKay: The second item has already been discussed at length by Whitaker Wright. It has to do with the advertising bids for the restoration of the Little Giant and contracting and declaring an emergency so that things can get started as early in the season as possible. Are there any further questions or comments?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on the ordinance Authorizing the Advertising for Bids for the Restoration of the Little Giant Diner and for the Contracting of Same and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Councilman McKay: Are we okay with that language?

Clerk Laura Curliss: Yes.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Popp to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4751 passed as read.

Councilman McKay: That is all I have, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Okay. Safety Committee, please?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Don Wells: Mr. President. I have one item on the Agenda tonight. Three readings on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 4571 and various sections of Chapter 125 of the Codified Ordinances. Are there any questions or discussion?

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on the ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4571 and Various Sections of Chapter 125 of the Codified Ordinances.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Peterson to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4752 passed as read.

Councilman Wells: That is all, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Sandy Mongold – No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Parks and Recreation?

Parks and Recreation Committee - Convener Mike Wallace – I have one item on the Agenda this evening, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Excellent.

Councilman Wallace: As everybody is aware, we are in the middle of the bid process to get our tennis courts finalized and dug and made and all of those good things. Part of the agreement that we had made with the City Schools was the fact that the difference in dollars between the estimate of bid and the actual cost of the project was made up by the capital campaign that the schools were putting on. Therefore, we need to accept this gift of this money from the City Schools to make up that difference so that we have in-house, in-hand literally the money to do this project. If there are no questions...?

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on the resolution Accepting a Gift of \$133,179 from the Wilmington City Schools Foundation for the Construction of Tennis Courts.

Motion passed

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Jaehnig to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Jaehnig to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2068 passed as read.

Councilman Wallace: That is all I have, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. At this point, we would like to turn to the Service Director. Mr. Service Director?

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: No snow.

President Ertel: No snow. Excellent.

Service Director Reinsmith: I will say something, though, about snow. As you know, we recently had our little blizzard of '08. Almost blizzard – whatever – yeah. You know, over the last several years, we have bought several pieces of the equipment for the different departments in the city: sewer, water, landfill. We require all of them to be snowplow ready. We get all of that equipment for the different departments, and so when we got the word of the oncoming blizzard, we had all of our forces ready to go Friday morning. We had people from the landfill, people from the water plant, people from the sewer plant, and people from the parks department all working through the weekend, as well as the street department. I think they did a bang-up job. They had the streets in really good shape. Saturday morning, it was pretty nasty, but they overcame that. We had school on time on Monday morning. I just want to compliment them on a good job they did.

Councilman Wallace: How did we do on salt?

Service Director Reinsmith: You know, we didn't have any salt. We had just a little bit of salt, and we planned it out that we were not going to use any salt on Friday and Saturday. We were going to let all of the snowing and blowing get over with. Then

Sunday, we hit it with what we had. That did a real good job when that sun came out on Sunday, and then on Monday, we got two loads of salt in.

[Laughter]

Service Director Reinsmith: So, we're in pretty good shape for the next little snowfall. Timing was everything for us. Water is a different story, and Nick will probably talk about water. That is all I have, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you very much. Okay, Safety Director?

Safety Director – Nick Babb: Thank you, Mr. President. I think you all received notice from the Ohio Committee of Severe Weather Awareness that they are going to have the Statewide Annual Tornado Drill next Wednesday, March 26, at 9:50 a.m. We will be participating in that. We certainly have had our share of severe weather, going from a blizzard to torrential floods yesterday. Yesterday morning, the Fire Department had a call to the Clarksville area. The time of call was around 3 a.m. Chief Mason and several firefighters responded with our boat and evacuated three families from their homes that were surrounded by water.

Safety Director Nick Babb: About the same time, we had a call, Assistant Chief Wiswell and crew went to Maple Grove campgrounds. I also responded to that. That was a real tragedy. Many of us have been out there several times in previous years and are well aware of the little creek that is there. Well, that little creek went from being about 10 foot wide to about 50 yards wide. It was flowing so fast that you could barely talk to the person standing next to you. It was just unbelievable. You had to see it to believe it. Unfortunately, a young lady attempted to cross that. She lived there. I am sure she has traveled that roadway many times every day and decided to go across. She either drove off the side of the road, or I believe, the force of the water forced her car off of the road, because the car turned around. Then, she decided to get out of the car. The force of the water actually caused her death. They did an autopsy. I tell you that because the force of water in flash floods is just tremendous. Although it was initially thought that she died of hypothermia, she died of internal injuries caused by the force of the water. It was just unbelievable. You just had to see it. Our guys did a great job. As soon as the lady was brought across with the tractor, they immediately commenced CPR and transported her to the hospital, where they also attempted to revive her but it was not successful. The lesson there for all of us – we all have probably been guilty of trying this – is just not to try it. Had she stayed with her car...you saw a picture of the car in the newspaper today...the water didn't get...it was right between the parking lights and the headlights. If she had gotten on the roof of the car, we could have rescued her, but it didn't happen.

Safety Director Nick Babb: We also had a call to assist Dayton Power & Light of all people. We had to take our 100-foot tower out on Todds Fork Road. They had a real power emergency out there, and we had Dayton Power & Light people in our tower. They were successful in making the necessary repair that was going on. We had two more calls from citizens with high water in their basements, and we went in and shut the power off to their homes so that they could begin to pump the water out. It was not a good day yesterday for the Fire Department. I know I have taken some flack for some of the weird requests we make at Safety for boats, but I am sure that there are three families that certainly appreciate the City Council buying a boat – so we appreciate it. That is all I have.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you.

Reports:

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Peterson to approve the Auditor Treasurer Report – February 2008, as received.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as received.

President Ertel: Too, I would like to call everybody's attention to the Roundup Days that are coming – the Recycling Roundup. Just following it, the Off-the-Rim Collection

is on May 3, Appliance Collection Drive, Saturday May 17 and July 19 in Blanchester, and then finally on August 2, the Engineer's Office Motor Oil Recycling, and these are very, very important. If you would, please note those.

President Ertel: At this time, I would like to open the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session. Please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record, please.

Jim Hartman: I'm Jim Hartman and I'm with the Continental Financial Insurance right in the building that the downtown Wilmington owns. I am concerned about the parking lot right behind us. That is all four-hour parking in there. That lot does service the tanning bed company, which is about they are in 20 minutes and out 20 minutes. If that is four hours, it could really hinder their business and probably ours too.

Councilman Jaehnig: On our map, we are showing it as two.

Councilman Wallace: We are showing it is as two. It should be blue.

Jim Hartman: Okay, I'm sorry on that. I was thinking it was four. You were talking about having reserved spots over in the Catholic lot at the last meeting, I think. Could these spots be opened up down here...these three that are along the walk...actually, there are four there...for reserved parking?

Clerk Laura Curliss: Do you mean for permitted parking?

Jim Hartman: Permitted parking.

Councilman Wells: Where at?

Councilwoman Peterson: I'm sorry...

Jim Hartman: It is showing three spots along that wall by the tanning bed place.

Clerk Laura Curliss: By the tanning bed place.

Jim Hartman: There are actually four.

Clerk Laura Curliss: On the south wall of the tanning bed place.

Jim Hartman: There are at least two or three people I know who would like to put in for it.

[Inaudible discussion regarding the location]

Clerk Laura Curliss: The south wall of the tanning bed place.

Councilwoman Peterson: Permit parking along there...

Jim Hartman: Along the wall where the drive-in bank was.

President Ertel: And you would like those to go to permit parking, correct?

Jim Hartman: Yes.

Mayor Raizk: But then the others would still be two-hour.

Jim Hartman: Yes, two-hour would be okay.

Mayor Raizk: The blue is four now. We changed our colors so that it would be more distinguishing. We used to have two colors of blue, and you couldn't tell the difference between the two.

Councilwoman Peterson: My colleagues, it seems like that is a pretty positive reaction. I think Mike [inaudible for transcription] at the next reading at the next meeting. I think that is a great idea, because it is the farthest from the permit parking that we have available and that would make a lot of sense.

Jim Hartman: Also, another suggestion while I'm up here. Those diagonals ones are awful wide. They could be narrowed down some and more spots be put in there.

Clerk Laura Curliss: On the south side of the courthouse?

Jim Hartman: These, right here.

Clerk Laura Curliss: On the south side of the courthouse.

Jim Hartman: No, no, no. On the south side here.

Clerk Laura Curliss: Oh, in the same area.

Councilman Wallace: Under the roof.

Jim Hartman: Under the roof.

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay, I will defer it to the Service Director. Larry, would you be willing to take a look at those before the next council meeting?

Service Director Reinsmith: Yes, we'll look at them. We'll talk about it in committee, won't we. The same as these other items.

Jim Hartman: If they were narrowed down to about normal width, I think you could probably get one or two more spots in there.

Councilwoman Peterson: I have not, just to clarify, I had not planned to have another council meeting, though, before the next reading.

Service Director: Well, you were going to discuss that parking in 15-minute drop-off.

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay, then we'll go ahead and have another meeting.

[Inaudible discussion]

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay, we'll go ahead and get that scheduled. Thank you very much.

President Ertel: Very good.

Councilwoman Peterson: Thank you.

President Ertel: Are there any ideas when that parking meeting is going to be at this point?

[Laughter and discussion on scheduling]

Councilwoman Peterson: What about the 31st of March.

Clerk Laura Curliss: You have Safety at 4:00 and Water at 5:00, so I guess you could do it at 6:00 if you wanted to triple play.

Councilwoman Peterson: Here's the choice. We can do two things. Let's do April 1 at 6:00.

Clerk Laura Curliss: Yes. There is the Blue and White Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Courthouse at 5:30, so it might work out pretty well. That is for child abuse.

Councilwoman Peterson: So, will we be done lighting it by 6:00?

Clerk Laura Curliss: Yes, 6:00.

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay, let's go ahead and do 6:00 on April 1.

President Ertel: Okay. Are we good on that?

Councilwoman Peterson: We are. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Councilman Wells: When is the meeting going to be?

Law Director Hapner: April 1.

Clerk Laura Curliss: April 1 at 6 p.m.

[Banter]

President Ertel again asked if anybody else from the public or the council wished to address council while in session.

President Ertel: Yes, Leilani.

Councilwoman Popp: I would like to mention another recycling event that is part of the 2008 Earth Day Celebration in Clinton County. That will be April 19 from 9:00 to noon at Southern State College. There is a free computer and electronic recycling program. Drop off those worn or broken computers, fax machines, monitors, radios and cell phones for proper recycling. No TVs or appliances. So, if you would help spread the word on that, we all probably have some sort of electronic that we don't want in the landfill that we have had in our garage, and here is the opportunity to do the right thing with it.

Mayor Raizk: What day is that again, Leilani.

Councilman Jaehnig: The 19th.

Mayor Raizk: Of?

Councilwoman Popp: Of April.

President Ertel: I think that is superb, because right now we almost never have...

Councilwoman Popp: It is 9:00 to noon at Southern State Community College Parking lot.

President Ertel: Very good.

Paul Hunter: That needs big-time advertisement.

Councilwoman Popp: There are blue flyers. I know there are some in the bookstore. It tells all of the events for that day.

Mayor Raizk: Put that on the front page, Gary. That needs to be on the front page.

President Ertel again asked if anybody else from the public or the council wished to address council while in session.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, President Ertel asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.
Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk