

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., with President Fred Ertel presiding.

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

Assistant Chief Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Wells to excuse the absent member. Motion passed.  
Absent member excused.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President of Council: I certainly would like to welcome all of our guests. It is very seldom we have such fine looking young ladies sitting in the front row. We welcome everyone. You will be acknowledged a little bit later when the Mayor shows up.

Councilman McKay: Mr. President?

President of Council: Yes, sir?

Councilman McKay: We also have some fine-looking young men there, too.

President of Council: Larry?

[Laughter]

Service Director Larry Reinsmith: I appreciate that.

President Ertel: I agree. I didn't want to embarrass them.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Wallace to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, April 2, 2009, as received. Motion passed.  
Minutes approved as received.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: Also, if you have any questions on what we are doing and so on and so forth, we do go rather fast. We've kind of done it before. So if you have any questions, just speak up, and we will be glad to explain. I would like to have the second public hearing on the City's 2009 Community Housing Improvement Program. Mr. Whitaker Wright, please.

President Ertel opened the public hearing on the City's 2009 Community Housing Improvement Program.

Whitaker Wright: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the second public hearing for the City of Wilmington's 2009 CHIP (Community Housing Improvement Program) Grant application. It will be submitted to the state on May 1. The City will be asking for \$500,000 and it will be targeting a portion of the funds to the southeast target area just off of downtown. If you look at the map on the third page of the handout, you will see that identified in a heavy dark line.

Whitaker Wright: In total, the City will be asking for \$150,000 in CDBG funds to complete home repairs at an average cost of \$10,000 a unit. Home repair funds will be used to address one or two critical health and safety items in an owner-occupied home. The City will also be asking for \$200,000 in private owner rehabilitation. These are deferred no-interest loans to homeowners, up to about \$40,000. These funds are used to bring a house up to the State's residential standards. In addition, the City will be asking for \$40,000 in Federal HOME funds to assist the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity

construct two housing units on lots that they currently own on Clark Street: These are 438 and 448 Clark Street. The chapter will be matching the City's \$40,000 with about \$138,000 total in their effort. Additionally, the City will be requesting \$50,000 in federal HOME funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance to very low-income families. These are typically families that are at or below 50% of the County Median Income. The Clinton County Metropolitan Housing Authority will administer the tenant-based rental assistance program and will be assisting families for up to 18 months. Finally, the City will be using a portion of its Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Funds, between \$20,000 and \$25,000, to work on demolition projects in the southeast target area. The City has proposed that it will be working with the region (we are in Region 16) and we are awaiting the final Grant Agreement from the state, and we should have that in the next couple of weeks. Finally, \$60,000 in CDBG Formula Funds are allocated for administration. I open the floor for questions.

President Ertel: Any questions from the audience or council? Okay. Very good. Thank you so much. Just in the nick of time. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor: Mayor Raizk: Thank you, Mr. President. I have another joyful presentation to make tonight. This is very exciting. The Wilmington High School student newspaper, the Hurricane, which I hope you all read, competed in the Ohio Scholastic Media Association State Journalism Competition and ranked first in the Overall Newspaper Category, which I think is outstanding.

[Applause]

Mayor: Okay, so I am going to call. The advisor: Is Maggie here?

Unidentified Speaker: Mr. Fryman is.

Mayor Raizk: I saw Mr. Fryman. Mr. Fryman, come on up. I am going to ask you all to come up. I am going to read off these names one by one. If I leave anybody out or if somebody is here that should be called, please let me know.

Ashleigh Achor, Karlee Blanchard (Karlee was not there), Chris Clevenger, Lauren Showen (not present), Chas Wiederhold (not present), Patrick Blouin (not present), Jessica Maus, Madison Law. Madison is the Editor in Chief, is that correct?

Madison: One of them.

Mayor Raizk: One of the Editors in Chief. Zach McCune, Katie Swindler, Libbey Wetterhan and Neil Vance (not present).

Mercedes.

Okay, Mercedes. Come on up.

Mayor Raizk: Let me read the proclamation and then I have one for each of you. Then, Mr. Fryman, you can take the rest to the others.

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington High School student newspaper, *The Hurricane*, competed in the Ohio Scholastic Media Association's State Journalism Competition and ranked first place in the Overall Newspaper category; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally the paper received awards in the following 18 categories: Ad Design, Art/Non-editorial (computer assisted), Art/Non-editorial (hand drawn), Column, Editorial Column, Editorial Page (layout), Feature Page (layout), Front Page (Newspaper), General Feature, News Feature, News Package, News Writing (two reporters), Personality Profile, Photo Illustration, Review, Sports Coverage (News), Sports Feature and Sports Page (layout); and

**WHEREAS**, awards were received by seniors Ashleigh Achor, Karlee Blanchard, Chris Clevenger, Lauren Showen and Chas Wiederhold; juniors Patrick Blouin and Jessica Maus; sophomores Editor-in-Chief Madison Law, Zach McCune, Katie Swindler, Libby Wetterhan and Neil Vance; and

**WHEREAS**, Journalism Adviser Maggie Krohne expressed pride in the hard work her students had done all year that resulted in this recognition at the state level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID L. RAIZK**, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, Ohio, do hereby designate Thursday, April 16, 2009, as

“WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER,

“*THE HURRICANE*” DAY

Mayor Raizk: Congratulations. We’re very proud of you and the community is proud of you.

(Some banter that was not audible for transcription.)

Mayor Raizk: That’s all I have, Mr. President.

President Ertel: O.K. Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor. Also as a matter of procedure, let me close the Public Hearing for the CHIP Program.

President Ertel: Moving into our committee reports, Asset, Acquisition and Use?

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

President Ertel: And back from a wonderful tax season. Mr. Auditor?

Auditor – David Hollingsworth: Nothing, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Finance Committee?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: We have several items tonight. The first one is making supplemental appropriations.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on an ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4839 passed as read.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on an ordinance Making Miscellaneous Transfers.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4840 passed as read.

Chairwoman Mongold introduced the next piece of legislation which was a “Then and Now” resolution.

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing Payment of Expenses Incurred in Prior Fiscal Year.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2132 passed as read.

Chairwoman Mongold said she would be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting in the next week or two.

President Ertel: Thank you. Water Committee?

Water Committee – Chairperson Mike Wallace: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Streets Committee?

Streets Committee – Councilman Wallace – In the absence of Chairperson Peterson I will take her place. As you are aware about six weeks ago we realized we have a street with no name that we have to try to name. We were thinking of names at our last meeting. We opened it up to the public and accepted suggestions. It was proposed and accepted that we would name the stretch of highway from the light at Wal-Mart towards Airborne. Some people call that Old State Rt. 73. but anyway it has no name. We have proposed that it be named Progress Way.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on an ordinance Changing the Street Name of Old S.R. 73 to Progress Way.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

Wallace requested that second and third readings be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

President Ertel: Thank you. Solid Waste/Recycling?

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: Mr. President, we have two items on the agenda tonight. The first one does not say Emergency on the Agenda, but it does in the ordinance so this will be an emergency.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on an ordinance Authorizing the Advertising for Bids for the Construction of the Vertical Expansion (Phase I) of the City Landfill and for Contracting for Same and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4841 passed as read.

Councilman Wells – I need to make sure that everyone gets their green pennies. I want to thank Taylor Jaehnig for preparing these green pennies for us to use tonight as an illustration.

I think this legislation is a good example of when people work together. The Solid Waste Committee, the mayor's office, Solid Waste Management District, the county commissioners and the Ohio EPA all worked together on this. This will be our first step in changing from a subscriber city to a non-subscriber city and it is our intention to take 1 cent away from our collection fee right now and we call this the "green penny" and we're going to put this green penny dedicated to a recycling line and we hope that this will be a major step in increasing our recycling for the city, city-owned landfill, and it will decrease the tonnage and increase the life of the landfill and save our landfill. Are there any questions as to what our intent is?

Scott Kirchner: Will you be changing the program to go to bins at this point?

Councilman Jaehnig: That will be Phase II. We actually have a grant that we are waiting to hear on that would allow us to pick up a packer. Once we're able to do that, then we'll be able to implement Phase II which will actually at that point be moving to a stickered bin program. Instead of the city going out and spending a lot of money on bins or requiring our citizens to go out and spend a lot of money on bins. Anybody who has been recycling probably has found the same thing that I have. I was a two or three trashcan person. The minute that I started recycling, I didn't need three trashcans, but I can take a sticker, put it on one of the trashcans and now make that my recycling bin. It also works out very well for senior citizens. They don't need to have a very large one if they don't want one. They can have a small kitchen size and make that their recycling bin if they want or if you want a brand new one you can go out and get your own big one on wheels. It is economically sound and it really takes us a step further towards a Solid Waste District moving from an infrastructure program to a percentage program which is what we really need to move to to give us some real opportunities to do new things and to not spend money on sites, but spend money on programs that actually work.

Paul Hunter - Don, do you have any idea yet what the annual cost of this system will be to the General Fund?

Councilman Wells – No, I don't. I was hoping that Donnie could be here tonight to talk about that. Larry, do you have any insight on that?

Paul Hunter – That wasn't included in the budget was it?

Councilman Jaehnig – No. One of the issues that we are running into is we have a blue bag system in which we currently have to tear the bags open and dump them onto a truck because the blue bags are not recyclable and they won't take them. At that particular point, how do we intelligently move forward by getting rid of the blue bags, improve the program without a major cost during an economic time when the city shouldn't be spending additional money and we should not be asking our citizens to spend additional money.

Paul Hunter – They're going to spend money. It's just indirectly through the General Fund, the tax money, rather than the individual.

Councilman Jaehnig - Spend money on what, Paul?

Paul Hunter – On the operation of the system.

Councilman Jaehnig – We're already spending money on the system. In fact, it will save us . . . .

Paul Hunter – How much money are we estimating this is going to cost per year. That’s all I’m asking.

Councilman Jaehnig – The cost should not be substantially more than what we are already experiencing because of the fact of the additional labor that we’re having in tearing bags open to actually empty them. We’ll be able to take the bins and dump them straight into a packer, assuming everything goes well.

Paul Hunter – So under \$100,000 a year you would say.

Councilman Jaehnig – Well, I don’t have exact figures in front of me so I am not going to tell you an exact figure. That is Phase II. Phase I was to raise awareness. Whether, there is a line item for recycling on your utility bill or not you’re paying for it one-way or another so we would like to raise the attention that recycling is out there. You should be using it and we really want to improve the number of residents that are partaking in it. This step will help remind everybody. The second step will make it easier for everybody; they won’t have to order bags, they won’t have to call for bags. Yet, we’re not asking them to spend \$80 for a bin system.

Paul Hunter – Don, at some point, the comparison to this system or have a commercial people come in, that’s what I’m really getting at. It’s going to fall in favor of doing it ourselves unless we get that grant. (Another sentence not distinguishable for transcription.)

Councilman Wells - Well, that’s true. The Solid Waste Management District applied for that grant for us. We should know in May if we will get it from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources.

Paul Hunter – Our match is?

Councilman Wells - \$50,000.

Paul Hunter – Well, that’s part of the cost.

Councilman Wells – They would provide \$100,000 and we would provide \$50,000.

Paul Hunter – Thanks.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on an ordinance Amending Chapter 925.24 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington Regarding Waste Collection Fees.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner 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; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4842 passed as read.

President Ertel – Congratulations, Don, on the wonderful cooperation.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Wastewater/Sewer Committee?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Judiciary Committee?

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson Leilani Popp – Yes, Mr. President, we have quite a few items this evening. The first four deal with the CHIP Program. She explained each of the pieces of legislation prior to the vote.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the FY 2009 Community Housing Improvement Program Grant and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2133 passed as read.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution Appointing the City's Representative for the FY 2009 Community Housing Improvement Program Grant and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Popp 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; Wallace, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2134 passed as read.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution Committing Office Equipment, Office Space, Utilities, Audit Costs and In-Kind Services for the FY 2009 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2135 passed as read.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Hiring of CDC of Ohio for the Purpose of Preparing an Application for the FY 2009 Community Housing Improvement Program and, if Funded, to Provide Services to Implement and Administer the City of Wilmington's Community Housing Improvement Program to Meet the Requirements of the Ohio Department of Development and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2136 passed as read.

Councilwoman Popp said their fifth piece of legislation was for three readings to approve the final draft of the Clinton County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and asked for any questions.

Councilman Jaehnig asked Rafeal Underwood to stand up in case some had not met him because he was the master architect in putting this together. Since Kerri has been working with him they have put a lot of hours in on this.

Mayor Raizk – I just want to say, too, that Rafeal has been doing yeoman’s work. As you know any entrée into the EDA funds from the federal government require a CEDS. This took a lot of preliminary work because some counties are involved, especially the Appalachian Counties, have the ODRC committed. They’ve got all of these little acronyms, but Clinton County is not part of that because of where we are and our location and we’ve kind of been left out of that. So they most graciously, the ODRC has sponsored us. This CEDS is for Clinton, Fayette and Highland counties and we’ve had excellent representation from all the entities. But what is really important to understand is that we got funding from the EDA to do this out of ’08 monies which we had to apply for just real quickly late last summer to be able to get that funding so that we can now have funding out of ’09 monies. They paid for Rafeal, the Economic Recovery Coordinator, which is his title was funded out of that. He was selected through a process. He was to start on January 1, but as I like to tell people, he actually started about mid-December and hit the ground running and the preliminary draft had to be done by March 31. Kudos to you Rafeal for all of the work that you have done and all of the people who worked together. It has been very time consuming, but lightening quick in government world time so we are excited about this because this places us where we’ve never been before with a CEDS so we can access some of the EDA funds for a lot of public projects.

Geoffrey Phillips – Would you explain the process. It’s a 204 page document, but how many millions of projects are in here, how many jobs will be created? The only ones eligible to be funded are the ones in the plan. Maybe Rafeal might want to address that.

Rafeal Underwood – The only projects to be funded with EDA money are the ones in the plan, but that said, the community can go back and readjust the plan as they see fit if other projects come to the forefront, then you can amend your CEDS. The project total there were a little over \$30 million in projects and the projects will create roughly around 1,500 new jobs. The selected projects that I think we’ll really be queuing to get funding for are, of course, the revolving loan fund and the business incubator at the college.

Mayor Raizk – The important thing to know about the CEDS and to expand on that is that as Rafeal said once you have this in place it can be constantly updated and amended. You have to have it in the beginning. Because a project is in the plan does not necessarily mean that it will get funded, but if another project comes up you want to be certain to amend your plan to have that projects in there because the EDA uses the CEDS always as the basis to work from so you want to always have that updated.

Paul Hunter – You can read the front part of it and the back part of it and pretty much get what you need as a layman, the executive summary and the project ????. If you just have those.

Mayor Raizk – The stuff in between is pretty much government; it’s filling in the blanks to what their requirements are.

Geoffrey Phillips – The proposal for the incubator on Page 131 makes no reference to Wilmington College, but the proposal is that it would be on the campus of Wilmington College? Is that the proposal? It says the groups responsible are the city and the county.

Laura Curliss – There are two different ones and that’s actually county. The city shouldn’t be on that one really. That’s a county idea, right Rafeal?

Geoffrey Phillips – One incubator is an agri-business incubator and the other is a biotechnical incubator. Actually, both will be on college land. The agricultural incubator will be like a small plot incubator on Wilmington College’s land they own out by the airport and the other incubator will be located inside the Kettering Life Sciences Center and that will be biotech located on Wilmington College campus. So is that Objective A, Rafeal?

Rafeal Underwood - Right.

Geoffrey Phillips - But it makes no reference to Wilmington College on that page and in the biotech it is referred to as (unable to understand one word) Southern State.

Rafael Underwood - Southern State is going to fit inside the college incubator, the Life Sciences.

Geoffrey Phillips - Is there a list of projects available here?

(Evidently, it was not available there.)

Geoffrey Phillips - When you mention \$30 million, just doing a quick add, there is more than \$30 million in here. It seems to me there’s more like \$50 or \$100 million when you add up all of that.

There were numerous people talking at one time. Larry Reinsmith said it added up to something like \$75 million, but they won’t all be funded.

Rafeal Underwood - You won’t get funded for every last one of them. You must include the projects in the CEDS in order for them to be eligible. As projects are funded, they will come off the list and something else will move up. EDA won’t write you a check for \$50 million so it is a process every year that the CEDS plan is to be updated and revised and as projects are funded, they will fall off the list and other projects will . . .

Mayor Raizk - Geoffrey, I think Rafeal will concur with this the total number of projects that were put on there from all over was between \$75-\$100 million.

Geoffrey Phillips – That was my question; he said \$30 million.

Mayor Raizk – I think he was referring to about what can be from experience would be funded at one time or could be funded at one time.

Geoffrey Phillips - One other question. Having gone through this, maybe Rafeal can address. There doesn’t seem to be a lot of attention to the airpark. The community is losing 1,000 jobs from the airpark and there is a revolving loan fund, but there is not like millions to attract someone to take in all that acreage and would you address why that is not part of the strategy?

Rafeal Underwood – The EDA requires that when you take on projects, there must be control and ownership of the project. Neither the city nor the county at this point have ownership of the airpark so the EDA will not spend dollars to improve or do a project there because there is no local or county government involvement.

Geoffrey Phillips – So the city and the county do not own Kettering Center so how is that . . .?

Rafeal Underwood – But they are a non-profit entity. The EDA will only fund non-profit entities and governmental entities.

Geoffrey Phillips - Thanks.

President Ertel – Yes, that was looked at, Geoff, early on because we had thought while we have this opportunity let’s see if we can’t improve up some of the infrastructure at the airpark, but because it is a private entity, it was not eligible.

Geoffrey Phillips – But the utilities are (could not understand a few words for transcription.)

Geoffrey Phillips – I just think that there is a perception in the community that the CEDS Plan is going to help us understand how to redevelop the airpark and if anybody reads the document that is not really what the end result is about. So I ask these questions tonight because there has been very little public discussion about the whole CEDS process and I think there is a perception out there that this is going to be how we reposition the airpark and bring thousands of jobs to the community, but that's really not the end result.

Rafeal Underwood – The objective of the CEDS is not for redevelopment of the airpark, but the redevelopment, if you will, of the Clinton County economy in terms of diversifying it and finding other growing industries that may be attracted to Clinton County such as biomass, bio-technical advanced energy industries. The goal behind the economic development strategy was to diversify the economy enough so that no one employer would be able to come in and hold the whole community hostage by taking all of its jobs.

**Speaker ???? –** I appreciate you saying that because people need to understand that this is the net result of this plan when there may be a perception of “When are we going to do the airpark?” We are going to reposition ourselves economically as a community to learn from this lesson to hopefully not have to experience it again.

President Ertel - There is a lot of emphasis on infrastructure improvement in the villages outside of Wilmington and that is to position them in a situation where they can attract, not necessarily new business, but people who would live there to work at a new business that could be located say in the Wilmington area. So all of the infrastructure work is very, very important.

Paul Hunter – Is there a caveat in all of these projects that you have to use local workforce if possible, or is that understood or is that not even a factor?

Rafeal Underwood – What the EDA looks at prevailing wage. They don't say where you get the labor from; they just say how you will pay for labor and you pay them federal or state prevailing wages, whichever is higher. It is normally understood in communities that they will try to find all of the resources locally first before going outside.

Paul Hunter – But it's not written in.

Rafeal Underwood – Correct.

President Ertel – O.K. Is there any other discussion?

Chairwoman Popp: Thank you, Rafeal, for clearing that up for us.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on a resolution Approving the Final Draft of the Clinton County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (“CEDS”) and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Director of Law Hapner read the resolution by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2137 passed as read.

President Ertel also thanked Rafeal and asked for a round of applause for him.

President Ertel: Thank you very much. Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: There is no report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Leilani Popp: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Parks and Recreation Committee?

Parks and Recreation Committee - Convener Mike Wallace: Actually, we are having sign up tomorrow night for summer leagues.

President Ertel – Are you going to have a lot of tournaments this year? I know last year they were just phenomenal at bringing people into Wilmington.

(There was some further discussion, but could not be picked up for transcription.)

President Ertel: Thank you. Service Director?

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: No report.

President Ertel: Very good. Safety Director?

Safety Director – Nick Babb: No report, Mr. President.

Reports: A motion was made Jaehnig and seconded by Mongold to approve the Auditor Treasurer Report – March 2009 as received.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as received.

President Ertel: Anyone wishing to address council while in session, please come forward and state your name and address for the record please.

Paul Hunter – 200 Randolph Street – At the last meeting I misspoke or misstated when I said that the new district that was passed required a vote on the liquor permit. It does not. Council may put that on the ballot; they don't have to. That's the way I read the statute. Having said that, my sense is that council often has to legislate without really knowing what the public wants because you don't have that option. Not everybody talks to everybody. You have to do what you think is in the best interests of the citizens and that is as it should be. But in this case, council could have exercised a specific part of the statute that allows you to have a specific public hearing put in the newspaper and held. Had you done that, I feel you might have obviated the need for this extended meeting we had last time with all the discussion that went on and some awkwardness and not all of it was beneficial. Had we had public hearings separate from council, we might have obviated that need and it is part of the statute. What you can still do is put it on the ballot and let the people . . . and then you can know if they really like this idea. It's an option that you have; I personally would like to see it on the ballot because I like to see citizens involved and that is an option for you. It's my suggestion. I'm going to assume my reading of the law is right. Of course, you would have to vet everything through the Law Director. If anybody has any questions on this, I would be glad to attempt to answer.

President Ertel – Very good. Thank you, Paul.

President Ertel – Anyone else wishing to address council while in session?

Scott Kirchner – 261 S. Mulberry Street – First of all I want to congratulate Councilman Wells and the Solid Waste Committee for their work on continuing our plan that was

initiated a number of years ago on recycling. Don, I know you have been an incredible champion for this. I would offer, Councilman Jaehnig, I know that you are new to the process and weren't involved back then, you are actually in about Phase III as we had developed it back then. Initially we were working to get to 10% of the citizens supporting curbside in a six-month period to make sure that it was something that Wilmington wanted. Then the goal was to get to 25% and look beyond the blue bags. Councilman Wells was the key champion that got that program going and I think that the green penny is a great penny to have and I applaud the effort so good work.

I came here tonight with some concern. I read in the Saturday, April 4, News Journal about the City Engineer and his OMVI and my question is, does the city provide a vehicle to the engineer as part of his job?

Mayor Raizk – He uses his own vehicle.

Scott Kirchner – O.K. So we do not provide a city-owned vehicle? O.K. That was my concern whether or not a city vehicle was involved in it and what our policy is for that. O.K. Thank you very much.

President Ertel – O.K. Thanks, Scott. Anyone else?

Councilman Wells – I would like to thank David Hinman for the streetlights that are up in Timber Glen that were knocked down and several other lights that have been replaced.

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

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

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President of Council

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Clerk