

Call to Order

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony (Prayer/Pledge/Moment of Silence)

The Ward 4 Councilor offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Members Present: Ward 4 Councilor Julie A. Lattimer
Ward 1 Councilor Richard F. Balog
Ward 5 Councilor James M. Trisket
Ward 3 Councilor Ann I. Stranman
Ward 2 Councilor August A. Pugliese
Vice President Christopher J. McClure
President J. P. Ducro IV

Member(s) Absent: None

Officer(s) Present: City Manager James M. Timonere
City Solicitor Michael Franklin
City Auditor/Acting City Treasurer Dana D. Pinkert
Clerk of Council LaVette E. Hennigan

Officer(s) Absent: None

Excused Absence: None

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

Presentations: The President presented the following resolutions respectively:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-176

**A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO
ANN I. STRANMAN**

WHEREAS, it is recognized by this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that Councilwoman Ann I. Stranman performed services to this community which deserve special recognition; and,

WHEREAS, Ann faithfully served the Citizens of the City of Ashtabula as our Ward Three Councilor, during her four year term which began on December 1, 2009 and will conclude on November 30, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Ann served on the City Council's Public Works/Utilities & Schools Committee and Chaired the Committee of Community/Economic Development and Parks & Recreation. Her unwavering support of community events, economic opportunities, and her desire for the City of Ashtabula to collaborate and communicate with local and county governments, organizations, and associations, was astounding. She was an avid supporter of the Ashtabula City Parks and Recreation Board; who with Ann's support realized several accomplishments, including the start up of the revitalization of the West 58th Street Park, recently renamed, by a unanimous vote of her peers, "Clifford Kadon Presidential Park", as well as the creation of the Smith Field Dog Park – a grassroots, citizen-based effort; and,

WHEREAS, Ann rallied the general public to vote for the Ashtabula City community in the Reader's Digest Community Spirit Contest, in recognition of her efforts she was named Reader's Digest "Community Leader of the Week", and the City of Ashtabula was visited by Reader's Digest and presented with a gift of \$1,000. The gift was matched by two local businesses, and the proceeds were gifted to the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA), to foster economic development in the Downtown Business District; and,

WHEREAS, Ann is credited with the assemblage of a group of citizens who successfully created the City of Ashtabula's first ever Mission Statement, which statement was enacted by yet another unanimous vote of her peers, and now may be seen on City of Ashtabula correspondence... **"OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND PARTNER WITH OUR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN AND VISIT ASHTABULA"**; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that we do hereby show our appreciation for the outstanding service and dedication of Ann I. Stranman as our Ward 3 Councilor, by the enactment of this Resolution of Commendation. **Ann, THANK YOU for making a difference and for Believing in Ashtabula!**

Councilor Stranman thanked her colleagues for their acknowledgement, said it was a pleasure to serve, that she will miss aspects of the job, but that she believes it is "time to move on".

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-177

**A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO
JULIE A. LATTIMER**

WHEREAS, it is recognized by this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that Councilwoman Julie A. Lattimer performed services to this community which deserve special recognition; and,

WHEREAS, Julie faithfully served the Citizens of the City of Ashtabula as our Ward Four Councilor during two, four year terms which began on December 1, 2005 and will conclude on November 30, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Julie's leadership qualities were successfully displayed while serving as Chair of the City Council's Committees of: "Public Utilities/Telecommunication/Transportation", "Public Works", and "Safety Forces"; and as Vice Chair of the "Public Works/Utilities & Schools", and "Finance and Personnel" Committees. She also served as an active member of the Committees of "Public Works, Sanitation, Sewer & Streets", "Public Utilities & Schools", "Economic Development & Port Authority", and "Community Development and Parks & Recreation"; and,

WHEREAS, Julie is a community advocate and a volunteer; she could be seen at countless community events, and was instrumental in the start up of the now famous Bridge-2-Bridge Run, which this fall successfully completed its fourth year. She is most recognized for her support of our military veterans. She too, is an Army Veteran and was the first to suggest renaming the former "North Park" for a fallen hometown Marine. The Park today is the "Lance Corporal Kevin M. Cornelius Memorial Park", located in Downtown Ashtabula, and recognized the county over; and,

WHEREAS, Julie has a quiet and gentle spirit, but displays convincing force and determination when presenting an issue, such as recycling, that is near and dear to her, and which she believes is best for the citizens, the community, and the earth. Through her persistence, the City is on the brink of enacting a curbside recycling program that will partly be funded by our State government. She always had the City's financial stability at heart, and was instrumental in keeping order in the Division of the City Auditor during the sudden exit of a long termed City Auditor, during the appointment of an Acting Auditor, and played a key role in the appointment of our current City Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council and Public Officers of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that we do hereby show our appreciation to Julie A. Lattimer, for providing eight years of unwavering and dedicated service to our community as our Ward 4 Councilor, by the enactment of this Resolution of Commendation.

Julie, THANK YOU for your service and for Believing in Ashtabula!

Councilor Lattimer said it was a pleasure serving, that she is very excited and optimistic for our future, and that she can't wait for the new ward councilors to start because it means things are moving forward.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-178

**A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO
JAMES M. TRISKET**

WHEREAS, it is recognized by this City Council and these Public Officials of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that Councilman James (Jim) M. Trisket performed services to this community which deserve special recognition; and,

WHEREAS, *Jim faithfully served the Citizens of the City of Ashtabula as our Ward Five Councilor; beginning with a full term which commenced on December 1, 1997 and went through to November 30, 2001; as his party's successful appointee to fill an unexpired term from May 7, 2007 through November 30, 2009; and a second full term which began on December 1, 2007 and will conclude on November 30, 2013; and,*

WHEREAS, *Jim is a true gentleman, respectful of everyone, and never an unkind word he spoke. He is a man of many skills and talents; and displayed such attributes during his years of service to the City as Chair of the City Council's Committees of Community Development/Parks & Recreation, and Public Works & Schools; as Vice Chair of the Safety Forces Committee, and as a member of the Economic Development & Port Authority; Finance & Personnel; and Community/Economic Development & Parks & Recreation Committees; and,*

WHEREAS, *Jim's tireless effort and undying dream to see the West 58th Street Park returned to a vibrant community park is being realized by the act of community and corporation joining together to assist the City and its Parks & Recreation Board revitalize the facility; which also recently was renamed, by a unanimous vote of his peers, "Clifford Kadon Presidential Park"; and*

WHEREAS, *Jim's profession as a firefighter has been invaluable in terms of realizing the needs of the Ashtabula Fire Department, and by the lending of his staunch support to its betterment. His commitment to safety spawned the search for federal dollars in order to have a railroad overpass constructed in Ward 5, which allowed motorists, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles to traverse from north and south without train traffic hindrances. He was instrumental in amendments to the Ashtabula City Housing Codes in order to begin the task of upgrading our housing stock, thus changing our landscape to a more inviting bedroom community. His layed back personality has been a stabilizing force on City Council, and he is truly a pleasure to be around.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *by the Council and Public Officers of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio, that we do hereby show our appreciation to James M. Trisket, for ten years of impeccable service and dedication to our community as our Ward 5 Councilor, by the enactment of this Resolution of Commendation.*

Jim, THANK YOU for a commitment well served and for Believing in Ashtabula!

Councilor Trisket said he has had a tremendous grand time this term getting to work with those on the dais who he said were the utmost professional, kind people, and being steadfast in wanting to serve the community. He said those who will be new to Council will realize times have changed; that it is not the "wild, wild Ashtabula behind the camera anymore; it's really a group of good people and good professionals with a great leader".

Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Balog seconded to adopt the resolutions; motion CARRIED.

Executive Session: None

Reconvene Open Meeting: N/A

Action resulting from Executive Session: N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is a means whereby Council is able to more efficiently conduct business.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Clerk of Council presented the following meeting minutes for disposal:

* November 4, 2013 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded, to waive the reading of the minutes; motion CARRIED. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS – None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Consent Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING

ORDINANCE

2013-173 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ORDINANCE NO. 2000-23, PASSED ON MARCH 6, 2000, TITLED “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 5722 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE EFFECTIVE REUTILIZATION OF NONPRODUCTIVE LAND SITUATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO” IN ORDER TO CODIFY THE CITY’S LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM (LAND BANK) LEGISLATION. (City Council)

ORDINANCE

2013-174 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW TITLE 9 OF PART 11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, ENTITLED PLANNING AND LAND USE, IN ORDER TO CODIFY THE CITY’S LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM (LAND BANK) AS NEW CHAPTER 1189. (City Council)

Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the Consent Agenda Legislation; 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: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the Consent Agenda Legislation:

Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Appropriation Ordinance – Lands & Buildings Permanent Improvement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to appropriate from unappropriated funds the amount of \$6,500 for Account Number 412-200-5552, Building Maintenance. The funding will be used to repair doors at Public Works and the Ashtabula County Transportation System (ACTS) bus garage, install jail shower doors, and repair the salt dome roof. The Vice President asked about the contents in the former Traffic Building located on Bridge Street. The Manager responded that the contents will be moved to West 24th Street. He said the paperwork is being prepared in order to give the property to the City's Port Authority, as previously discussed. The Vice President asked if any of the doors at the building may be used for the doors needed in this request. The Manager said the needs in this request are repairs to the exterior doors. The motion CARRIED.

Appropriation Ordinance – Street Improvement

The City Manager requested an ordinance to appropriate from unappropriated funds, the amount of \$7,500 for Account Number 412-200-5554, Street Improvements. It will be used for engineering services to create the master paving plan for application loan funding through the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB). Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to grant the Manager's request; motion CARRIED.

Garbage Schedule – Thanksgiving Holiday

Garbage pick-up will be delayed one day on November 28, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thursday's pick-up will be on Friday, and Friday's pick-up will be on Saturday.

Leaf Pick-up

The Manager asked that leaves not be raked to the curb and/or into the street. He and Council have witnessed that many citizens are still doing so. Leaves will not be picked up at curbside unless they are in yard debris bags. With last night's rains many leaves washed down to catch basins. Crews were out this morning cleaning the tops of the basins. Leaf bags do not require an orange twenty-five cents sticker in November.

Questions/Comments for the City Manager

Harbor Odor: The Ward 4 Councilor asked the Manager to comment on the reported odor. The Manager reported the West 9th Street Tributary Project consist of televising and cleaning sewers in the area; today repairs began. The first part of the repair is on Walnut Boulevard, from West 9th Street to Duquesne Avenue. The sewer was dug out, and about 600 feet of it will be replaced. In the other project areas slip liners are being stalled. The process is such that a plastic membrane is put through the sewers, it is filled with hot steam or hot water, and cures in place. Today a few calls of fiberglass odors were reported. The smell is from the lining. Sometimes when the liners are jetted, if bell traps are still in basements or if footer drains are still tied into the sewer instead of the storm system, some of smell may migrate up into the basement. To eliminate the odor, first make sure the trap is filled. If it is not water should be poured down the drain in order to fill the trap, and cause the smell to dissipate. The Manager said the smell does not present a danger and encouraged calls to his office with any questions.

Paving Alleys: The Ward 4 Councilor asked the Manager to comment on an early discussion about paving alleys, and asked if it will be done a couple years down the road. The Manager responded, "As part of the paving plan, all of the alleys, all of the roads will be included in that paving plan. So, when we get the master plan together you'll be able to see all of that".

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Farewell to Wards 3, 4, & 5 Councilors: The Solicitor commented, "I would like to express personally my appreciation of, my admiration of, and my regret at the departure of the three Ward Councilors who are departing after this meeting. These three persons have served their wards and their city intelligently, honorably, and steadfastly. And while I'm looking forward very much to dealing with and working with the new councilors, I have a very strong feeling that you're going to be missed for quite some period of time. And, I just want to say thank you and good luck with everything".

CITY AUDITOR/ACTING CITY TREASURER'S (A/ACT) REPORT

Finances

The Auditor/Acting Treasurer reported we are within are budget, we are finishing out the year in a holding pattern, departments will, again, be asked to watch their spending through the end of the year and start closing purchased orders in order to end the year within our budget, (baring no unforeseen catastrophes). Income tax is coming in as budgeted, and may come in over budget. This would be a plus because it would add to our fund balance projection.

Legislation Request

The Auditor/Acting Treasurer requested ORDINANCE NO. 2013-184 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$13,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED COURT SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND 420 INTO ACCOUNT NO. 420-300-5570, ENTITLED COURT EQUIPMENT. Mr. Trisket moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to grant the request; motion CARRIED.

Credit Card Processing

The Auditor/Acting Treasurer announced the City is now able to take online credit card payments for sewer/trash and tax bills, and for the Departments of Planning & Community Development and Health. The links should be on the City's home webpage by the end of the week. Right now it is available by accessing the sewer billing "view" section on the website. There will be a minimum \$3.00 user fee which will increase by percentage based on the bill amount. There is also an e-check option that, when used, is assessed a flat \$1.50 fee.

Questions and/or Comments for the Auditor/Acting Treasurer

Automatic Checking Account Deductions: The Ward 4 Councilor said automatic checking account payment deductions are at no charge to the customer. The Auditor/Acting Treasurer confirmed this to be true.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

No Report

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

The Chair reported on the Committee's November 8 meeting as follows:

New Timekeeping System: Payroll & Human Resources Specialist Carolyn Sheldon provided an overview of the new Right Stuff Timekeeping System the City is implementing. The goal is to have everyone online by the first of the year.

Finances: The Auditor/Acting Treasurer provided an overview of the City's major and/or most active funds. The President will be given a detailed report of the usage costs of police cruisers for his review.

Leaf Bag Program: The twenty-five cents yard debris stickers were discussed and the Manager will review the program and provide input on changes.

Formal Legislation Requests

Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to present the formal request for ORDINANCE NO. 2013-179, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED BOND/DEBT RETIREMENT FUND 389 INTO ACCOUNT NO. 389-110-5861, ENTITLED INTEREST; the motion CARRIED.

Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to present the formal request for ORDINANCE NO. 2013-180, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$11,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FIRE PENSION FUND 231 INTO TWO (2) ACCOUNTS; the motion CARRIED.

Mr. Ducro moved, Mrs. Lattimer seconded to present the formal request for ORDINANCE NO. 2013-181, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,200 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED NURSING FUND 208 INTO FOUR (4) ACCOUNTS; the motion CARRIED.

Comprehensive Paving Program: The Manager commented earlier on this proposed Program and spoke with the Committee about it at their meeting.

West 9th Street Tributary Project: The Manager provided the Committee with the Project update. The City was awarded \$300,000 from OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) for Phase II of this Project scheduled for 2014.

Meeting Schedule: The Chair announced the Committee's 2014 meeting dates and time will be announced after the new Council is seated on December 1.

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

The Chair announced the Committee's 2014 meeting dates and time will be announced after the new Council is seated on December 1.

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

The Chair announced the Committee's 2014 meeting dates and time will be announced after the new Council is seated on December 1.

Work Session – No Report

FORMAL LEGISLATION REQUESTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Regular Agenda Legislation Only) – None

LEGISLATION READING

Consent Agenda Format: The Clerk of Council reported the items which appear on this evening's Regular Legislation Agenda are because they were presented to her today to be placed on the agenda, and therefore had to be placed on the addendum agenda. However, they are items which were presented for discussion at a previous Regular Council Meeting and/or a Committee Meeting, and were routine items. She then asked Council's permission to present them in a Consent Agenda format for disposal. The whole of Council were in agreement; and the Clerk presented the following as such:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-175 A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL (HB) NO. 289, WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE LAW OF THE STATE RELATING TO JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (JEDDs), was presented. Mrs. Lattimer moved, Mrs. Stranman seconded to waive the reading of the resolution; 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: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the resolution: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-179 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED BOND/DEBT RETIREMENT FUND 389 INTO ACCOUNT NO. 389-110-5861, ENTITLED INTEREST, 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: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-180 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$11,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FIRE PENSION FUND 231 INTO TWO (2) ACCOUNTS, 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: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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On the roll call to waive the Charter requirement of two readings: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-182 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$7,500 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND 412 INTO ACCOUNT NO. 412-200-5554, ENTITLED STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 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: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-183 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,500 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND 412 INTO ACCOUNT NO. 412-200-5552, ENTITLED MAINTENANCE CITY BUILDINGS, 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: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED. On the roll call to adopt the ordinance: Mrs. Lattimer, Mr. Balog, Mr. Trisket, Mrs. Stranman, Mr. Pugliese, Mr. McClure, Mr. Ducro voted yea; motion CARRIED.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Traffic Signalization Project: The Ward 4 Councilor asked for an update. The Manager reported that due to the recent “excitement” surrounding the audible lights, the state is now reevaluating the Project. We are in Phase III of the drawings, but suggestions will be made “because of everything that was brought up; and we might get less intersections done; we might have the same. The pot of money has not changed, but we’re right now battling that the Project doesn’t get delayed”.

The Councilor asked if it might be less because audible signal locations are being added. The Manager replied yes. The Councilor asked if the cost for audibles per intersection is still \$5,000. The Manager said he did not know the cost; that a lot of variables are taken into consideration, such as the size of the intersection and the equipment needed.

NEW BUSINESS - None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Downtown Holiday Events: The activities in LCpl Kevin M. Cornelius Memorial Park will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the parade at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, November 22. Main Avenue merchants are encouraged to remain open after the parade.

Ode to Wards 3, 4, & 5 Councilors: The Clerk of Council said to the outgoing Councilors, "Thank You for all your support; your hard work, for being a pleasure to work with, shame on you for leaving, but I understand that all good things must come to an end... thank you". The Vice President joked that the three Councilors ensured that the Council Chambers' microphones, located on the dais, are up as loud as they can go.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: N/A

ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

CLOSING REMARKS

The President announced Council's next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for December 2, and that three new Council members will be seated. The schedule for that day will be different than normal, and is as follows:

- 5:30p: 2014 Budget Public Hearing
- 6:00p: Pre-Council Meeting (no committee reports)
- 6:30p: Organizational Meeting (Charter requirement)
- 6:50p: Swearing-In (Ward Councilors 3, 4, and 5) - (televised)
- 7:00p: Regular Council Meeting (or immediately following the swearing-in).

Ashtabula City Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2013

The President reminded everyone to “Remember to Keep Believing in Ashtabula”, and wished a blessed, happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Trisket moved, Mr. Pugliese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: **December 2, 2013**

ATTESTED BY: _____

**J. P. Ducro IV
President of Council**

ATTESTED BY: _____

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