

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, September 20, 2012, with President Scott Kirchner presiding.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Stuckert, present; Wallace, present; Mead, present; Siebenaller, absent (arrived at 7:46 p.m.); McKay, present.

Chief Detective Josh Riley was also present.

President Kirchner: We have an absent member this evening. It is my understanding that he had some problems with his sitter showing up and had to stay with the children. What is the council's pleasure?

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Mead to excuse the absent member.

Motion passed.

Absent member excused.

President of Council asked cell phones to be set to silent mode.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President of Council - President Kirchner: The first item on the agenda tonight is on my portion and it's the approval of the meeting minutes from the September 6, 2012, regular meeting of council.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Mead to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, September 6, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

President Kirchner: The second item is the approval of meeting minutes from the August 30, 2012, special meeting.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Mead to approve the minutes of the last special meeting, August 30, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

President Kirchner: The third item tonight on my portion of the agenda is there because, based on timing and the simplicity of the ordinance, we do not have time or necessarily the need to send it through a committee. What this item is, is it is the beginning of the TIF activities. Specifically, it is legislation which will take into city possession the land associated with the TIF and with the same ordinance, cause it to be returned to the Port Authority. There will be no monetary exchange. It is simply a momentary ownership by the City as is required by TIF ordinances. If there are any questions at this point, I would offer what little I understand about TIF, but we have the Law Director here. Councilman Jaehnig?

Councilman Jaehnig: Just one question in regards to this. I understand the mechanics of it. The question I had was, I didn't see anything referencing how and when it actually occurred. Do we have to have a date in here or something that says that upon doing this, this happens or did I miss it?

[Multiple speakers – Inaudible]

Councilman Jaehnig: That I read, yes. But I believe there's a timing issue and I didn't know if it was important that it was in this or not or if this is just giving the proper authorities, the mayor or whoever, the auditor, the ability to do it when it's ready. Is that how it works. I really wasn't seeing that.

Law Director Shidaker: This is the property transfer and then we have the big TIF ordinance itself.

Councilman Jaehnig: That's a whole other topic. Yes. When the property is transferred in and transferred right back out again. It doesn't really mention when or what triggers it or how that occurs. Or is this just giving them authorization to act when needed.

Law Director Shidaker: It's symbolic. Once after it passes after the third reading, symbolically that's when it happens. It's a matter of it going out and then comes right back. It's just a formality that legally is required in order for us to move forward with...

Councilman Jaehnig: So the date isn't important.

Law Director Shidaker: No.

Mayor Riley: The city just has to be in the chain.

Law Director Shidaker: Yes.

Councilman Jaehnig: Like I said, the mechanics of why it needed to happen I got.

Mayor Riley: Okay.

Councilman Jaehnig: I just wanted to make sure there wasn't something missing.

Councilman McKay: Are we just asking for one reading tonight?

President Kirchner: That is all that was indicated on the schedule and all that was necessary. That gives us time. If there are any additional questions, as the legislation stays on the docket for the next meeting, we can, of course, get them answered.

Councilman McKay: With that in mind, I would make the motion for the first reading.

President Kirchner: Councilman McKay, if I could, Councilman Wallace has a question.

Councilman Wallace: Maybe this is what Rob was asking, but is there a time where we have to have ownership of the property for a day or a week or a month.

Law Director Shidaker: No. It's an instant transfer back. There's no set date or time when it has to happen. It would be effective when it happens.

Paul Hunter: This is just one of the steps toward the big ordinance. You can't do the big ordinance until you do this. You're talking here thirty days before we can start the next step, which is another 30-90 days, depending on how you do it. You're looking at in the middle of the winter if we go just one reading per meeting.

President Kirchner: Actually, the legislation is an emergency, so it will be immediately acted upon passage.

Paul Hunter: The third reading.

President Kirchner: Does that answer all the questions that council has? We have a motion on the floor from Councilman McKay for the first reading.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Jaehnig to give the first reading only on the ordinance Authorizing the City Auditor of the City of Wilmington, Ohio, to Accept Title to Certain Property and to Transfer Title to the Property Back to the Original Owner in the Connection with a Tax Increment Financing Transaction; and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

[Discussion of schedule for passage]

Kirchner requested that the second reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

President Kirchner: Thank you, Council, for your support of that item. That concludes my portion of the agenda. I would offer one additional thought that wasn't on the agenda. This weekend is Cardboard City, which is a fundraiser for the Homeless Shelter here in Wilmington put on by the AM Rotary. I encourage folks to come out. I know the mayor has graciously volunteered to M.C. Is that still on, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Riley: All night.

President Kirchner: He is in the coveted 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. slot. That completes my portion. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor - Mayor Riley: I appreciate you mentioning Cardboard City. It is the main fundraising effort for our local homeless shelter, and we have been doing that for years and years. One year, about 15 years ago, I did make the mistake during the Corn Festival of saying that if the people that were there for the Corn Festival would raise a thousand dollars, I would sleep on a park bench all night. And don't you know, they did. It was one of the coldest, windiest nights we've ever had at Cardboard City, but I slept on a park bench right out there. Well, I *stayed* on a park bench right out there. I don't know how anyone could sleep.

Councilman Jaehnig: I've got \$20...

[Laughter]

Mayor Riley: So, yes, please support Cardboard City and please support the homeless shelter like I'm sure most of you do. Also, I would just point out the United Way of Clinton County is getting ready to start their major campaign again. I would point out to everyone, and Scott, we're still on the board together. And they do so much for the community, so I would encourage everyone to support Cardboard City as well. Also, I would note that the Clinton County Health and Safety Day promoting Community Wellness will be October 29. Not this Saturday but next, and they have quite a few things going on. It will be at the Boyd Cancer Center. They will be doing child safety seat inspections. Also, it's a place to drop off old medications. Old medications are dangerous. They should not be flushed. They should not be kept around the house. This is the approved way to get rid of old medications safely. So I would encourage everyone to go through their medicine cabinets and take advantage of it.

Tammy McKay: Is it October 29? Next Saturday? September?

Mayor Riley: Did I say October? It's September 29. My bad. It's not this Saturday, but next, in September.

Councilman Jaehnig: In regards to that too, they are not talking just about prescription drugs. They're talking about all medications.

Mayor Riley: All medications...yes. They do not want needles or syringes. None of that, but they will take all of the old medications – over-the-counter and just regular medications as well. Also, the Clinton County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Survey are ready to report to the community. That is scheduled for this coming Monday, September 24, and will be held at the Community Room at Clinton Memorial Hospital. The staff of the local alcohol and drug center will be reporting their study that they've done. I plan on attending and would welcome anyone to join. Also, we had a meeting about a week ago with Keith Hyde, who is Workforce Development Director for this area. Keith wanted us to point out, and in fact we did put it on the Cable Channel, that they still have assistance available for employees who were displaced by the DHL departure and also ASTAR Air Cargo workers who went to CVG are also eligible here for retraining and reeducation. So anyone who lost their job as a result of the departure

of DHL and are still looking, they do provide assistance still. We have this available over at the Mayor's office and it's also listed, as I said, on the cable access channel. I would also note that it's been a busy couple of weeks. Last weekend, this week, the Tree Commission Academy was held here in our Moyer Room. It was a wonderful event. Specifically for people who are Tree Commissioners in various communities. Do you know how many communities were represented? I think there were like six or eight communities.

Tammy McKay: There were seven.

Mayor Riley: There were seven – right in the middle. Seven communities were represented, but it was very well done. We had all of our tree commissioners there. A lot of really nice things going on in this community. I'm so proud of the folks who have a passion for the beauty of this city, taking care of the trees, taking care of the flowers. It just makes the city sparkle, and I do so much appreciate that. I would be remiss not to mention the open house that was held at Ferno Washington just this afternoon at 4 o'clock. They provided a wonderful tour of Ferno. Ferno has been here for forty years – a stalwart citizen of the community. They have some wonderful, wonderful new products that they demonstrated to us. They are in "go" mode. They are working hard and they are expanding. They've hired 51 people so far this year in Ferno and Ferno-related organizations like EMSAR. So, I would note that the refreshments were provided by the General Denver, and it was absolutely wonderful. Good job, Molly. Some of the council were there. What did you think? Wasn't that neat?

Councilman McKay: I was impressed with their wanting to let everyone know that they are part of this community. I think they want to be a bigger part and they know that businesses like that are so essential for us to succeed. They want more stuff to happen in Wilmington, in the Air Park and in Clinton County. They're dedicated to that.

Mayor Riley: They have made a commitment to this community – an absolute commitment to this community, and I so much appreciate and the community so much appreciates it. If you get a chance, let Ferno know how much they mean to this community. It's quite welcome. I notice that Pat Haley is here. Pat Haley, welcome. It's good to have you with us. Did you have anything that you wanted to say?

Pat Haley: No, I just like to stop over to offer our assistance at the County Commissioner's Office. Anything that we can do, we would be glad to help.

Mayor Riley: We appreciate that very much. And Molly, you're running for office, it's good to have you with us. Did you have anything you wanted to say?

Molly Dullea: I do, but Brenda and I talked and thought it would be better at the end.

Mayor Riley: That's fine. Absolutely. It's good to have you with us. It's not quite as crowded as it has been in the last few times.

[Banter]

Mayor Riley: It's good to have everyone here. Thank you.

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

Asset, Acquisition and Use - Chairperson Bob Mead had no report.

President Kirchner: At this point, let the record reflect that Councilman Siebenaller is in attendance for this session.

Finance Committee - Chairperson Mead: Finance Committee does have one supplemental appropriation this evening. It's a very large one. Apparently at the beginning of the season, the people who make decisions didn't transfer quite enough money from one account to another in the Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds. They need \$2.19 in order to balance it out.

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

President asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President called for vote.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mead 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; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

Roll call: Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 5043 passed as read.

Councilman Mead: That's all I have, Mr. President.

Water Committee - Chairperson Wallace had no report.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Wells: I have no report tonight; however, I would like to remind the citizens – I talked to Donnie today – several people are using the yard waste bags that are not city yard waste-approved bags. I just want to remind people to buy the city yard bags and not ones from like Lowes or other places. That's all I have.

President Kirchner: Andrea, if you could get a note out about that in the coverage of tonight's meeting, that would be great.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Stuckert: Mr. President, we have one item that we have on the agenda for a first reading. The Wastewater Sewer people, we authorized them to put out for bids for routine maintenance work. The bids are in, so we want to have the first reading on a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract for maintenance services at the Wastewater Department and declaring an emergency.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Wells to give the first reading only on the resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Service to Enter into Contracts for Maintenance Services at the Wastewater Department, and Declaring an Emergency.

President of Council asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President of Council called for a vote.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

Stuckert requested that the second reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Stuckert: Mr. President, we have nothing else.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Stuckert: Mr. President, we have two items on the Judiciary Committee agenda tonight. They are both second readings. They have to do with the grant money that is made available for our transit system.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Wells to give the second reading only on the resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Proposal with the Ohio Department of Transportation for a Grant through the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Law, as Codified 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for Other than Urbanized Areas and Funds Available from the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program and Executing a Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation Upon Grant Proposal Acceptance.

President of Council asked for discussion.

Seeing none, President of Council called for a vote.
Motion passed.
Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

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

Councilman Stuckert: I have one other item, Mr. President. It has to do with the same thing really. It's the contract that the mayor has to enter into to provide funds for elderly and disabled transit fare.

A motion was made by Stuckert and seconded by Wells to give the second reading only on the resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2013 Elderly and Disable Transit Fare Assistance Program.

President of Council asked for discussion.
Seeing none, President of Council called for a vote.
Motion passed.

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

Councilman Stuckert: That is all we have, Mr. President.

President Kirchner: Councilman Wallace?

Councilman Wallace: Mr. President, have you heard those guys on the advertisements when they have a really long thing to read and they're worrying about the time limit because they pay, and they talk really fast. I think we're training our Law Director to moonlight in some of those...

[Laughter and banter]

Safety Committee - Chairperson Wells: Mr. President, we have one item on the agenda: three readings on a resolution declaring surplus property to wit: Police Department vehicles valued at more than \$1000, and authorizing the sale of said vehicles and declaring an emergency. Those vehicles are a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria and a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to give the first reading only on a resolution Declaring Surplus Property, to Wit; Police Department Vehicles Valued at more than \$1000, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Vehicles, and Declaring an Emergency.

President asked for discussion.
Seeing none, President called for vote.
Motion passed.

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

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

Roll call: Stuckert, yes; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes.

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Stuckert to pass the resolution as read.
Roll call: Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Siebenaller, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Stuckert, yes.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2301 passed as read.

Councilman Wells: That's all I have, Mr. President.

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig: We have no items of legislation. I did want to mention two things. The park is still looking for volunteers.

They're building a nice volunteer base and they're getting a lot done. I don't know if you've noticed the fence line getting painted along Fife Avenue. It looks tremendously better. They also had a meeting just about a week ago with the CVB and some of the hotels to work on being able to continue the tournaments into next year. I'm very impressed by the creativity in which they are going about making sure that they are able to provide services and yet be able to take care of citizens and have the funds needed for the parks. I really would like to applaud Lori Williams and the Parks Board for doing an exceptional job of thinking outside of the box.

President Kirchner: I have to second that, Rob. I've actually heard community members who have complimented the parks and their operation under Lori, and I think she's doing an outstanding job. We're very lucky to have her there in that role.

Mayor Riley: She has a way about her.

President Kirchner: She does. She gets things done.

Mayor Riley: We have monarch butterfly larvae in our offices just as proof of that. She really is doing some interesting, innovative, creative, educational things in our park system, and I appreciate what she is doing.

President Kirchner: That's awesome.

Income and Levy Tax Committee – Chairperson Jaehnig: We have no legislation this week, but I would like to announce that we do have a committee meeting scheduled for Monday evening at 5:30. That will mainly focus or solely focus on the TIF. This will be the heavy-lifting portion of the bulk of the document and the beginning of the work on that. So, anybody who is interested in that or has questions, please feel free to come and join us at that committee meeting. That's it, Mr. President.

Service Director - Service Director Reinsmith had no report.

President Kirchner: Larry, are we going to be doing leaf pickup this fall?

Service Director Reinsmith: Sure.

President Kirchner: Okay. I just want to make sure as I plan my fall weekends.

Service Director Reinsmith: Throw them out there on the curb; we'll get them.

President Kirchner: Okay.

Mayor Riley: Speaking of leaf pickup, I might point out that we are going to partner with the college on the disposal of our leaves this year. We always have taken them to the landfill and just dumped them in the pile. The equine center out at the college has a building that's full of horse manure, and they need leaves to mix with that and really mulch it up so they can be used. I received a phone call maybe a month ago asking about our leaves. We're to partner with them and take all of our leaves out to the college and let them use them to build mulch. So, it's a good use of the leaves. I'm glad we're able to do that to help them out.

President Kirchner: Excellent.

Service Director Reinsmith: I would also mention that you probably have seen that the street crew is just about finished putting up all of the wayfinding signs.

Councilman Jaehnig: They look great.

Service Director Reinsmith: We've probably put about 60 -plus and they've removed a lot of the Christmas trees and everything. I know this started, I think, under Davey's regime and finished up under Randy's. It went through several different committees and I think Downtown CIC and Andrea and Brenda and Steve Brown and Chris Schock all

worked on this. I was on that committee and Tammy McKay and all of them. And we went through it and went through it. We picked locations, but we said we're going to start this first wave and I think we'll just take a wait and see attitude. If we find that there are areas that aren't getting picked up or are getting missed, then we can add to it, but we thought we would start with this basic round of signs. I think they look a lot nicer now. Maybe if it works, we'll have to add more signs.

Councilman Jaehnig: Just cleaning up, as you said, the Christmas tree-type sign piling up, it really does look exceptionally better.

Councilman McKay: And our Superintendent of the M&R Department who is with us tonight is right in the middle of that. Aren't you Denny?

Mayor Riley: It's really an amazing process. Denny was showing me how those signs go up. It's not just a matter of putting a sign on a pole. They are really interestingly engineered. But they aren't going anywhere, are they Denny? Good job.

Councilman Wallace: I have to remember how big those started out. Do you remember how big they originally thought about putting them up?

Service Director Reinsmith: Yeah. They were monsters.

Councilman Wallace: You couldn't even see the intersection.

[Laughter]

Councilman Wells: Larry, I let Jeremy Bryant know today about a street light there on Hickory Trail that has been going off and on phasing. I just wanted, with winter coming on, if any of the citizens see any lights that are blinking off and on or they're completely out, to let us know. If they can get the tag number off the front of that pole, we can contact Dayton Power & Light and get those lights fixed.

Service Director Reinsmith: Was that down by us?

Councilman Wells: Yes.

Service Director Reinsmith: We sent that over to DP&L about Monday, maybe.

Councilman Wells: I sent it today to Jeremy. Jeremy really gets it done.

Service Director Reinsmith: There's a process. We fax it over to them and they fax a receipt back to us when they get it. Then they fix it. But we sent that over at the first of the week.

Councilman Wells: I just go straight to Jeremy. He gets it done. I know the street light is out of the city, I just don't know where they all are. I know it's dark and kids get out in the mornings and evenings and stuff. We need those street lights working. So, if anybody sees any, let us know. That's all, Mr. President.

Safety Director – In the absence of Safety Director Russ Burton there was no report.

Reports

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Mead that the Auditor-Treasurer Report – August 2012 be accepted as presented.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as presented.

President Kirchner opened the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session.

President Kirchner: While I was traveling for business and not able to attend our 9/11 ceremony, I did read about it and by all accounts, it was quite exceptional. I want to

thank everybody from the city that was involved in organizing and planning it. Mr. Mayor and Commissioner Haley, you guys did a great job.

Councilman Jaehnig: Just two quick items – while it's not snowing yet and it's not cold yet, it is Holiday season and we are taking our applications for parade entries. It's really never been simpler. It's all online now. Just go to holidayzlecc.com and there's an entry form right on there that you can actually fill out online. You can enter and it's in. You don't have to print anything. You don't have to deliver anything. We are starting to fill up quickly. We do only take 80 entries, so I would get your entries in quickly if you're interested. The other thing that I just wanted to mention quickly if none of the other council members bank there or if they get a chance to stop in, what was Liberty Savings, which is now First Financial, is in the middle of a \$100,000 upgrade to their facility. They're really doing a nice job. It will be nice to see the investment in the community and what it looks like when it's completed. I was a little sad to see the trees leave out front, but they had actually lost two in a storm recently and had to pull them out of the road. They think that when the tanks were taken out of the ground that the roots got damaged. But they do have plans to replace the landscaping and everything back out onto the point, even though it will be slightly different. At least you can pull out now and see where you're going. I just wanted to thank them for their investment in the community.

Councilman Wells: I have one question for Larry. Larry, when you pull out on Timber Lane out onto 730, Truesdell Street, if you look to the left there's a hedge right there that has come way out. I know Mark knows about this. It's hard to see to the left right there.

Councilman McKay: I'm not over in your subdivision, Don.

Unknown female speaker: It's yours, Mark.

Councilman McKay: You're talking about mine. I'm so sorry.

Councilman Wells: I was coming out of there with David Holmes the other night. It's really hard to see to the left. He told me that he has a lot of problems right there with the line of site.

Councilman McKay: Yes. There are two issues. The terrain of the road, a car can go down there and get lost at the bottom of that hill. Also, there is excessive shrubbery in that ditch line. It's sort of maintained by the neighbor there. It might be well to have somebody chat with them.

Councilman Wells: It's sort of a safety hazard.

Councilman McKay: If it was mowed down, I think it would be a better situation.

Service Director Reinsmith: It wasn't very long ago that the Street Department went down through there with the reach arm mower and whacked up a lot of that down through there.

[Discussion of brush]

President Kirchner: Molly, I understand that you'd like to speak this evening.

Molly Dullea: Just for a couple of minutes, if that's okay.

President Kirchner: Come on up.

Molly Dullea: 81 W. Main Street. I was here in February and most of that discussion was about casino revenue sharing. It's awesome the mayor already started that communication between the county and the city and that's really great. I was really happy to hear about that. Tonight I kind of just want to talk a little bit about the core principle that's at the heart of that plan, and that's the belief that if you take your smaller jurisdictions, your villages, your townships, your cities, and you take care of them, and

by doing that you create a strong, cohesive foundation that is your county. It's kind of a bottom-up way of economics. Give to the smaller jurisdictions first and the county would then take what is left over. Right now, it has been pretty prevalent for a long time to kind of do a top-down kind of thing. Kind of that trickle-down, filter-down kind of system. Indeed, we see it at the state right now when they're cutting and cutting to make their budget and balance it all and have that purpose right there. That can work for a long time, because indeed when there is money, stuff does filter and trickle down. But when money gets really tight, there isn't a lot left over and it gets tighter and tighter and it can't trickle down and there's nothing. Unfortunately, underneath that surface, that veneer that you've created with that economic theory, you don't have that strong cohesive foundation and indeed it can even crack. I am going to use my own business as an example just because it's what I know best. So there was a blighted building on the corner of Main and Mulberry that I found really attractive. And it had gone in and out of business many times and many people had done that kind of economic structure. They tried and they did the surface and the veneer and they were in and they were out, but it was not sustainable when times got harder. So someone who thinks a little different, has a different set of life experiences, comes from a little bit of a different place comes in and decides, "I'm going to do something a little different." I'm going to build a strong core. I'm going to have fantastic employees that I treat well with respect, and I'm going to get some good food, take care of my customers, and we're going to grow from down here and grow up." Indeed, that's exactly what happened. So not only do I have good business, and I hope you guys all like it, and I heard today that you did, so thank you very much. I have retention of employees who want to stay and I have people that want to work with me. I have businesses that want to work with me, not only that but now my veneer is looking a little bit better. It still has a long way to go, but looks a little bit better, and I've not only done that but I've added to the economy. I have gone from one employee to 30 employees. They're buying, they're spending money, they're paying taxes. I know, I fill out the forms every month. They also kind of play a part in what people think about the county and the city that they live in. It's nice. It's alive. It's functioning. It's doing something. So, indeed, that's a case where that might work. Now it doesn't mean that bottom-up economic or top-down – either one is right or wrong. It doesn't mean that. Indeed there are places where both of them thrive and do really well. But what is important is that you bring and you hold them up – that way of thinking to the table. So you have all the possible solutions you could have. So you can meet somewhere in the middle and have some great solutions to things that you just never thought of and couldn't think of a way to do that. That night, I also said some other stuff. I said some stuff about open, transparent communication and listening to people and stuff. I got some feedback on that, and they said, "You know, Molly, you're really nice. Okay? But that's pretty naïve and it's kind of child-like." So I took that to heart. You know, over this, it's going to be like a year. You know, you file your petition. You have to get all of these names and then you do this until the general election. It's like a year. Over the course of the year, I have talked to hundreds and hundreds of people. So, I told them all about these things. Like, I researched sewer systems. I know more about sewer systems now because of Martinsville-Midland than I ever wanted to know. I went and saw – we talked about one in upstate New York, my husband and I did. You know, I've had a great education. I talked about that. I talked about the possibility maybe, just maybe it was a mistake, and maybe we ought to think of some other solutions for that. I talked about the Air Park that we need to get some good return on our investment. I talked about the hospital money, that I felt we ought to hold onto it and get a citizen group that is actively participating in the decision-making of where that money goes. And I talked about casino revenue sharing. I talked about all of those things that weren't so naïve and childlike. But I also did something else that was very important. I listened, which is exactly what I said I felt was the most important thing -- is that you listen. And I wrote notes about what they said. And the general population asked "Are you going to tell anybody what we said?" "Would you?" And I said, "Sure. I'll tell them." So, I really here to give you – this is what your constituents say and want you to know. The only thing that I changed was in case they used some word of color that might not be appropriate. They would like you, and all elected officials, commissioners, state, local and everybody, they kind of lump them into one thing – they would like you to tell them the truth. They don't want any secret stuff. They don't really want politics. They want a good place to live with people willing to work – hard. People with integrity who are in it not for the prestige or power, but because it's worth it. They don't want bickering. I'm

just going to stop right there for a moment. Because my clerk, who is not quite Brenda, but he is pretty good, is going to give you something else that you want you to have. That started to sound really familiar. All of these things that they were telling me started to sound familiar. It's not because it was sounding familiar because I'm the naïve, childlike nice woman who wants to do something with her county. It was starting to sound familiar because somebody else had already written it all down and it was silly and why was I was taking notes. So, here's the rest that they want you to know. They want you to play fair. They want you to share everything. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that are not yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt someone. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush (Martinsville-Midland is always around). Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup – roots go down and the plant grows up. Remember the Golden Rule. Remember ecology, politics, equality, and most of all, sane living. And it is still true no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together. I don't know what's going to happen in November, and honestly, that's really neither here nor there. What's really important is that you heard what these hundreds and hundreds people had to say and it really only comes down to that. Everybody knows that there's no one that has the answers to every single thing. There just isn't. They really just want everyone to try their hardest and try to find the answers for them and do the best they can. So, I'm just asking that you re-read this. I'm sure you've all read it once. I'm just asking you to re-read it again. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

Mayor Riley: Thank you, Molly.

President Kirchner asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

John Schum: 81 W. Main St. I just have a question with respect to the I was just wondering about how you were going to divest yourselves the old police cars – is that what they are? Do you have a means of doing that? How do you generally proceed?

Mayor Riley: We have been using Govdeals.com. To sell them, it has to be on the open market. It has to be available to anyone. So rather than having our own auction once and year and having to store all of this stuff, we've decided... does anyone remember how long it's been? It's been two years? For the last two years we have been using Govdeals.com and it has worked out quite well for us. Thanks, John.

President Kirchner asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.
Motion passed.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk