

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 4, 2014

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the August 4, 2014 Newark City Council meeting to order

ROLL CALL- Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rolletta, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Guthrie, Ms. Hall, Mr. Johnson

INVOCATION – Mr. Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS-Motion by Mrs. Floyd to excuse Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Marmie

MINUTES- July 21, 2014 & July 28, 2014 Special Council Meeting Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2014 Newark City Council Meeting & July 28, 2014 Special Council Meeting as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor is appointing Bryan McAnally to the Temporary Board of Zoning Appeals. He will be filling the term of a past member. -

Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Johnson, motion was carried by acclamation

Mayor is appointing Glen Able to the Newark Board of Zoning Appeals. His term will expire December 31, 2017. - **Motion by**

Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Johnson, motion was carried by acclamation

REPORTS STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received and Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Hall- to present a proclamation recognizing The Licking County Settlers who for the third season in a row became Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League Champions.

Mayor Hall- to present a proclamation recognizing the athletes of the Special Olympics 2014 State Summer Games

Mr. Guthrie- I just wanted to thank the parents for their involvement and to thank all of the youth for participating. For anyone who has not seen a Special Olympics, it has been a few years since I've been to the State game. It's really an awesome program and we are really proud of the people involved with it.

Roger Loomis, Utilities Superintendent- water bill liens for past due water, sewer and storm water bills in the amount of \$20,824.27- **Received and Filed**

Jay Kasey, Senior Vice President Business and Finance at OSU- letter informing City Council that House Bill 497 contained an appropriation to The Ohio State University for capital improvement projects at the Newark campus. - **Received and Filed**

Paul Moran- complaint regarding properties on Elmwood Ave and Log Pond Run about high weeds and at Veterans Park concerning the condition of the Civil War monument- **Received and Filed**

Ohio Division of Liquor Control- a request for a new liquor permit for Palumbos Italian Market at 26 N Park Pl. - **Received and Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher- 129 W Main St, he had concerns about motorists speeding on W Main St right downtown here and motorists not yielding to emergency vehicles.

Rhonda Loomis- 870 W Church St, tonight on behalf of the N Williams St area block watch group I would like to share their appreciation for the first annual National Night Out held this past Saturday which was part of the national celebration of block watch groups, the eyes and ears of a neighborhood working in relationship with local police departments of which I will say we have one of the very best, the brightest and most dedicated force around. The men and women of the Newark Police Department spend a lot of time being a part of this block watch group and the relationships built are making a difference. In

fact block watch Captain Terri Moats reports that three additional families have expressed interest in their intent to begin attending meetings. She estimates 30-40 people and kids came through. Captain Terri Moats stated that she learned the City of Newark has 24 different block watch groups. She emailed them all and 4 replied to her request to join in on the National Night Out party Saturday night. One replied in the affirmative, the grandfather of the 6th St gardens and the South Side block watch group, Skip Shumaker. He set up monitoring equipment for a live demonstration and we would like to thank him for participating not only on Saturday night but he is at every meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. That is dedication and should not go unnoticed. The officer that came, officer Rubio didn't get to just pose for pictures with the kids which she did do but she ended up working. Why, because this block watch group was formed for a reason and the reason became pretty apparent. One member went to Circle K to get ice and a group of 6 or 7 kids on bikes ranging from the age of 14 to a few who appeared to be 18 would not leave the parking lot of that Circle K despite the manager asking them to do so 3 times. They commented on our members t-shirt that said block watch. When my husband went down the manager said I am going to have to call the police. My husband said let me take care of that for you. He promptly told officer Rubio at the party. She went down to the boys and advised them that they needed to move on. They came up to the block watch party full of spit and vinegar and wanted some of the free food. However the party wasn't open yet and they were advised to move on but to come back at 7:00. They went down W Main St where it was reported that they beleaguered a family that was on their front porch then they must have moved on completely because we did not see them during the party. That was a perfect example of what the N Williams block watch group does in cooperation with the best police force around. Our thanks go out to Councilman Rolletta for making an appearance on behalf of the legislative body. Thanks to WNKO and Dave Downy for his radio support in talking about the block watch program, the Newark Fire Department for bringing a truck and stickers for the kids, the COPS which is Citizens On Patrol Group for passing out noses for kids to sniff out crime as well as badges for them to wear. Glory Dixon and the Cert Team for setting up a wonderful display and buying from our bake sale. A very big thanks to the Newark Police Department as well as Director Spurgeon and Chief Sarver for allowing it and officer Rubio who came and made this first annual National Night Out block party a safe, fun and successful event. Sgt. McKee is the final thank you from this block watch group as he is the NPD glue that keeps this group vibrant and connected to our Police Department. He is tireless in his effort to keep the flow of communication going. All the members say to the following and mean it, when you see it, say it and mean it and for now they are saying thank you. Pictures from the party and an email between Terri Moats and Chief Sarver was shared with members of Council.

Paul Moran- 63 S 4th St, discussed the need for the proposed parking lots to be reused for retail to bring in revenue and jobs. He presented some ideas regarding things that might help prevent neighborhood crime, theft and vandalism. One was improved street lighting, active block watch groups and block watch activities, neighbors knowing neighbors and police foot and bicycle patrols.

Daniel Crawford-163 S 2nd St, first I just want to mention last City Council meeting there was a lot being talked about pride and about being a citizen of Newark. I just pretty much want to mention that I have a lot of pride in being a citizen. I remember a few years ago Councilman Guthrie used to have a bumper sticker that said something to the effect of Newark Pride and I have always loved that. It seems odd to a lot of people my age but I just love being a citizen of this city especially of the south end. I have been a citizen of the south end for 11 years. I am very proud of what the SNCA has done and I would be remiss if I didn't say that I love my Councilman in a way. It takes a lot to be proud of a city even despite all of its' trouble. You have to have pride in a city to want to improve it. I am very happy that the city is giving us a chance to vote on a tax levy for improvement to the roads. You didn't just vote that down you gave us the citizens a chance to vote on it and I will be encouraging people to vote for it. Along the same lines, trash pickup. You want to take pride in your community you want trash to get picked up. You want things to look clean, that attracts businesses. I know that this is probably an issue for the Board of Education but last week at the Committee meeting there was a discussion between me and the guy who works the cameras about having a community garden like what is on 6th St as a after school program for kids to help them stay out of trouble.

ORDINANCES ON THE SECOND READING

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Blake, Mr. Rath

14-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1860: SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Ordinance 14-20, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion by Mrs. Floyd to amend Section 1860.03 number 9 of Ordinance 14-20 that deals with the time that containers

should be out. There was a lot of discussion about that. There is a copy of my amendment in front of you. To the extent practicable, each container shall be placed at curbside the day before the scheduled collection and shall be removed from curbside the day after collection. I had a number of people complain that it was supposed to be out at a certain time and taken in by a certain time and a lot of people said that doesn't fit with their schedule. A lot of people help neighbors and do it when they are outside not after 7:00 at night or something of that sort. So that is the reason for the amendment.

Motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Rath

Mr. Rath- in the spirit of our Law Director Mr. Sassen who always takes issues with the word shall. The gist of this amendment I completely agree with however the way it reads is each container shall be placed at curbside the day before the scheduled collection. Well that means that if I bring me trash out to the curb in the morning the day of the collection then I am non-compliant with the law. So I have asked assistant Law Director Clippinger to come up with different wording for that and I would like to allow her to share that with us if you would.

Assistant Law Director Caroline Clippinger- I would recommend that we change the first shall to may or to say to the extent practicable each container shall be placed at curbside either the day before or on the day of the scheduled collection. Those would be my recommendations based on Mr. Rath's comments.

Mr. Rath- I would like to make a motion to make an amendment to the amendment.

Mr. Ellington- could I ask Mrs. Floyd if she would like to change her amendment so we could just do one amendment.

Mrs. Floyd- I will change it that way that is fine.

Mr. Ellington- Caroline could you tell us what that amendment should say?

Assistant Law Director Caroline Clippinger- I think that we should make it to the extent practicable each container shall be placed at curbside either the day before or the day of the scheduled collection and shall be removed from curbside the day after collection.

Motion to amend Ordinance 14-20 passed by a vote of 9-0.

Mr. Blake- I would once again like to thank the Mayor and his administration for their cooperative nature on working on this piece of legislation; also Director Sassen's office and members of Council for adding input on this piece of legislation. The intent is for everyone to have trash collection. I know that the discussion was heavy on the timing but the intent of it was to make sure people have trash collection in the City. It is a step forward. Some may consider it small some may consider it big but it is a step forward but we are doing it as a partnership between Council and the administration. I think that it is good for our citizens and our community so I wanted to thank everyone who has provided input and cooperation.

Mr. Guthrie- I am going to vote in the affirmative on this but I just wanted to repeat something that I have said in the past. I believe that the responsibility should lie with the property owners. This doesn't achieve that but it does make some head way and for that reason I will vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Johnson- I agree the responsibility should be with the property owners. I am concerned that in an apartment building you can have 5 different trash collectors come 5 different days. It seems better to have that property owner take care of the trash themselves and have one collector. I think we have too many trash collectors as it is. We say that we are going to put the trash out and take the container back but on my street we always have containers out because we have 6 different people coming down the street. I am going to vote for it but I just want to let that be known.

Mrs. Floyd- I agree with what they say but I understand this is a step in that direction. Trash has been talked about many times by Newark City Council. I had a gentleman call up and complain about what I was proposing and stated that he didn't want anyone telling him he had to have trash service. So no matter what you do you are not going to satisfy everybody. I did talk to a gentleman yesterday at my church who owns a great deal of properties; I asked him if he paid for the trash or if he had his tenants. He told me he paid for it that way he knew they had trash collection and that way he doesn't end up with trash bags in the basement or garage when they move leaving him with a mess. Maybe that is something that we can move towards but obviously I am in favor of this.

Mr. Guthrie- I think that I am allowed a second opportunity. I just want to tag on to what my colleague from the 5th Ward said because he was referencing the number of carriers. I know we have talked about this before but it is relative to this issue. It is important for us to figure out a way for us to do something similar to what has been done by other communities by townships who citizens as a result of getting 5 and 6 carriers off of their streets have significantly reduced the cost of removal of their refuse. It is an issue that we have to deal with. I know folks have strong feelings about it. The primary issue that people need to think about is the damage to our streets and the cost savings to our citizens. If we can focus on those issues and get beyond the concern about the fact that I can't have the trash hauler I want and I understand how people feel about that but cost is a big deal and maintaining our streets is a big deal. I think that we have just got to deal with it.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-20 as amended passed 7-2 (Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rolletta).

ORDINANCES ON THE FIRST READING

By: Mr. Blake, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

14-21 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,120,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF VARIOUS STREET AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Ordinance 14-21, second by Mr. Marmie

Mrs. Floyd- Mr. Moran mentioned the parking lot on Mt. Vernon Road, one of the reasons for that which Brian Morehead mentioned last week is the fact that the lot will be used to store equipment while they are tearing up the bridge and widening the bridge. When I came down here to look at the maps of how they were going to do the two way once Mt. Vernon and Hudson are two way there is not going to be any parking on the street from the freeway clear up top St. Clair. St Clair is where the one way starts right now. You can only park on one side of the street now but that means that there wouldn't be any parking at all. Some of those people don't have driveways and there are not allies behind their homes so there wouldn't be any place for them to park unless they parked on side streets. This parking lot can be used to remedy that situation.

Mr. Guthrie- I am going to vote against this tonight and I wish that we could separate some of these issues that we could vote on them separately. I understand the magnitude of it because it is a bond but I just have a problem with debt and debt pay back. I think that our payment on the new Fire Station is going to be over \$300,000.00 a year to pay that debt back and I know this will be wrapped into some other issuance of some sort in the future. At a time when we have to look at the newspaper and see the numbers of crime activities in our community and at a time when we know that we don't have adequate equipment in our Fire Department, when we know we are short manpower in both Police and Fire Department ai am just very reluctant to be stacking up debt that is going to have pay back. We can blame the financial situation if we want to on a 1% or a 1.5% pay raise but the fact of the matter is these things stack up just as much as those pay raises do.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-21 passed by a vote of 8-1(Mr. Guthrie)

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SECOND READING

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

14-58 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(100 General Fund: Non Health Insurance-\$1,000.00 & Building & Grounds Maintenance \$3,813.00)

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution 14-58, second by Mr. Marmie

Motion passed by a 9-0 vote.

By: Ms. Hall, Mr. Blake, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

14-59 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(335 Capital Improvements Fund: Machinery Equipment-\$5,200.00)

Motion by Ms. Hall to adopt Resolution 14-59, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion to adopt passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

14-60 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(100 General Fund: \$5,869.42 Reimbursement for costs associated with the Summer Youth Program)

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution 14-58, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a 9-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE FIRST READING

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

14-61 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND DISAPPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (**297 Fire Safety Grant-\$25.01: Close out AFG grant; DISAPPROPRIATE 297 Fire Safety Grant-\$5146.37: Close out Fire Prevention Grant; 294 Cops Grant-\$108,535.92: Close out grant**)

Held for a Second Reading

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

14-62 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND DISAPPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (**153 Compensated Absences-\$17,066.54- Michelle Hamann payout; DISAPPROPRIATE 100 General Fund-\$15,000.00: APD Salaries; 100 General Fund-\$15,000.00 Service General**)

Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Blake- it is dealing with an employee that has left and giving her the due compensation.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 9-0.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution 14-62, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Richard Westbrook- 276 Pierson Blvd, there was a lady named Virginia Weiss, she was the first female lawyer Newark ever had. After running her law firm for a few years she decided to run for judge and in her campaign promise she said that she would clean up Newark if she was elected Judge. Before I knew it there weren't any what we called "bootleg joints" and no house of pleasures. She saw a problem and she solved. Then we had Frank Stare who served 16 years as Mayor. No one has ever done that. Frank solved problems. He saw where we needed more Fire Departments and he arranged that we had fire stations on each side of Newark which meant hiring more firefighters. These are two elected officials that solved problems. Why is it that we don't have elected people like that anymore, what is the elected office all about. Is it a do nothing job or just a paycheck. When people come to City Council with a problem, all they get is excuses. Like on the problem of making landlords responsibility for their rental. Terrible excuses like do the math, we would have to hire somebody by Mr. Marmie. Let's talk about that for a minute. The Property Maintenance Department sends out fines for the violations. If not paid the Safety Director, Mr. Spurgeon goes to City Council for a lien on the property. From there it goes to the Treasury Department. Now we have the Auditor and property tax involved. If an owner comes in to pay the property taxes they still don't have to pay the fine. They can come in and say I just want this money going on my property tax, I am not paying anything on that fine and they have to let it go, they can't enforce it. No action can be taken for three years then we get a lawyer and a judge involved. Mr. Marmie says if we use my idea we would have to hire somebody. Look at the people; the departments that we can release and let do their job instead of these silly fines that should be kept in the Property Maintenance Department. Mr. Marmie you didn't have any problem hiring an assistant for Mr. Sassen that was ok. Speaking of Mr. Sassen why doesn't he bring these people to court with these outstanding fines. Mr. President if Mr. Sassen has to answer of this could you hold him down to 20 minutes. Mr. Mayor I am sure you have been busy but I don't know doing what except going to parties and passing out awards. You should be the head leader on this. Since Mr. Williams is here from The Advocate I would like Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Sassen and Mr. Hall to explain why we can't have safe housing for our people and why we can't have inspections both inside and outside these rentals. I would like that answer. With the problems we have in Newark, we have crime, we have drugs, we have housing and what is the most important thing on the agenda, my trash can. I can't understand it.

David Greene- 1791 Olympic Ct, I want to speak briefly on two issues. One, in support of what Mr. Westbrook spoke about in terms of housing. It is very easy for there to be excuses for why things are not done so I am interested in hearing what Council people can do in terms of action and not just explaining why things can't be done. In relationship to both community gardens,

one on 6th St and the one on Western Ave. There are two buildings across or right next to the gardens. The property on 6th St is owned by Steve Inlow. It is a small building that been boarded up for years and years. I think that it is somewhere around 160 S. 6th St, I am not sure of the number but you will know which house it is. The siding is falling off of it and it has been superficially repaired on the outside and part of the foundation has been repaired on one side. The inside is a mess. It is an eyesore in the community. It's interesting that it is opposite the gardens which are an effort by the way I appreciate Council Members and administration, the Mayor coming to the garden to look at it. It is a contrast to have a community garden and to have across the street from the gardens a building that should either be torn down or redone. As I understand it from Property Maintenance that building has been fined several times, fines have been paid; at least partially maybe fully I am not sure. The question is what is the enforcement of this process? So somebody goes ahead and leaves an eyesore and a house that is a mess in the community and they are fined but nothing else is done. As far as I am concerned that property shouldn't belong to somebody who isn't responsible for it. At Western Ave there is a building next door which is owned by Mr. Trickle. It is a dilapidated garage, repair place or storage unit which is falling in, in different places. I believe there have been violations and fines issued. This building still has not been repaired and the garden has been there for 2 years in an effort to involve the community and making it a better stronger community. This is a disappointment regardless of all the explanations of fines that have been increased whether the collection of those fines are adequate or not. There is a serious problem here that is not being addressed. I would like to hear from Council Members who is advocating to do something about this or from the administration. The second issue I want to touch on briefly and it has to do with being a senior. I have missed a lot of Council meetings. I have read the minutes and watched courtesy of the video footage of the meetings and kept track of things but I have been sick. We have one car in our family and we are dependent on that transportation. It is difficult to get the Licking County Transit there when you need it. As a senior citizen I feel transportation issues very strongly sometimes daily. I know that the City has turned over the responsibility for Transit to the County Commissioners. My question is who is advocating, not the formal positions because I know Shirley Stare and somebody else are members of the Transit Board but who is advocating for us in the community for a transportation system from Newark. The County system is having a lot of trouble and is dealing mainly with elderly and disabled people but I want to know who from the City of Newark in leadership and elected positions will advocate for people who need transportation. Two years ago or so a study was done at a fair amount of expense that said we needed a bus system in Newark. I know that there are economic reasons why people say that this can't be done right now. I find that kind of bogus when we should be advocates who say let's look for where it could be done. Let's figure out how it could be done here because it is a serious need in Newark.

Daniel Crawford- 163 S 2nd St, I sent everyone an email but if you didn't have a chance to read that before you got here I have a speech I promise that it will only take me 5 minutes to read and you won't have to listen to the sound of my voice for an hour like you used to. It brings me no pleasure to stand before you today in what will be my second campaign to request that the city demand our members of Congress to initiate the impeachment process so as to restore the rule of law which has been eroded for much of the last half century. Approximately eight years ago, I launched a similar effort in pushing for the same pertinent to George W. Bush's numerous abuses of power, and I made it a point from time to time to remark that I would be just as determined even if the president in question were a Democrat. Well, here I am, true to my word. Although I am a liberal Democrat who twice voted for this president, my devotion to our country and its founding principles compels me to defy any loyalty to party or ideology in favor of saving the Republic from cannibalizing itself. Let me say something right off the bat about this. This is less about President Obama and more about the ever-expanding powers of the presidency that he inherited. Sure, this President has participated in the expansion – as will become clear in presentations to come -, but the concern here is about the disturbing, largely unabated trend wherein the executive branch has increasingly encroached upon the responsibilities of the other two co-equal branches; especially since the Second World War. Unlike the current myriad

pseudo-scandals with which Congress finds themselves enamored, the real dangers of a chief executive enjoying unchecked powers to make war, detain, and even execute citizens at will disregards the rule of law upon which this nation is founded, thereby threatening our very liberty. Do I believe that President Obama is himself a tyrant? No. However, the combination of Congress's refusal to take action against his predecessors' abuses, alongside his own actions and inactions related to this imbalance of power, must lead us – as a people – to demand impeachment and removal, lest we condemn ourselves to some future, less cautious president with the undeterred legal precedence to act in tyrannical form. Of course, I know that this council – alone - is relatively powerless in the grand scheme of things, but an act of council that either speaks on behalf of its citizens or which decides to let the citizens speak for themselves at the ballot box can send a powerful message to our congressional delegation that we the people want a restoration of Constitutional order. So, with that, I close. Please, dispense with whatever your political or ideological bias may be so as to contemplate – with clarity - what I've said here today. Thank you.

William Butcher- 129 W Main St, announced that he was an old fashioned guy and collects old stuff and he asked City Council if he could have any old traffic signs, parking meters or items from old city vehicles then he provided a weather update.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Marmie- I am going to start out by responding to Mr. Westbrook's comments. I stand behind my comments in the fact that what was presented was not economically feasible. I also stand behind my comments that I talked to Nancy Welu about all the different things that were coming within that legislation and those ideas and that it would have been a better approach to bring things in slowly and we could work towards them but it was the wishes of the committee to do so. Their wishes were to bring it all and to try to do it all at once and that didn't come to fruition because we clearly have priorities within the City of Newark. The first and foremost being our safety forces and then our infrastructure so those priorities outweighed the decisions to go forward in creating the new positions. I agree with Mr. Westbrook when he commented about a lot of the different issues around the city and then what are we talking about tonight and what is the most important thing, trash. Just like what Mr. Westbrook has indicated there is a whole lot of different issues. The whole reason that I voted against this evening's legislation was because there is no way in which we have to enforce it. There is nothing in the legislation stating who is going to enforce it. There is no department that is going to be accountable for it therefore we have legislation on the books with no real enforcement. We have a fine that can be levied and different penalties yet who is going to go out and write the citations? Who is going to go out and do it, we have no idea. Specifically we don't have the staffing to do that throughout the city. Although it is complaint driven the complaints are going to come where? We don't know they are just going to come in. The issues as far as tenant and landlord are the same types of issues and the other thing is, we talked about your wishes to inspect properties interior and exterior. It was really the thoughts of the committee that we could pick and choose who we would inspect. You cannot unfairly discriminate against individuals and have selective inspections therefore we would have to spend money inspecting all of the properties including those that were not troubled and that we didn't have issues with therefore again it came down to a lot of the different funds and where we would get those from and we did not have a method to fund those. I still have open optimism that things are going to improve on that and I think in the future we will see some ideas come to fruition as far as the tenant landlord.

As far as your comment regarding me supporting the additional Law Director's Assistant, I don't recall a new Assistant position. Our Law Director has since he has taken office has reduced his staffing significantly and reduced his budget significantly more than any other department in the City of Newark. He has found methods to pay his salary dollars outside of the General Fund. He has done nothing but improve the financial stability of this city since he has taken office. I will support his leadership and what he has done in making sure that his budget has not increased throughout the General Fund since he has taken office. He has done a fine job of finding ways to make sure that his Assistant Law Directors are being compensated more outside of the community for the assistance they provide there more than what they do within the City of Newark.

Mr. Rath- I will say congratulations to the Licking County Settlers. A 3 peat is pretty awesome and pretty rare.

Mr. Rolletta- I would like to thank the athletes and their families that are here tonight.

Mr. Blake- I also want to say thanks to the Special Olympians. The two that are still here I have known for some time and know

quite well and I am very proud of them. This young man here when I first ran for City Council back in 1999 helped walk in a parade with me. He and his family and I have known each other for a long time so I am proud of the Bussey's. I also want to give thanks to the Settlers. The Newark Night that was held was really neat to have the employees of the City of Newark down there. It was really cool to be down in Little Texas and celebrate the victories of the Settlers. I give congratulations there. I also want to give a few thanks. Director Spurgeon has helped me on a few issues occurring in my Ward and I want to publicly say thank you to him and for keeping me in the loop of the activities that have been occurring with those issues. The only thing that I want to say about Director Rhodes is that when you schedule a lunch with him and he gets you in his truck expect to go for about three hours or so. We went around the city and looked at some various projects that are going on and I appreciate your time that you gave me that day. He called a Finance Committee meeting and stated that there would be a Newark Youth Council meeting August 14 at 4:00 in Council Chambers. I want to make a few comments about the trash legislation. With my style of leadership I believe that we have more in common than we do different and sometimes things don't work as quickly as want. When I first got on Council I met specifically with the various trash haulers specifically about what Mr. Johnson talked about. On my street, Ganior Avenue you have a different trash just about each day that picks up so you do have those bins out there every day. There are still issues related to trash so this discussion is not over. With the vote tonight we made a step forward together. I do believe that we have more in common than we do have different and we just have to look at what those commonalities are develop a piece of legislation related to that and move forward together. I am pleased to have my first piece of legislation get through this body and if I understand correctly from Director Rhodes it is the first time in 10 years that we had a piece of trash legislation get through.

Mr. Bubb- I would like to thank all of the Special Olympians for coming this evening, you all are true inspirations. I wish you nothing but the best in the future. I would like to congratulate the Licking County Settlers for a 3 peat. I also want to recognize Don Swonger. For any of those who don't know Don, go down there during the summer season. He does a phenomenal job, 316 games is a lot of baseball played in south Newark at a real nice facility. I wanted to publicly thank him for his work. Third item, Rhonda Loomis I wanted to congratulate you on all your efforts that you do towards the neighborhood block watch program. You definitely deserve a lot of recognition. Two other items, I would like to thank Barbara Gilkes for obtaining some grant dollars for Everett Park, that is really good news. Finally I would like to thank Director Rhodes for working with Terrell White and the YMCA for cleaning up parts of the bike path and for further enhancing them.

Mrs. Floyd- I too would like to congratulate the Special Olympians. I know several of you and I am very proud of you and I am really glad that the city got to honor you tonight. Congratulations to the Settlers it is quite a run they are having. In terms of block watches, I knew the N. Williams Street block watch is very active. I belong to two block watches. One is very sparsely attended and one that is a little better attended but they both do a lot of communication on line. One uses Face Book and another uses a neighborhood network that is closed to the public but they can communicate with one another. I find that a very helpful tool. Block watches are designed to basically be the eyes and ears for the Police Department to help the Police Department not to be police officers themselves. They are to make phone calls and be aware of what is going on so you are watching out for your neighbors. Mr. Moran mentioned a community garden that young people could be involved with. They have used the old Lincoln school site to put a community garden that some students at the high school in the program which was designed to keep kids in school started this spring and I think that it is something they intend to expand and include the neighborhood at some point.

Mr. Guthrie- I am glad to see that some of the Special Olympians were able to hang on through the meeting tonight I am grateful for that. Some of you have seen my weight go up and down since I was elected Council President several years ago and I want you to know that part of the reason for that is I am very ecumenical when it comes to my eating. I happen to be a Catholic but I attend a lot of church meal around town and I wanted to bring your attention that the Christian Apostolic Church has a wonderful breakfast this coming Saturday morning on 23rd St. You might want to stop by there, good people there. I was glad that Mr. Bubb brought up Everett Park, it is a real positive bit of news that both Ms. Gilkes and Dave Rhodes brought to our attention. It is a big plus to both you David and the Mayor for making that happen and the Foundation of course. I appreciate all the comments tonight. Transit has been such a dreadful frustration for me because we do have people in our community that desperately need transportation. It is such a terribly challenging issue that we need to continue to

discuss trying to figure a way to make it so people can get to minimum wage jobs because that is where many of them have to work.

Ms. Hall- I would like to thank David and Ms. Gilkes too for their help on Everett Park, it is going to be great. I would also like to thank Bill Spurgeon, our officers and Chief Sarver. Rhonda I agree with you they are excellent. We have some issues in the first Ward and we are addressing those. They hopped right on to some things going on. A call was made and 3 minutes later they are there. I know they can't always do that but it was wonderful and I really want to thank them. As for the trash I see it all the time. I drive around; I will go down alleys or whatever. We have to do something but if we are calling Property Maintenance we may have some issues that we may have to deal with further but at least we have to start somewhere.

Mr. Johnson- I think that it is wonderful that we are able to recognize the Special Olympians and the Settlers. I want to thank Mr. Spurgeon and Mr. Rhodes for some help they have given me with people in the community that have called with a problem and it was immediately taken care of. I think that it speaks very well for what we are trying to do in the City.

President Ellington- I would like to add my congratulations to the Special Olympians, thanks for coming, thanks for staying. Next Monday August 11th will be a Committee meeting right here at 5:30 P.M. and City Council will meet on Monday August 18th at 7:00 P.M. again here in this room.

ADJOURNEMENT- Motion by Mr. Rath to adjourn, second by Mr. Bubb 8:11 P.M.