

COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Meeting Held via Zoom and streamed live via YouTube

7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL – Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath , Mr. Barker, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Fennell. Ms. Hall

INVOCATION – Mr. Blake

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS - Mr. Bubb – I will be abstaining from Ordinance No. 20-29 this evening.

MINUTES of August 17 , 2020 - Motion by to approve the August 17, 2020 Newark City Council Minutes as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same, second by **Motion to approve by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Lang, carried by acclamation**

APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance **Received & Filed with no objections**

Service **Received & Filed with no objections**

Street **Received & Filed with no objections**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor, Stephen E. Johnson – Operating report for period ending August 31, 2020 **Received & Filed with no objections**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Hollenbaugh – President Bowling Green City Council – Letter to Ohio Senators and Congressional Delegation regarding the need for rapid testing

Darrin Logan – NPD – Newark Boys Basketball Golf Outing

All received & filed without objections

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Nancy Welu – 7441 Stewart Rd, Newark, Oh – As most of you all know I'm a volunteer with Newark homeless Outreach. I've been before council several times. Since the pandemic myself and others have been advocating for hand washing, water, hygiene and other much needed services for the unsheltered in Newark. As of today I haven't gotten a whole lot of feedback from most of you on those items. Since August 12 we believe we have lost 3 unsheltered men. They died on the east side, outside. We think from drug overdoses. There was a man who died on August 12th and he was a gentleman that I had taken water to several times in July when it was blistering hot outside without access to water and a cooling station. The last time I saw this man he looked in really bad shape. He was on East Main behind a building and I gave him some water and I told him he really needed to get into some shade. I was a couple feet from him and he looked me in the eye and said "I need help". There wasn't much I could do for him. I felt really helpless. I thought about calling 911, but he had an injured foot and if he ended up on West Main and they released him he would've had a very hard time making it back to the east side where he felt comfortable. Several weeks later I heard about a man being found dead on Webb Street. I had a feeling it was him and it was. I have his obituary. I read his obituary and I cried for his family. He had children. Within a few weeks after that we heard of 2 other gentleman who had died outside. I don't think that's normal for the east side of Newark. There was nothing in the newspaper either. I know the Homeless Task force has been meeting for over a year. Most recently one of the consultants' reports was shared with the community and I think all of you got that also. The other consultant, Sally Luken, terminated her contract. I was disappointed and

disturbed at her reasons. It appears the task force isn't communicating with each other and the folks who need a low barrier shelter the most are dying outside on the east side of Newark. I remember last month when Mr. Blake talked about getting calls regarding unsheltered people most of you said you hadn't had any calls with the exception of Mr. Fennell. We all know there are unsheltered people in Newark whether they're seen or not and all of you represent Newark in your own way. I have a couple questions I don't expect to be answered tonight. The Dollar Store on East Main was purchased by the Evans Foundation in the hopes it could be used for a low barrier shelter. Is there an agreement verbal or written between the Evans Foundation and the City or NDP in regards to that shelter? Will another consultant be hired to finish the work of Sally Luken? Who gets to decide who will run the shelter? Is there going to be another Task Force or Committee? I know there was preliminary architecture plans for the Dollar Store and I'd like to know if the public can have access to those even though they're in draft form and if not then who owns the plans? \$50k of tax money was spent city and county and also private dollars were spent. I understand Deb Tegtmeyer is coming to the city on 9-21-20 to speak about the report. Is this going to be the Task Forces speaking event to notify the community or is it just her reporting back to the city because of city dollars being spent? I would like to ask the city to spend some if the CARES Act funds for handwashing stations and drinking bottle filling stations. Drinking fountains are shut down and we know people may be drinking out of the river. I doubt that is safe. The Newark Homeless Outreach continues to give out gallon jugs of water every Saturday and baby wipes soaked in hand sanitizer. That's all we can do right now.

Lesha Farias – Think tank on Poverty – 116 Smithview Dr. Newark – This weekend I was walking on the bike path near Cherry Valley right by where the recycle bins are. There were a lot of people there and a lot of people doing recycling. There was a woman lying there on the grass it looked like she was sleeping. I wondered why no one was doing anything. She wasn't bothering anyone or asking for anything but it was like she was invisible. I took my walk and came back and she was still there. It really concerned me. She had her possessions with her and she didn't seem to be in trouble or anything but it was starting to get dark. So I called my colleague with St Vincent De Paul, we decided to call 911, I said she wasn't bothering anyone but someone should look in on her. When I drove by later I saw people putting beautiful pieces of cardboard in the recycling and I saw her dumpster diving, I think maybe she was preparing a shelter for herself. There is no place to go. The shelters are full, we don't have enough affordable housing and I urge the city of Newark to use these CDBG Funds to assist people who are experiencing homelessness not only for hygiene but for shelter. If we can't do that I think we should all try a night outside, sleeping outside, walking around trying to stay awake, alive and safe. There are far too many people experiencing that and now we have these federal dollars at our feet and we need to step up.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath

20-27 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AMENDMENTS TO NEWARK'S SEWER USE AND SEWER CHARGES ORDINANCE (91-59); DIRECTING LIMITED PUBLICATION OF THE SEWER USE AND SEWER CHARGES ORDINANCE **Held for 2nd reading two weeks**

By: Mr. Fennell

20-28 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PART OF A SIXTEEN AND ONE-HALF (16.5) FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE ORIGINAL PLAT FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 4 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS; SAID ALLEY IS LOCATED EAST OF NORTH 4th STREET, AND SOUTH OF WEST CHURCH STREET. **Held for 2nd reading in two weeks**

By: Mr. Rath

20-29 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTIES IN AND ABUTTING FAIRWAY ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND ALONG HORNS HILL ROAD BY UPGRADING THE EXISTING SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND INSTALLING A NEW GRAVITY SEWER SYSTEM AND THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, THERETO **Held for 2nd reading in two weeks**

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie

20-56 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb, passed 10-0

By: Mr. Rath

20-57 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR 2020 UNMARKED SUV'S FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE
Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Barker, passed 10-0

By: Mr. Lang

20-58 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Motion to adopt by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Bubb, passed 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath

20-59-A A RESOLUTION CREATING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA FOR DOWNTOWN NEWARK AND ENACTING REGULATIONS WITH REGARD THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Barker

Mr. Rath – With the restrictions on businesses due to COVID-19 this gives our local businesses to increase their offerings and in some cases may be the life line that keeps them open, because of that we have declared an emergency to make these opportunities available to them as soon as possible.

Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Marmie

20-60 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
To be held for 2nd reading in two weeks

By: Mr. Marmie

20-61 Expedite A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Motion to waive the 2 day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Marmie – We have bills that have to be paid for the judicial computer system and that has to be done immediately so I need this to be expedited.

Motion to waive 2 day reading rule passed 10-0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang, motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Rath

20-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND SELL CERTAIN SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Barker

Mr. Rath – This has the emergency clause to allow us to meet advertising deadlines for the city.

Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Marmie

20-63-A Expedite A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC-RELATED EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Motion to waive the 2 day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Marmie – This money relates to the CARES Act money that the city is receiving and it needs to be expedited so we can set everything in motion and process in a timely manner in order to utilize all of those funds.

Motion to waive the 2 day reading rule passed 10-0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang

Motion to amend 20-63-A to update the amount received into the contingency fund, add a list of initial expenses for the city and add the requirement that transfers out of this fund have the additional approval of the Chair of the finance Committee. This is all summarized in amended Resolution No. 20-63-B that I have circulated to Council, second by Mr. Marmie

President Ellington – everyone has this amendment?

Mr. Lang – Yes, everyone should, I circulated it to all of council earlier today. A few changes to the legislation that was passed out of Finance Committee were needed. We received just shy of \$697k additional dollars into the General Fund that need to be appropriated into the Contingency Fund, so the amount needs to be adjusted to just under \$2.1 Million, the exact amount is in the legislation. We also discussed at Finance Committee wanting to strike a balance between the need to encumber this money by the October 15th deadline, but there was concern that we didn't want to remove Council entirely from the equation, so we worked with the administration to identify a list of expenses that we've acquired to date and any other expenses the city may incur. We thought the best way to expedite these transfers was to include the Finance Chair on the transfers and then he could communicate to council. This allows us to do the transfers in a quick fashion but still keep council in the loop.

Mr. Blake – First I wasn't to thank Mr. Lang for the communication on this amendment earlier today. It does raise some questions that I have about the roughly \$800 that's left to be distributed and what's the process for allowing for councils input on the transfers of those funds.

Mr. Fennell – I'd also like to thank Councilman Lang for being so great at communication on this and Mr. Marmie for agreeing to take this on as well. My concern is I want to encourage as much public discussion on the dispersal of these funds as possible. I realize we have to be aware of deadlines, but I'd like to see a

solution that's more friendly to public comments on these funds and to helping the unsheltered people. Can we get more information about the October 15th deadline and what that specifically entails.

President Ellington – Mr. Lang, just to clarify on your amendment, Mr. Marmie would have the approval authority on these excess funds without coming back to council. Is that what you're saying in this amendment?

Mr. Lang – Yes, the spirit is that we have this initial list the city has identified about \$1.2 million. There is no doubt that there will be additional expenses from the city and this list we have now which is transparent because we are going to attach it to the legislation, the amounts on that list may change as well because there are some estimates on there. Our Auditor was concerned to be able to spend this money internally for the city we need to be able to do it quickly and that's really the spirit of what Mr. Marmie's responsibility would be. I would certainly be voicing my opinion about him approving any sort of large expenditure without having a more public discussion. What this is to do is allow the flexibility for the amounts that we are spending internally within the city not on outside sources.

Mr. Marmie – We really worked with the administration to try to come up with a plan that kept council in the loop and involved but that wouldn't slow down the process. The Mayor has agreed to give me 48 hours to respond to any request so I can communicate it with the rest of council and make sure everyone has the opportunity to provide some kind of input without having to wait for 2 weeks until the next council meeting. That's why this plan was put into place. What we don't want to do is create a situation where we're going to drag it out to a point where it's too late for us to utilize the funds. These funds are being given to the city of Newark to provide immediate assistance and to try to do that in an expedient manner to those in need and that's what we're trying to do. First on the CARES Act list was to make the City whole on those expenses we already have and those we are going to have in order to make sure citizens and employees are in a safe situation. It's to make sure also that the transparency is still there. If we didn't have the extra step the administration could've just made the decision and moved forward with it.

Mr. Blake – Can our auditor explain what the urgency is that people seem to have with these funds and explain what the October 15th deadline is. Can't these funds remain in the account and the remaining \$800 be spent through the regular legislative process? We do have Rule 11 that we can use if things need to be done quickly.

Mr. Johnson – The urgency is the October 15th deadline for the money to be encumbered. That doesn't mean it has to be spent by then just appropriated and placed into an expense account. We have until the end of December to spend the money, but if we don't have it encumbered by mid October we have to send it back.

Mr. Marmie – Lori explained that encumbered means that you have to have your purchase orders in place and things like that. We actually have until December 18th to spend it. There's still debate on if there are items on back order if we can go ahead and pay for those things. There's some unanswered questions there that we are trying to work through. We have to get further clarification, we haven't been told all the rules yet either. The computers we're trying to get for employees in case they need to work remotely are on back order. Everyone is working hard trying to get those answers.

Motion to amend the amendment to remove Section 3 by Mr. Blake

President Ellington – Tell me what Section 3 is, I don't have that in front of me.

Mr. Blake – This is the section giving the authority to the administration, The Finance Chair and Directors.

Second to motion to amend the amendment by Mr. Fennell

Mr. Blake – I think that when the Finance Committee had their discussion two weeks ago and wanted to have this as open as possible the committee decided to remove language that would allow council to remain in this process. We have ways to expedite things. I hear a concern about October 15th, this is just the beginning of

September, there is time if the remaining \$800k needs to be encumbered by that date there are ways we can do that through the regular legislative process. I believe to keep full council involved I would urge full support for removing this section and secondly I'm concerned about Sunshine. If the Chair of the Finance Committee is to be our spokesperson and is communicating with all of council, how is that being done in an open process? How is that being done to allow community input? We've received requests from Newark City Schools and other groups within our community regarding these funds, so maintain the spirit of openness I feel we can use the regular legislative process that we already have for the remaining \$800k.

Mr. Lang – I would urge folks not to support this amendment. This is essentially what I had done at the last Finance Committee Meeting. We worked closely with the administration to come up with a solution to thread the needle to keep the process from being slowed down, as there are only two more council meetings to encumber these funds and I fear the community will miss out if we require a council meeting for every transfer out of this fund.

Mr. Fennell – I feel that during this process, the more public it is the better it is and the more input that we will have. I know we don't want to lose out on the funds but I think it's important that we gain the knowledge and experience and wisdom of our community through public comment on this.

Mr. Blake - I just want to remind council that we can call special meetings as well, so although our scheduled meetings are the first and third Mondays, council is allowed by our rules to call special meetings.

Mr. Lang – There's been a lot of discussion that somehow we're not allowing public comment. I don't think that's what this legislation does at all. Had we passed it as originally proposed it would've just gone to the administration to do transfers out of this like they do out of other funds in the budget that don't always require council participation.

Mr. Marmie – I will echo what Mr. Lang said, and if you do remove Section 3 the administration will have all the authority to do those transfers without any council input or meeting.

Motion to amend the amendment by removing Section 3 failed with 8 against and 2 for

Mr. Blake – I still have concerns about how the discussion and decision making process will occur regarding the remaining \$800k. How will people be able to provide input on that \$800k. I want to point out that by including this Section 3, I was just trying to do what the Finance Committee did two weeks ago. I would urge a no vote.

Ms. Hall – I just want to say that I expect transparency and sharing communications. That doesn't mean that the Sunshine Law has to be broken. We can share information without that concern. If we need a separate council meeting, so be it. This is really an important issue and there are still some things to work out, but I think it will be fine.

Motion to approve amendment to Resolution No. 20-63-A passed with 8 for and 2 against

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-63-A as amended passed 8-2

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Cheri Hottinger – 894 Jonathan Lane, Newark, Ohio – I just wanted to thank council and the administration for passing Resolution No. 20-59-A tonight. I truly believe it will make a difference to our local businesses and I appreciate you putting the emergency clause on. I look forward to working with you to make this happen and if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Leshia Farias – 116 Smithview Dr, Newark, Ohio – I appreciate that we passed waiver of the 2 day reading to talk about the COVID Funds, it's interesting that we also did that for people to eat outside and that these are on equal footing. Since these are community development block grant monies, we need to develop the community that's what the money is to be used for. I would really like some transparency on if \$2.1 million is coming our way and we've got \$697k contingency and the city is using \$1.2million for internal things, how is

that community development and I just really do not understand the math so I would appreciate some clarification on that and I'm extremely concerned I do believe this requires community input and I don't understand how the Finance Committee is able to decide what the community needs, especially when they're community development block grant monies that are supposed to be for the neediest people of our community. I'm hoping for more council meetings where the community can be involved and ask questions so the Sunshine laws are obeyed.

President Ellington – The Sunshine Laws are being obeyed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Law Director Doug Sassen – I want to clarify that the process that was adopted in Resolution No. 20-63-B will not apply to the CDBG Funds. That's a separate process that Mr. Mauter brought through the Finance Committee that will have a public process involved since they're not facing the deadlines that the other funds in the General Fund are.

Mayor Hall – Just to clarify regarding what Director Sassen said, the \$433k is CDBG money. It's an extension on the CDBG money that we get regularly. It's COVID related, it has to be and all the guidelines of CDBG money are that it has to satisfy and benefit low and moderate income families in the community. That's through the public process just like other CDBG money. The other dollars we talked about is just shy of \$2.1 million is not CDBG money. It is federal dollars that congress passed and gave chunks of money to each state. Each state set up their own guidance how it was to be distributed. Ohio determined it had to be encumbered, which doesn't mean decided exactly who it's going to. There's time to do that. Citizen input is through the administration and council is open 24/7 via email and conversation. Ms. Welu and Ms. Farias here today, we've heard it, we've recorded it, we've put it on lists. We collect information like that and how to work into the community. So, to say it once again, the second money, the \$2.1 million is not CDBG money so it falls under a little different category than that. I want to thank council for working towards this. It comes quick and there isn't guidance like we have for the CDBG Funds, so it isn't black and white. We have time after October 15th and when the monies are encumbered to decide exactly where those monies will go.

Mr. Harris – I want to thank Joe Paul and BJ Varner for helping me with a situation in the 2nd Ward and then on the bike path a tree fell and I call Jay Hoskins and he was able to get a crew out to take care of that. It's good to see Mark back and thank the Lord that he's with us today. I'm sure he appreciated everyone's prayers, it's good to see you.

Mr. Labutis – Thanks to Service Director Rhodes and Joe Paul with some help on some issues. I would like to thank each of you as well. As you know I was in the hospital for a little over a week. I also need to thank Mr. Mallett for the great article. He told my story well. There were 3 things that got me out of the hospital, it was prayers, great community support and the great care that I received at Licking Memorial. I appreciate the calls, the cards, the prayers, the texts and the visit outside my window. I could see a couple of you out there. For those of you that came, the little white towel with the black X, I did bring that home. Finally, I need to call a Safety Committee Meeting for September 21st.

President Ellington – Thanks you Mr. Labutis, it's good to see you and for the record, we got a good picture of Mr. Fennell holding the Vote for Labutis sign.

Mr. Lang – Mark it is fantastic to see you back on here and looking so well. Regarding the Safety Committee Meeting that was called, there were some questions about the report we had gotten from the task force, Mark and I had reached out to Deb Tegtmeyer to ask her to speak to a future Safety Committee Meeting about the Task Force and where they are so she should be coming to our meeting in two weeks to answer questions. I would encourage everyone to look at that report and get their questions for her into Mark or maybe to Janine so we can get them to Deb Tegtmeyer prior to our meeting so she is prepared to answer them. I'd like to thank the Law Director, Auditor, Deputy Auditor, Mayor and Finance Chair for working with me on the amendment. I think we took a nice step forward in a way to get things done quickly and also keep council involved. I've already been talking with the Mayor and I would encourage other members of council to do so about coming up with some kind of

process of how we are going to put money into the community. I think we need to think about small businesses, 5013C and schools as potential recipients for some of that money and identify a good process. I would encourage people to look at other communities around us and their processes to try to come up with a good plan. Finally, I want to clarify for Ms. Farias, if you look at our Finance Committee Meeting from tonight, Resolution No. 20-64, specifically Section 2 where we discussed funds coming into the CDBG Fund, \$410k of that is going into a contingency fund which is to be used for utility and rental assistance for low income folks. We did have a pretty good discussion about that and there is a little more time with that like the Mayor said, so that process is still being worked out but there will be a significant amount of money there for that kind of assistance.

Mr. Marmie – I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for two weeks. I'd also like to welcome Mark back. I'm glad that everything came out okay, there were a lot of us praying and we probably looked pretty silly down there with all of our signs outside your window, but we all laughed at ourselves, I'll also point out since someone said something about Sean having a sign, Jonathan had his upside down. He couldn't even get it the right way! I'm glad we could be there for you even though it was outside your window, we were all pulling for you. I also want to thank everyone along with Jonathan. This Resolution No. 20-63-B that passed tonight was difficult to come up with something with some kind of process that kept everyone in the loop and allowed for some quick communication if something needs to be decided quickly. Even 48 hours can be a long time when you want to get something done, but we felt it was fair. The Mayor has said from the beginning that we are welcoming everyone's input on this. I want to thank him for his leadership on that.

Mr. Rath – Thank you for letting me join you form the luxurious accommodation of Candlewood Suites extended stay in Lexington Kentucky. Mark I'm happy to see you back and in good spirits. I had complete faith that would happen. I am also happy that we passed Resolution No. 20-59-A the DORA. For two reasons, I envisioned this happening 2 or 3 years ago when we first started re-vamping downtown and also to be able to give our downtown businesses an extra advantage and hope this is a great economic stimulus.

Mr. Barker – I would echo Mr. Rath and thank Cheri and the rest of the team at NDP for all of their work on the DORA. I'm glad we could get that passed for the DORA participants. I also want to give kudos to the Mayor, I sat with him last week for a period of time discussing how the CARES Act money could work and I believe it was Mr. Marmie who said the Mayor was seeking input and I would agree with that statement, the Mayor said exactly that to me.

Mr. Blake – I want to thank our Service Director David Rhodes. Over the last month he's been working with me and my constituents here in the 2nd Ward and many of those calls have been homeless issues, people having homeless people on their property and discussing how to help our residents with various concerns. I also want to thank Adam Jenkins at Don Edwards Park. Adam and his dad, Doug and Drew Carr were very helpful with our NAACP kick off last Sunday night. The scoreboard that we all purchased though council was used for a movie and that was a great venue. With regards to the upcoming Safety Committee Meeting, I appreciate that Deb Tegtmeyer is coming as the chair of that Task Force, but I also saw Linda Mossholder on here tonight who was a member of that Task Force and I would encourage other members of that Task Force to come and provide input on that discussion. We are far from coming to a solution how to best handle the homeless situation here in Newark and I seem to be getting a lot more of those calls than e=other members, probably because my Ward has the river running through it and a lot of them are living along the river. We still need a solution as to what we can do as a city for a solution there. Finally, CARES Money is pandemic money. The more transparency and openness we have during times of uncertainty is important. It's nice to say send me an email or call me, but when those emails and calls aren't returned or replied to then you're leaving people out. If there's no public venue for people or organizations to express their concerns or needs then you're limiting the amount of where those dollars could be spent. I will stand by the position I took tonight in hoping that we have an open process regarding these dollars and I think within our legislative tools we could've met the October 15th deadline. If council needs to call a special meeting or

use Rule 11 we could've done that, so I still don't understand the urgency as to why we gave the authority to the individuals we did in the resolution tonight knowing that we had other ways to achieve that goal more publicly. Having a public meeting allows that discussion to be had in the open and that was what I was advocating for tonight.

Mr. Bubb – I want to welcome mark back as well and I need to call a Personnel meeting for two weeks.

Mr. Fennell – I would also like to welcome Mark back. I remember being informed of your diagnosis and it was definitely a punch to the heart. I am so glad you are back with us lending your voice and your wisdom to these discussions. I am most t happy for your family. You and your family were definitely in my thoughts. I am incredibly grateful that you have recovered. I hope you continue on that road. I got pretty sick a while ago and it took me a long time to get back, so just don't give up keep going. You'll get there. I have faith. I would also like to thank Nancy and Lesha for their comments as always looking out for the unsheltered in our community and it is my greatest hope that some of the CARES Act dollars that come in can be used to help our most vulnerable members of our community. I just want to re-iterate that they are still members of our community. They have deserve access to these funds as well and I have faith in our administration and our government to be able to do that and I'm looking forward to seeing how all of these funds are allocated and , that was really a slap and it's good to see you back and on the mend. I also want to thank Jonathan for him time on the amendment, I'm sure we can work through this and be transparent and keep everyone informed. I want to thank Deputy Chief Logan and property maintenance for staying on top of a situation in the 1st Ward. It's not a homeless situation,, more of a drug and abandoned house situation. I wish everyone to stay safe and well.

President Ellington – I would like to thank everyone for participating tonight, Our next meeting is September 21st. Committees will start at 5:45pm, full council will start at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Labutis, passed by acclamation