

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the Ward 4 Councilor offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Members Present: **Mr. Richard Balog** (Ward 1)
 Mrs. Ann I. Stranman (Ward 3)
 Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2)
 Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer (Ward 4)
 Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)
 Mr. J.P. Ducro, IV (President)

Member(s) Absent: **Mr. James M. Trisket** (Ward 5)

Officer(s) Present: **Acting City Auditor Karen S. Jury, Clerk of Council LaVette E. Hennigan**

Officer(s) Absent: **City Manager James M. Timonere, City Solicitor Michael Franklin**

Excused Absence: Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to excuse the Ward 5 Councilor due to a work obligation; motion CARRIED.

SUNSHINE LAW: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

PRESENTATIONS: The Clerk of Council presented RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02 **A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO MS. BETTY S. KIST** (Immediate Past Council Vice-President), for 10+ years of service to the City of Ashtabula. Ms. Kist thanked Council for the honor; said she continues to care about and work for the City; she supports this Council and Administration; and she still cares about all our concerns because she still wants our City to keep moving forward. She said, "It's a great place to live; I think Ashtabula is the number one city." She thanked Public Services Superintendent Dominic Iarocci, Public Works crews and any others who did a fine job removing recent snow. She said it is the first time in a long time she could drive to church. Even the side streets were plowed and she could see the yellow lines. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to adopt the resolution; motion CARRIED.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (Presented by President Ducro)

Sanitation

Pick Up Schedule

Sanitation pick up will remain on schedule this week.

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New Sanitation Pick Up Procedure

Public Services Superintendent Dominic Iarocci and staff have adopted new pick up procedure. They will do their best to place cans upside down and upright after they are emptied. Strong winds may cause the cans to topple, but the new policy should help. If anyone witnesses the new procedure not being adhered to, please call the Manager's office.

Road

Public Works crews were commended for keeping the roads cleared this past weekend. He thanked residents for their patience as the roads were being cleared. Please keep in mind crews concentrate on the mains arteries and then move to side streets.

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE MANAGER - None

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE CITY SOLICITOR – None

ACTING CITY AUDITOR'S (ACA) REPORT - None

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FOR THE ACTING CITY AUDITOR

Cash Flow: The Vice President reported that in this evening's Pre-Council meeting the Acting Auditor presented Council with the 2012 General Fund cash flow, and credited her for providing the report. He said the goal is to "be on the mark".

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Community / Economic Development / Parks & Recreation (Mrs. Stranman/Mr. McClure)

The Chair reported the committee met on January 4, with the meeting lasting over two hours. A recap of 2011 was provided; some of the highlights were: Council attended an estimated 40 meetings, the goal to partner is being met; a mission statement was adopted; tap-in fees were significantly lowered; the committee was very busy; and hopes to again be busy this year. Agenda items were removed from the committee's outstanding agenda items (e.g., NRD Funds, Billboards, Permit Fees, J.E.D.D.s, and Sewer Rates which topic would be better suited in the committees of Finance & Personnel, Public Works/Utilities/Schools, or a Council work session. The Manager will report the status of these items at the appropriate time.

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The Slogan Contest was removed because “I Believe in Ashtabula” seems to have taken hold as the city slogan, and is sufficient. Website redesign was removed. The Manager oversees information technologies; he believes this to be important item to move forward, and it is a priority item on his to do list. The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMH) was moved to the Pending Agenda to give the Manager time to familiar himself with the Program. He and the committee are interested in the Program, “if and when it’s feasible”.

Formal Legislation Request

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded, ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 733 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, ENTITLED MARINAS; motion CARRIED.

Parks & Recreation Board (Board)

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded for Council’s authorization to permit the Board to spend \$1,200 from their funding to purchase trash receptacles for the dog park at Smith Field. The Clerk reported the procedure for the Board’s spending is such that they bring their request to Council, Council approves it, and then submits it to the City Manager to carry out. The motion CARRIED.

Formal Legislation Request (continued)

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2011-114 TITLED “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 193, ENTITLED CITY OF ASHTABULA COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CODIFYING EXISTING LEGISLATION”, IN ORDER TO REESTABLISH THE CHAPTER AT CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 195; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2012-11 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 195, TITLED CITY OF ASHTABULA COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CODIFYING EXISTING LEGISLATION; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2012-12 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2010-159 TITLED “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 113.06, ENTITLED REVITALIZATION DISTRICT”, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REESTABLISHING THE REVITALIZATION DISTRICT AT CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 113.16; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 113.16, TITLED REVITALIZATION DISTRICT; motion CARRIED.

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Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2012-14 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.20, TITLED PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PROHIBITED; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2012-15 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01 TITLED “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.20 ENTITLED PARKING OF COMMERCIAL & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, CAMPERS & BOATS PROHIBITED”, FOR PROCEDURAL PURPOSES; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to formally request ORDINANCE NO. 2012-16 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.20 TITLED PARKING OF COMMERCIAL & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, CAMPERS & BOATS PROHIBITED; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Stranman moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded for a resolution of support for the volunteer committee entitled Community Driven Murals (CDM), which Mr. Christopher Raab presented during this evenings Pre-Council meeting. This resolution will express Council’s support for the committee to be established in the City to paint murals throughout the City for the purpose of promoting public arts for tourism. The motion CARRIED.

As asked, the Clerk of Council explained what the “codified ordinances” are. She stated they are a systemized listing of ordinances by which the city operates, (e.g. housing, permits, traffic, administrative, building, health, etc.). They are housed in one book and on the City’s website. The publication of said ordinances has to periodically be updated; and agenda items 5 through 11 are necessary to finalize the next update. She reported none of the requests signify new legislation enactments, but rather address housing keeping issues.

Safe Routes to Schools

Contest results will be presented that the Ashtabula Area City Schools Board meeting on January 18, at 6:00 p.m., at Lakeside High School.

Reader’s Digest “We Hear You America” Contest

As of 11:00 a.m. today we had just over 104,000 votes, and remain in 25th place.

Meeting

The committee’s next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 1.

Questions/Comments for Committee

Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Program: The Ward 4 Councilor asked the Chair to elaborate on why the Program was placed on hold. The Chair replied the Manager needs to learn more about the program; that it might be difficult to implement with our current levels of Police Department staffing; and he may want to get the Broken Windows Program off the ground and see how it goes, which could work well in conjunction with the CFMH Program.

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The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the Manager knows that property owners have a required financial obligation as part of the CFMH Program. The Chair replied that because the Ward 5 Councilor was not at the meeting, his input was not provided; but that the Clerk of Council was going to provide the Manager with the Painesville officer's contact information who oversees their program. The Ward 4 Councilor said, "It worked in Painesville. It cleaned up their City." The Chair said while she realizes the Police Department manpower shortage may be one aspect of not getting the program started in Ashtabula City, the Painesville officer said they have one officer assigned to their Program on a part-time basis; and therefore, believes "where there's a will, there's a way". The President said he knows the City Manager is interested in the Program, however wants to make sure he has all the information and the resources for implementation. The Chair said the items placement on the pending/hold section of the Outstanding Committee Agenda Items Report will serve as a reminder. The Clerk reported she emailed the Manager the officer's name, phone number and a copy of the Painesville Program outline.

Finance and Personnel - (Mr. Ducro, IV/Mrs. Lattimer)

The President reported on the committee's Friday, January 13 meeting as follows:

Financials: Revenues and expenses were up from last year; the General Fund had a net gain; Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) ended 2011 with a negative cash balance due to delayed sewer and trash billing; the city is looking at hiring additional staff at the WWTP to reduce overtime costs; and leachate collection is down from the projected revenue amount, and from previous year revenues at this same time.

Formal Legislation Request

Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded for AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY 2011 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,546,332 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND 412 INTO ACCOUNT NO. 412-200-5554, ENTITLED STREET IMPROVEMENTS, REPRESENTING PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA WITH FUNDS SUPPLIED BY O.D.O.T. The President reported this ordinance will result in a net zero balance. It represents funds paid to contractors that would have come directly to the City from the State. The motion CARRIED.

Street Lighting Assessments: In February, the committee will discuss commercial property street lighting assessment reductions. Presently only residential properties are eligible for the reduction.

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Police Department Shortage

- * The Police Chief reported his calculations predict he will be \$44,000 short of cash this year;
- * \$220,000 was budgeted for annual overtime; the average being \$270,000; a large part of the overtime is due to mandatory pay for officers to appear in court; the balance is due to a staffing shortage;
- * The department applied for and received three-quarters of a million dollars in “free” items last year to help reduce spending;
- * 2 school resource officers’ pay and benefits are being covered by the schools they are assigned to;
- * The expenditures are being reduced by Council’s approval of phasing out the Captain’s position, through attrition, and replacing them with Lieutenants; presently there is 1 chief; 10 supervisors; 18/19 patrolmen; and a contract obligation to replace staff at rank.

Police Chief Robert Stell is keeping a close eye on his budget and will report his needs to the committee when necessary.

Sewer/Trash Billing Update

The committee was briefed on the status of billing delays; all bills will go out in February and billing will then be caught up. There will be an article printed in the Star Beacon explaining when bills should be received. In the meantime payments may be made and will be credited to each account accordingly. However, exact balances may not be available if Ohio American Water Company has not submitted their billing information to the Auditor’s Department.

Emergency Management Appropriation

Fire Chief Ronald Pristera told the committee of the need for an additional \$1,000 appropriation in his Emergency Management line item for GIS (Government Information. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to approve the request; motion CARRIED.

Departmental Reorganization Presentation

The Manager presented his plan to reorganize and relocate some departments, in order to make better use of space, and place service personnel on the first floor for better public access. The plan is under discussion.

Solicitor’s Request for 2nd Secretary

The Solicitor presented his need for a second secretary; the committee said it was going to be hard to grant this need given the economic climate of the City, and alternatives were discussed. He said if the request is not granted he may only be able to remain one week ahead of schedule. The Manager and Acting City Auditor will work with him to see what may be worked out.

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City Auditor Interviews

The Chair reported Acting City Auditor Jury is doing a “spectacular” job since the City has been without a permanent Auditor since March 2011. Interviews for a permanent Auditor will be conducted on Friday, January 20. Progress reports will be provided when available. The opening will be posted on the Government Finance Officers Association’s (GFOA) website, and will reach their members nationwide.

Questions/Comments for Committee

The Ward 4 Councilor congratulated the Acting City Auditor for receiving an Award of Excellence for financial reporting by way of the City’s 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial (CAFR) Report. The President, on behalf of the full Council, congratulated the Acting City Auditor.

The President announced the next Finance & Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10, at 8:00 a.m., in the 2nd floor conference room.

Public Works / Utilities / Schools – (Mr. August Pugliese/Mrs. Lattimer)

Chair Pugliese reported on the Committee’s Tuesday, January 10, meeting, as follows:

Ohio American Water Company (OAWC): Mr. Dingledine, External Affairs Manager reported Aqua America, Inc.’s purchase of OAWC will be final by the first quarter of this year. Mr. Dingledine will retire and be replaced by Mr. Gary Fusco sometime in February or March. The Chair said the City has appreciated Mr. Dingledine’s service to the City. He said no matter when there was a problem, Mr. Dingledine was available, and wished Mr. Dingledine well.

Ashtabula Area City Schools Emergency Levy Campaign: Campaign members spoke of the importance of the 6.8 mil levy scheduled for a vote at the March 6 Primary ballot, and asked for the City’s support. Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded for a resolution of support of the Ashtabula Area City Schools’ emergency levy. The Ward 4 Councilor said while she knows 6.8 mils is a lot of money, it is needed, and that a lot more information supporting the need will be out shortly. The Ward 3 Councilor reported \$4 million in cuts have been made by the state, and the Board has made substantial cuts. If the levy is not successful more cuts to facility, staff, and programs will be necessary. An extensive list of cuts may be found on the school boards’ website. The Ward 2 Councilor reported a home valued at \$75,000 would pay \$14.00 per month. The President said he knows in these hard economic times it is difficult to ask homeowners to pay more. He believes it is important to support the school district to help build Ashtabula back up. It was noted that sports programs will be cut; which will cause students to leave the district, thus causing more funding to be lost. The motion CARRIED.

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Storm Drain Repair: In September 2011, the committee was told of an erosion problem with a storm sewer that runs behind properties in Ashbrook allotment. The problem is causing damage in the back yard of 3636 Samar Lane. He reported the problem is growing and getting closer to the resident's deck. After inspecting the problem, the Manager gave Engineering Technician David Close permission to secure repair estimates. The problem has to be addressed this year. If not, the property owner will lose their deck. The Vice President said the ditch that runs behind the property owner's home has become a canyon, and asked who owns the property. The Chair said he is not sure if there is an easement through the area and imagines every property owner owes some of the area in question. The Vice President asked if it is a "compromised ditch with an easement"; the Chair was not sure. The Vice President said he is getting at the bigger picture; that being new and old areas of the City have ditches around them, and asked if the responsibility of the ditches is by deed or by the City. It was agreed that the drainage issue is directly related to the city street that runs through the area and that other city streets experience the same. He said in some circumstances it has been said that the problem is that of the property owner. He said if the City performs the work on the ditch in question, if the City is also saying other ditches need the City's attention as well, not just the proper owner. The Ward 4 Councilor reported the City has done work on ditches before. The Chair said it is not just a ditch; it is a pipe and a collection for all the water in the Ashbrook area. He said he is not aware of any property owner being responsible for the ditch behind their property; and said the one in the Ashbrook area has been there for years. The Chair said the problem is with a pipe not a ditch; and due to years of erosion it became a ditch and that now the pipe has broken off.

Traffic Control

The request for a 1621 West 5th Street No Parking Sign has been satisfied.

The request for street stripping at West 35th & Lake Avenue has been satisfied.

The request for a Child-at-Play Sign at or near 532 Bunkerhill Road has been satisfied.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to have a Children-at-Play sign erected on Burroughs Place at least 20 feet from the street's entrance; motion CARRIED.

2012 Street Resurfacing Program

The Manager announced \$500,000 was appropriated for this year's Program activity. Engineering Technician David Close is to compile a list of streets to be considered. The Chair said there are many streets in need of this program's attention, and that he hopes all wards will be represented.

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Commercial/Industrial Street Lighting Assessment Reductions

The committee was told that commercial and industrial properties are not included in the current reduction legislation (Ordinance NO. 2011-90).

Recycling

The County Solid Waste District is cutting \$40,000 of the City's recycling budget. Seventy-thousand dollars (\$70,000) in landfill costs were saved due to recycling; and \$11,000 in revenue was garnered.

Main Avenue

Pieces of metal are protruding out of some of the sidewalks. The Manager will have someone take a look at the area.

Sign Removal

A request to remove the No Parking Sign located in front of 4916 Strong Avenue was presented to the Police Chief. He asked if all no parking signs placed on Strong Avenue, during the time Guarneri Field hosted games, should be removed. The following conversation ensued:

PUGLIESE: A no parking sign on Strong Avenue at 4916 was asked to be removed. I guess this was referred to the Police Chief and he said it would be okay. Also, Chief wasn't there other ones along Strong Avenue that were put there during the same time for the football games at Guarneri Field – should those also be removed. I know you had mentioned that.

POLICE CHIEF: You were talking about – I just stepped in – you're talking about the no parking signs.

PUGLIESE: Yes, on Strong Avenue at 4916 – the people wanted it removed because it's in the way. I guess somebody's handicapped....

POLICE CHIEF: That's my understanding. I think my recommendation was we could look into that, as far as the parking. I don't see the need for it at this point without the school being there. We were talking about one residence at that time, but there are signs on the entire length of the street, so... That's something that we can look into, for sure. I can see the necessity no longer being there with the school being gone, so...

PUGLIESE: So, would you want to look into it, or should we...

POLICE CHIEF: Yes, that was my intent, was to look into that

PUGLIESE: Okay

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POLICE CHIEF: We only discussed this for one residence so far.

PUGLIESE: Okay, so at this time we can remove the one at 4916.

POLICE CHIEF: Yes, I don't see a problem with it.

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to remove the no parking sign at 4916 Strong Avenue. The Ward 4 Councilor suggested this request be put on hold because if the sign is being removed from the middle of the street the remaining signs would need to say "no parking from here to here", rather than putting up a lot of different signs. If it is determined that all the no parking signs on the street should come down, it can be done all at once. The Chair said he believes 4916 is close to Prospect Road, not in the middle of Strong Avenue. The Ward 4 Councilor asked if the other signs say no parking on this side of the road. The Chair replied, "That's right. And those were put there because of the football games at Guarneri Field. Matter of fact they're on West 48th Street, I believe, also...and along 47th. I remember when that was done – it was because of all the congestion. And, I believe the fire chief at that time was concerned there was a safety hazard."

The Clerk of Council reported the one in front of 4916 needs to be removed as soon as possible because an elderly woman lives there, and the daughter has a difficult time getting her mother in the car because she is unable to park in front of the house. The motion CARRIED.

Install Catch Basin: The Chair reported, "Down on East 24th Street, east of Lake Avenue, just east of the end of the bridge on East 24th Street, between Community Care Ambulance Network's (CCAN) driveway and the bridge, there is a serious water hole. It has been there ever since the new bridge was constructed. I asked Public Services Superintendent Dominic Iarocci and Engineering Technician David Close to look into the possibility of putting a catch basin right near the driveway that could be tied in to another catch basin about 60 to 65 feet west of the CCAN driveway." As it stands now there a safety hazard has been created because when there are heavy rains there could be a head on collision. He said a couple of months ago a firefighter spoke to him about this problem, which he noticed over the last 6 to 7 months. The Chair said he is hopefully that something can be done this year.

Meeting: The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, at 8:00 a.m.

Safety Forces – (Mr. Balog/Mr. Trisket)

The Chair reported there are no pending agenda items and with some of the administration on vacation, the committee's Friday, January 20, meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 17, at 8:00 a.m.

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Work Session– (Mr. Ducro IV, Chair) – No Report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUEST

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mr. McClure seconded to formally request RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHTABULA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 943; motion CARRIED.

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL RULE 22

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to suspend Council Rule 22, for agenda items 9 through 11. The Clerk of Council reported that Council Rule 22 requires the Solicitor’s approval as to “form and correctness” on all legislation prior to Council taking a formal vote. She reported the Solicitor gave her permission to draft legislation agenda items 5 through 11, in his absence, for presentation to Council this evening. These are the same items formally requested earlier in this meeting. The motion CARRIED.

PUBLIC (LEGISLATION) PORTION – None

LEGISLATION READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01 A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO CHARLES P. BROCKWAY, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the resolution; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to adopt the resolution. On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03 A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO ANTHONY J. CANTAGALLO, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the resolution; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to adopt the resolution. On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHTABULA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 943, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the resolution; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to adopt the resolution.

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On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

The President read the following statement: *This evening council adopted three resolutions of commendation acknowledging our appreciation for the service provided by three outgoing elected officials. We did not expect this legislative action to draw the attention it did. However, we are glad we were made aware of the fact that some citizens were not completely in favor of our decision, and that we were able to give them the opportunity to share their thoughts on the issue prior to Council taking further action. All members of Council were also given the opportunity to comment on how they wanted to proceed. Voters asked for a change at the last election. Change comes in many ways. One of my goals in considering, and then becoming a member of council, was to effect a positive change for our community and to assure citizens their concerns are listened to and heard. I want our city leaders to debate intelligently and to be open and respectful of views that differ from their own. And I want to move away from petty or vindictive political decisions that often seemed to be based on personal feelings. I personally believe the council you elected is unified with these goals. One change I never intended to make was removing the professional courtesy of acknowledging public officials with a resolution of thanks for their service. In our opinion, as a Council, removing this professional courtesy for any reason other than "removal from office for just cause" would reflect negatively on the professionalism of the city, its elected officials, and its residents. Although I have never personally been offended by a resolution that read "on behalf of all citizens", if I didn't agree with that, it has been realized that others may feel differently. Therefore, we have modified the language in all of tonight's resolutions to read "on behalf of City Council and its Public Officials; and will personalize future resolutions appropriately. We hope that those who voiced their opinions on either side of this issue will continue to share their passion on issues to come, for the betterment of everyone in the City. We invite, and need, your participation to restore Ashtabula to the vibrant community we all believe it is again becoming. Thank you."*

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-06 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 C.H.I.P. GRANT, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY 2011 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,546,332 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND 412 INTO ACCOUNT NO. 412-200-5554, ENTITLED STREET IMPROVEMENTS, REPRESENTING PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA WITH FUNDS SUPPLIED BY O.D.O.T., was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 733 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, ENTITLED MARINAS, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND 101, THE SUM OF \$1,000 TO COVER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPENSES, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2011-114 TITLED "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 193, ENTITLED CITY OF ASHTABULA COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CODIFYING EXISTING LEGISLATION", IN ORDER TO REESTABLISH THE CHAPTER AT CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 195, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-11 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 195, TITLED CITY OF ASHTABULA COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CODIFYING EXISTING LEGISLATION, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-12 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2010-159 TITLED “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 113.06, ENTITLED REVITALIZATION DISTRICT”, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REESTABLISHING THE REVITALIZATION DISTRICT AT CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 113.16, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 113.16, TITLED REVITALIZATION DISTRICT, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-14 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.20, TITLED PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PROHIBITED, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-15 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01 TITLED “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.20 ENTITLED PARKING OF COMMERCIAL & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, CAMPERS & BOATS PROHIBITED”, FOR PROCEDURAL PURPOSES, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-16 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.20 TITLED PARKING OF COMMERCIAL & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, CAMPERS & BOATS PROHIBITED, was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the ordinance; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mr. Balog, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Ward 2 Councilor asked if it is possible to have a title search conducted on the property behind the Ohio American Water Company property. He said it was suggested a year or two ago, but nothing became of it. He said the city needs to know if they are the owners, or if the railroad or someone else owns it because not knowing could possibly be holding up funding for the Walnut Beach area. He reported the Manager agreed to call ODNR to find out what the process is for securing the available funding if the title search reveals that the city is the owner. It was reported that immediate past City Manager Cantagallo requested \$2,000 of the Parks & Recreation funding be expended to have the title search performed, but that it was not known if the search actually happened. The Acting City Auditor will check to see if the funds were encumbered and expended.

NEW BUSINESS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC'S GENERAL PORTION

The President thanked the public for their attendance this evening; including Mr. Raab speaking with Council during this evening's pre-council session; and Mr. Blessings and the regular meeting attendants.

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Mr. Pugliese moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: March 5, 2012

ATTESTED BY: _____

**Christopher J. McClure
Vice President of Council**

ATTESTED BY: _____

**LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council**