

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2025
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Harris called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL – Mr. Neely, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rine, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Cost, Mr. Houser, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie

INVOCATION – Mr. Houser

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Cashius & Weston Layton, 5th Grader & 3rd Grader, Blessed Sacrament

CAUCUS

Mr. Marmie - Mr. President, we have four items that we need to invoke Rule 11. Myself, Majority and Minority Leader, are in agreement to bring these. It's a timing issue with annexation petitions that we have to act in a particular time frame. Otherwise, it just goes through without any say of what is actually the services being provided and other items. So, I'd make a motion to invoke Rule 11 on ordinances 25-38, 25-39, 25-78, and 25-79.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to invoke Rule 11 on Ordinances 25-38, 25-39, 25-78, and 25-79, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

25-38 An ordinance consenting to the annexation of certain territory, generally described as being approximately 0.9 acres, more or less, located in Newark Township, to the City of Newark, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Marmie - Mr. President, I'm just going to further expound. 25-38 is just basically consenting to the annexation. 25-39 will actually be objecting to it, so that also would need an affirmative vote to object. 25-78 is going to indicate the services that the City is willing to provide, and then 25-79 is creating a buffer zone for that annexation. All of them are the exact same property, but we need to do all four of them in order for the annexation to go through properly.

Mr. Chute - Point of order. We have a motion and a second on Rule 11. Do we have to vote on that?

President Harris – (Inaudible)

Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

25-39 An ordinance objecting to the annexation of certain territory, generally described as being 0.9 acres, more or less, located in Newark Township, to the City of Newark, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Cost

Mr. Marmie - Mr. President, we need to vote no on this one.

Motion was defeated 0-yes 10-no

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

25-78 A resolution adopting a statement indicating what services, if any, the City of Newark, Ohio, will provide for approximately 0.9 acres, more or less, located in Newark Township, a territory proposed for expedited II annexation, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

25-79 A resolution regarding a buffer zone for the annexation of approximately 0.9 acres, more or less, located in Newark Township, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 10-0

MINUTES of November 3, 2025, Motion to accept by Mr. Labutis, Second by Mr. Houser, Passed by acclamation

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hall – Reappointing Brian Wood to the City of Newark Board of Zoning Adjustment. His new term begins January 1, 2026 and will expire December 31, 2029. Subsequent terms will be four years.

Passed by acclamation

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – **Received and Filed without objection**

Service - **Received and Filed without objection**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Ryan Bubb, City Auditor – Operating report for the period ending October 31, 2025 - **Received and Filed without objection**

Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator – Income Tax Revenue Reports for the period ending October 31, 2025. - **Received and Filed without objection**

COMMUNICATIONS

There are none this meeting.

Law Director's Office – Presentation from the Law Office regarding the H.O.M.E. Court Program
Melanie Timmerman, Assistant Director of Law - Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Council, for your time for us to share about H.O.M.E. Court this evening. I promised President Harris it would be no more than 45 minutes. We did want to bring this presentation before you this evening as part of the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, part of the events we had planned for this week. But it just so happened to dovetail with our six-month anniversary since we have launched H.O.M.E. Court. So as of November 7th, H.O.M.E. Court has been in practice, or has been operating, since November 7th. So, I want to just share a few program updates, and then what I most want you to hear is from our participants and a handful, just three of our service providers. Law Director Moore could not be here this evening, and she is very sad about that, but I want you to know that even though she could not be here tonight, her mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klockner, and her sister Maria, are here to show support for H.O.M.E. Court. So, thank you so much for being here. As I said, I wanted to share some brief statistics with you to let you know how H.O.M.E. Court is going. We launched May 7th, as I said. As of today, we have 11 active participants. All 11 active participants have stable housing or shelters, which is amazing. It's more than we could have... That is more than we could have dreamed of when we launched. And much of that success in getting our participants into shelters or into housing is

due to our partners, and many of whom are here in this room. So, the community has come along beside us and walked with us through this journey and helped make H.O.M.E. Court the success that it has been to this point. Of those 11 participants, two participants are in residential treatment programs, three are in short-term housing, and six are in homes of their own. So, we are so excited about that success. We have three participants awaiting admission this Wednesday, so H.O.M.E. Court continues to grow. We have had one program graduate. In October, we had our first program graduate. She found housing of her own with the assistance of the Licking County Coalition for Housing, and she now is working full-time as a phlebotomist. So, she had that training, just made some bad decisions that kind of spiraled out of control, and those decisions kind of brought her here to H.O.M.E. Court, but we were so excited to see the success that she had. So overall, in this six-month period, we've had 16 participants. We have our 11 current participants. The one graduate, we dismissed one case due to the serious health concerns of that individual, and we've had three unsuccessful terminations because we think those folks probably just weren't ready to do the hard work that they need to do in H.O.M.E. Court. So, at this point, we have an 86% success rate, and we are just thrilled about that. But again, all of that is thanks to the partnerships that we have with our community service providers. We have 35 partners now signed up to collaborate with H.O.M.E. Court, and I just wanted to share a few pictures with you. Our participants are given key chains that are made by Krystal Dailey, who serves as the H.O.M.E. Court bailiff and is also security here, so she's here working this evening. Thank you, Krystal. She has made these really neat key chains that all our participants receive when they obtain their own housing. We have two participants there receiving their key chains from Magistrate Liston, and then the other participant that you see there has also been placed in his own housing, is working with the Licking County Coalition for Housing on their VASH voucher. He's a veteran, and we were able to reunite him with his companion animal that was in the Knox County pound. So, we were so happy and thrilled that he got to be reunited with Bossy, his companion animal, who's now residing with him in his own housing. As Tricia says, you have to come to H.O.M.E. Court to see it in action and to see what happens, and so many of you have been there. If you haven't had a chance, we really would welcome you to come so you can see what's going on. Our folks are doing a lot of hard work in the midst of a lot of personal trauma a lot of times. We've had people who are diagnosed with cancer and are going through cancer treatment. We have an individual whose wife is in hospice, and they're engaging in this hard work, though, to improve their lives and the lives of their families. So, thank you so much for your support of H.O.M.E. Court. We thank you for our partners and their support, but I thought the best way to maybe share with you the successes that H.O.M.E. Court has seen is to hear through the own words of our participants and our partners. So, our first participant is Caleb, and he's going to share a little bit about his journey in Home Court.

Caleb - How's it going, everybody? My journey with H.O.M.E. Court has actually been spectacular. I never thought that I'd come this far, ever. It'd be three years, well, on November 26th, I found my dad passed in his truck. I was completely homeless, using drugs pretty bad. I didn't have nothing, just sleeping on the sidewalk underneath bridges. All due to a misdemeanor theft charge I thought was bad at the time. Well, I mean, back then I thought it was bad. Rather than hemming me up in a jail cell and everything, I got welcomed to the H.O.M.E. Court program, in which I never really had a family up until this. But it's like, it's not just a program, it's a family. Like the amount of love I feel when I go up inside the courtroom, it's phenomenal. Right now, I just recently got my GED. I'm actually in rehab right now, in which come the 19th, I'll have 60 days. And even after all this, I mean, they set you up with housing, and I just have family again, so it's really nice. I'll be going into the service no sooner as I get out of treatment too, so I'll be going straight into the Army. I really can't thank the magistrate enough, Magistrate Liston. She's phenomenal. She did have to put me in jail here recently, cuz, you know what

I'm saying? I did mess up, and which was for the better, I did get caught. I thought I could hide using substance abuse. I thought I could hide it, but she showed me some tough love. I stand here before you at 170 pounds. I got all my teeth fixed, and I don't know, I couldn't be better. This program works if you work it, you just got to put in the work. Thank you guys.

Ms. Timmerman - All right, we have a couple of service providers here this evening. First, I'd like to welcome up folks from the Licking County Coalition for Housing.

Trina Woods, Executive Director, Licking County Coalition for Housing - We heard about H.O.M.E. Court after the ordinance was passed, and we're like, how can we help? We have been at every H.O.M.E. Court, we've had a representative, whether it's a case manager or a supervisor. Through H.O.M.E. Court, we've been able to help eight participants find housing, get them into housing, work with our case managers, but also work with the court to fulfill the bond that has set forth. And so that helps us have a little bit of leverage. Sometimes when we don't have that court backing us, it's hard to tell somebody, you have to do this. With the court participating and saying, you have to do this, they have to do it. So, it makes our job a little bit easier, but each person that works with LCCH gets their own case manager. They call that person for any kind of questions, problems, who then can talk to the court, who can talk to Sherry, and can really try to work things out before they get to the point where they have to go to jail or they break their bond or something like that. So, we are always open to help, we want to help, and we're just so happy to be a part of this and able to use our programs to further get people into housing and help them get off the streets.

John LaBelle - Good evening, everyone. I'm John LaBelle, and I'm the president of St. Vincent DePaul at St. Catherine Dextral Conference. When I was up here last time, we were with St. Leonard's Church, but St. Leonard's Church closed, so we had to reinvent ourselves. There was 13 members then, there's 13 members now. We haven't lost a member, and we haven't stopped helping the poor. Also, when I spoke last time, I told all of you that I thought the ordinance was going to be a thorn in your side, it wasn't good for the city. I can tell you right now what goes on with H.O.M.E. Court, it's a rose for the city, a very big rose, because the magistrate, the law director, and their staff has put together a tremendous program. We're helping the people that are in need. You wouldn't believe, you have to really attend. Somebody already said that. You really have to attend to really see how things are handled. It's not a traditional court. There's a lot of love, there's a lot of caring in the court procedures. It's just wonderful. It's the best thing, in my opinion, it's the best thing since sliced bread to hit this city. I commend all of you, the council people, and of course, the mayor, for your support. You really have to attend, but the participants are there. There're so many of them in that room, it's unbelievable. The clients that they work with turn around and they see all the support. It's just remarkable. We do very, very little. The thing that we do and what we've had done in the past, we furnish their cell phones. You can't go around anymore without having a cell phone and you can't get much done. And that's one of the things that we provide. But again, it's a big rose for the city. And mayor, thank you very, very much. And thank you for everyone supporting. Please attend and support. Thank you.

Unknown Speaker - Good evening, Council. Thanks for having us tonight to represent this work. I'll try to keep up with John's analogies of roses and sliced bread if I can. First of all, a little introduction of who we are. St. Vincent Haven, for those who don't know, we are a 50 bed men's homeless shelter. We are program based. We expect our residents to commit to working our program in order to come into our shelter, and we are thrilled to partner with H.O.M.E. Court. The marriage of the ordinance to H.O.M.E. Court, maybe I could compare that to Air Jordans in the early 90s. We make you jump higher, run faster, stop quicker. A lot of government moves too slow, turns like a ship. But our H.O.M.E. Court, run by our own Magistrate Liston here, is like a little sports car, turns on a dime. It's been a great

addition to this town. This is a giant leap in the direction of us ending homelessness in this community. So, thank you guys.

Ms. Timmerman - All right, and I would be remiss before I sit down if I didn't remind you of some of the upcoming National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week events. This Wednesday, the 19th, we're having Break-fast, a community dinner. We're actually asking you to fast for lunch that day and contribute what you would have spent on lunch to a local agency of your choosing that's making a difference in the lives of people in our community. Then come to the drop-in center from six to eight. It's going to be kind of a come and go breakfast, where we'll just get together for a time of fellowship and just being together. So, we would invite you out for that community dinner on the 19th. And then finally, on Friday, we will be part of the winter market. We'll have a table there where you can donate food items or hygiene items in the arcade. We're really excited to partner with some of our service providers for the breakfast and then it's just exciting to be out and to be able to have an event at the winter market or a table at the winter market where we can spread awareness of H.O.M.E. Court. With that, we are done. Are there any questions from Council that you would have for us at this point? All right, thank you so much for your time. I appreciate it.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Jane Duvall, 226 Cambria St. - I was here this summer pleading for help for a drug house. We got the city police more involved. We did get it shut down. The owner of the house went to court, was going to be directed to go to H.O.M.E. Court and instead, tonight, he's in a hospital fighting for his life. If we had had some of the legislation that I hear is possible to get for slumlords who allow misuse of their properties. If the church that is by me would stop sending the people, I don't think they realize that they're going to this house at 249 Cambria Street. I've pestered most of anybody downtown that has a 670 phone. I've probably called all of them. It's nice to have all this support. But in the meantime, we're living with criminals, robbery, drugs, and it's not safe in our neighborhood. And those who are not in our neighborhood, who are not experiencing this, don't have a clue. I don't know where the help, other than I keep speaking to Chief Deputy Officer Logan, he's tired of hearing from me. So is Joe Paul, so is George, so I mean, we keep asking for help. There's a councilwoman here that seriously endangers her life to help us and provide us with avenues of things that we could do. We need help. Our neighborhood is drowning. I believe the city is drowning. All these wonderful things going on, but we can't get the laws and we can't get somebody in the house, as Officer Logan told us. We have to have proof. We've got lots of pictures. We're living with it. We have cameras. But we can't get in the house because the bad people keep us out. So, Sam is fighting for his life tonight. He was supposed to go to H.O.M.E. Court. We were hoping that he would have his interview. It's been two weeks. He didn't have his interview in time. Might have saved his life.

Cody Miller, 746 Maple Grove Ave. - President Harris, council members, Mr. Mayor, we really need stronger legislation to crack down on these nuisance houses in Newark. I don't know what the solution is, but I implore you, please, please, look at something. In our case, property maintenance, they were the only ones able to get in there. Our police, they're doing everything they can, but they need strong evidence. The law director's office, they need strong evidence. The people that can go in there are property maintenance. They really do need some teeth to crack down on these houses. And if they would have been able to do something sooner, he might have been able to get the help he needed, and we wouldn't be in this situation. We have an excellent resource in H.O.M.E. Court, but please, can we look at something so we can make sure that our neighbors in Newark are getting that resource a lot quicker in these situations. Thank you.

Maria Alejandra Leon Garcia, 230 Woods Ave. - I was here a year ago. Still, I want to stay in the conversation about homelessness. It is not a simple problem, and I agree. We have a rose in town now, but a lot more can be done. I saw some of you at the screening of the movie, Beyond the Bridge, a solution to homelessness. That's just one step towards advancing the discussion. I'm here to invite everyone here, their friends and family to our continuation, the follow up to that movie, tomorrow we're going to be talking about what is going on in the economy of every family in the community that will...what are the factors that make people become homeless. It's going to be a conversation about A.L.I.C.E., which is the working poor or the asset limited income constraint and employed people. That includes a lot of us, and that percentage of population is growing, unfortunately. I hope to see everyone there to continue the conversation. Thank you for calling me.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie

25-35 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 256.18 REGARDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT RETAINAGE PROVISIONS AND PLACING IT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO. **Held until 12.1.25**

Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie

25-36 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TEN, TITLE FOUR, CHAPTER 1048, "WATER" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO INCLUDE SECTION 1048.16 "PROHIBITION OF WATER WELLS". **Held until 12.1.25**

Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie

25-37 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$484,600.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO. **Held until 12.1.25**

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

25-72 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM. **Held until 12.1.25**

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

25-73 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. **Held until 12.1.25**

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

25-74 Exp A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Motion to waive the 2-day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 10-0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 10-0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

Melanie Timmerman, Assistant Director of Law – I would just thank everybody for allowing us to present this evening. With that, I'll pass.

Mayor Hall – I surely want to thank the law department, Mel, Trish, and everybody for making H.O.M.E. Court work. It's phenomenal. I want to congratulate the gentleman in the front row. It's a hard road, but I know you can do it if you work hard. You deserve better than what you were doing. Good people doing good things. This brought the community together in such a neat way. It puts a big smile on the mayor of the city. It's very unique and very creative. It's working. Your numbers tonight are phenomenal. So, thank you everybody. It takes a community to help solve problems like this, and that is exactly what this is doing. Congratulations on six months. Thank you.

Mr. Neely – Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank the law director's office also for that great presentation. I commend you and everybody involved, Magistrate Liston, the service providers for making that very successful. I congratulate the participants who are working that program, bettering their lives. I do believe it's making Newark better. With that, I will pass.

Mr. Rath – Thank you. On the stuff that's going on tomorrow, there's a QR code here that you can scan and that tells you when and where that is. The information is actually there. Awesome presentation on H.O.M.E. Court. Very excited to hear that that's going very well. Very excited to hear that you guys are having great success. I wish you continued success with that. We are absolutely in your corner and behind you. Very excited to say that I have seen curbs and pavement on West Main Street all the way to the west end of Newark. We are incredibly close to having that road back open again. Excited about that. I know that the support is gaining significantly to open the bridge on Cherry Valley Road and close S. Chalfont when we do that. I want to encourage you to continue to think about that and find ways that we can get that done. With that, I will pass.

Mr. Rine – Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to say the H.O.M.E. Court is fantastic. Caleb, I'm rooting for you, bro. Council, we're rooting for you. The City is rooting for you. Very well said. Even your boys, we're rooting for you. Amazing. I'm getting chills just thinking about how well you're going to do, man. With that, I'll pass.

Mr. Barker – Thank you, Mr. President. Again, like everyone has said, I want to echo my thanks to the H.O.M.E. Court team. If anybody thought we would be in this place six months ago, we probably weren't sure how it would work. So, to see the benefits, and as the gentleman from the former St. Leonard Church said, a rose in the city. It's great to hear that. We appreciate that. I just want to invite the community. Next Friday, on the 28th is our 77th annual courthouse lighting to kick off Christmas here in downtown Newark and Licking County. We're looking forward with the help of NPD and NFD to deliver the big guy down the road. We're looking forward to that. It's going to be a great time. Hopefully, it's not frigid. Hopefully, we have some nice weather and we're not all bundled up head to toe. I'd also like to congratulate the Newark Catholic Volleyball team on their state championship win last weekend. It has a very storied history. My wife is a former player and coach, and so we were watching intently the state championship games on it. So, congratulations to the girls and coaches

there. With that, this is going to be our last meeting of November, so I want to wish everybody a great Thanksgiving and have a great time with your family and friends and enjoy it. With that, Mr. President, I will pass.

Ms. Bline – Thank you, Mr. President. First, Law Director, I know you're watching. We thank you. Thank you for all your work. Thank you to Judge Liston. She's amazing. And thank you, Assistant Director Timmerman. This is just a wonderful thing. I'm noticing some faces in here. Sir, congratulations. Congratulations. Congratulations. Beautiful. Beautiful. Thank you for all your work, and thank you for daring to do something hard. Hard things work out well. Thank you very, very much. And to the residents that came out, there is opportunity for legislation to strengthen our neighborhoods as well as to strengthen the great input of our property maintenance and police officers within our neighborhoods to create, again, a safer community, so I thank you for coming out. Sunday, I was able to go to a fundraiser for the Licking County Champions Network and Licking County Apartment Association. They had sponsored the event. Champions have been in Newark, Mr. Gargus was here a few weeks ago, almost 10 years. I'm a little bit biased. I've worked with them for a little over nine years, and I'm astounded at the work that's accomplished with very little, and very little finances. And so, this fundraiser, to any of you who are able to come out, it will greatly bolster them. The Licking County Apartment Association, they are a great entity, and I know they work with housing to really help people out in times of need. So, congratulations to them for working with Champions. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Chute – Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just echo. I appreciate the Law Director's office and their presentation this evening, the contributions of the Municipal Court and the service providers partnered with H.O.M.E. Court. We really do appreciate all that you're doing to better our community. And Caleb, thank you for being here. It took a lot of courage to stand up there. We appreciate you coming. With that, I will pass.

Mr. Cost – I can't tell you how much I appreciate everything that the law director's office has done. I want to thank you all for coming out and showing your support for the kind of work that they're doing. I've been to several H.O.M.E. Court sessions. It is an interesting experience. Magistrate Liston, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate what you do for this. You're showing some great results in these folks, and we truly appreciate it. The meeting that Alejandra was talking about tomorrow night is at the Hilton to discuss homelessness, and that's from 6 o'clock until 8 o'clock tomorrow night. We'd love to see you all here and give your voice to what we're all working on trying to achieve. I feel much better about things than I did a few months ago. So, I'm just happy to see you all here, and thank you all very much.

Mr. Houser – Thank you, Mr. President. Caleb, I know a couple people have said, but I want to thank you for coming up and being vulnerable like that. That's not easy. I guess my hope for you is you've had a lot of success with this, is that you'll take that lived experience that you have and help people around you, because the lived experience is super powerful. So, I hope you use that, and I just want to say congratulations to everybody who showed up. That's an amazing accomplishment. I want to thank the law director's office and the agencies that were in support here for making this the success that it is. And with that, I'll pass.

Mr. Labutis – Thank you, Mr. President. I want to echo a couple weeks ago on the 5th, I got to attend my first H.O.M.E. Court session, and like everyone else has said, you just have to be there to experience it. The way the court operates, the way it runs, completely different from anything you've ever seen, and the life change is amazing and awe-inspiring. So, kudos to the law director's office, Assistant Law Director Timmerman as well, and everyone that's involved on the legal side, Magistrate Liston, you do a fantastic job. In the time that I was there, it was a blessing to be there and see the life

change happen. For our service providers, thank you for coming together and making this community stronger and greater by offering your services. To the participants, we're rooting for you. Caleb, thanks for being here tonight. We're rooting for you. Every life change matters, bottom line, and I'm so glad that this is here. With that, I will pass.

Mr. Marmie – Thank you, Mr. President. I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for December 1st. I'm going to start out with the congratulations to the Newark Catholic Volleyball team for winning the state championship. It was an exciting run. In the state semifinals, they were down two to nothing and came back and won the last three. That is unheard of. Another unheard of is that the MAC is one of the biggest programs in volleyball as far as a league. They beat two MAC teams in order to win the state championship. I don't think that has ever been done in the history of Ohio volleyball. I want to invite all of you back here on December 1st. We are going to recognize that Newark Catholic Volleyball team. We hope to have everybody on the team here for that. Next, I want to talk about the H.O.M.E. Court. I appreciate the law director's office and their presentation. It takes a team of the service providers, the participants, it just takes a team. As far as the participants, we talked about different things and this isn't something that's easy, but anything that comes easy in life isn't worth a darn. I toned it down. But the service providers are just, we appreciate the teamwork and the engagement. The entire program has exceeded expectations and it is just incredible to be a part of it. I'm just a spectator watching it and it is really exciting to just see the success of it. Magistrate Liston, there's no one like you. You are just amazing. It is incredible what you have brought to our community, not only with this, but also, I'm going to segue into Ms. Duvall and Mr. Miller's comments. We are working on legislation and it will be here. Thank the lady behind you for bringing ideas that we can actually utilize, that bring teeth so Mr. Paul can do more, so our police can do more. It is coming, it is in formation, and it will come. Magistrate Liston just brought so much experience to help us out and you know with Mr. Paul, with his experience and just being able to share what it is we need. It was just that team effort and it will be here. So, thank you very much Magistrate, I really appreciate you. And with that, I'm going to pass.

President Harris – Thank you. Coach Klockner, it's good to see you tonight. He was my eighth-grade basketball coach over at Wilson. He was the hardest, toughest coach I've ever had in my life. We ran. We had a winning season, 17-1, and we ran like we were always losing. Fun times, and I think the law director at that time when I played, she was like five years old running around in the gym. Honored to have our former president, Mr. Don Ellington, tonight. Would you like to say anything?

Don Ellington - I'd just like to say thanks, it's nice to be back and it's good to see this committee is still in good hands.

President Harris - Veterans Day was last Tuesday and I'd like to wish everybody that served our country and thank them for all they've done for us and happy Veterans Day to them. I say this every year, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, not only because you can eat, but because it's a time where family comes together and all the stores are closed so you have to enjoy family. So, everybody have a great Thanksgiving. Our next meeting will be December 1st. Oh, I got one more thing to say. Saturday night, I went to the Buckeye game and I took my grandson to his first Buckeye game ever. He's six years old and he had a blast. His dad prepped him for two weeks of all the Buckeye cheers, so he was prepared and he knew it. I have pictures and videos if anybody would like to see.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cost, Second by Mr. Labutis, passed by acclamation

Jeff Harris, President of Council