

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, March 19, 2009, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, present; Peterson, present; Wallace, absent; Popp, present; Mongold, present; McKay, present.

Assistant Chief Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Wells to excuse the absent member.

Motion passed.

Absent member excused.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Jaehnig to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2009, regular meeting as received.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as received.

President Ertel: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor – David Raizk: I have only three things to say. Take care of the basketball, watch the turnovers, watch the passes and make free throws. Go Canes!

President Ertel: Thank you, Mr. Mayor; we appreciate that. Committee reports. Asset, Acquisition and Use?

Asset, Acquisition and Use –Chairperson Sandy Mongold: We have nothing this evening.

President Ertel: No Auditor. Finance Committee?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Water Committee?

Water Committee – President Ertel: Should be no report there, I assume.

President Ertel: O.K. Streets Committee?

Streets Committee – Chairperson Peterson: I have a third reading on the ordinance amending the traffic control map to eliminate parking on a portion of Hale Street.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by McKay to give the third reading only on an ordinance Amending the Traffic Control Map and the Traffic Control File to Eliminate Parking on the West Side of Hale Street for 80 Feet Commencing at the Intersection with Locust.

Motion passed.

In the absence of Kathryn Hapner, Law Director, Lynn Turner acted in that capacity and read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Jaehnig that the ordinance be passed as read.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. 4833 passed as read.

President Ertel: We just had some visitors come in. If you have any questions about our process, just let us know. Solid Waste/Recycling?

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: I have nothing on the Agenda tonight, Mr. President. However, we do have a committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 so if you can make it, be there.

President Ertel: Thank you. Wastewater/Sewer Committee?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson McKay: We have no report.

President Ertel: O.K. Very good. Thank you. Judiciary Committee?

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson Leilani Popp: Yes, Mr. President, I have some items. We have the third reading on an ordinance Amending Ordinance 111.04.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Peterson to give the third reading only on ordinance by title only.

Motion passed.

Acting Law Director Turner read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay that the ordinance be passed as read.

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ordinance No. 4834 passed as read.

President Ertel: I want to thank everyone. This was our Special Meeting legislation and it has taken a little while to get it done, but it's done and I appreciate all of your help.

Chairwoman Popp: Our next item is a second and third reading on a resolution adopting an identity theft policy and declaring an emergency.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Peterson to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on a Resolution Adopting an Identify Theft Policy and Declaring an Emergency.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes. Acting Law Director Turner read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. 2126 passed as read.

Chairperson Popp: The next item is three readings on a resolution authorizing the service director to enter into a contract.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Mongold to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Service Director to Enter into a Contract with LJB Engineering for Professional Engineering Services Regarding Repairs, Stormwater Improvements and Repaving on Nelson Avenue and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed.

Acting Director of Law Turner read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Mongold to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Acting Director of Law Turner read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes. Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2127 passed as read.

Chairperson Popp: The next item is a housekeeping item approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Peterson to give the first reading only on an ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the

Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Wilmington, Ohio; and Declaring an Emergency.
Motion passed.

Acting Director of Law Turner read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.
The Law Director read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to pass the ordinance as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.
Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4835 passed as read.

President Ertel: Anything else, Leilani?

Chairwoman Popp: No. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: We have one item on the Agenda this evening. It is that time of year to renew our agreement with Blanchester-Marion Township Joint Fire District. We need a resolution to continue that relationship.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on a resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Dispatching Agreement with the Blanchester-Marion Township Joint Fire District.

Motion passed.

Acting Director of Law Turner read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.
Acting Director of Law Turner read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to pass the resolution as read.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, yes; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.
Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2128 passed as read.

President Ertel: Is there anything else?

Chairperson Jaehnig: No. I'm sorry. That is it, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Leilani Popp: Yes, Mr. President. We have the second reading on an ordinance designating a revitalization district within the City of Wilmington.

Councilperson Peterson: Can I ask a question on this? I'm sorry to put you on the spot on this, but on the agenda it says second and third reading.

Chairperson Popp: We're just asking for the second reading tonight.

Councilperson Peterson: I guess my question is why can't we have both readings tonight? I really think...we have a downtown plan. The difficult decisions come when there is not a plan and you just kind of make it up as you go along. In this case, we have a plan and this fits into the plan. This plan was developed through many public meetings, with a lot of input. This fits specifically into that plan. It is a pretty easy decision for me to make, and I don't see why we would want to drag this out, especially considering our current economic situation. We need to do what we can to help downtown businesses. I checked with Steve Brown and I shared with him my position. His response was just kind taken aback. He said, "You mean we're actually [inaudible for transcription] that you're not happy with?" I said, "No, no, I don't want to say that. I just am trying to do

my homework.” He said, “We need this downtown.” You know, I look at the last marketing survey that was passed out to council and it said the businesses that were needed downtown were things like upscale restaurants, bars. I think one was a microbrewery, wine shop and wine restaurants, bars. I don’t know how we would achieve our goals without this legislation. I’m just asking council if they would consider doing the second and third readings and moving this forward tonight.

Councilwoman Mongold: I agree with Councilperson Peterson that for years we have been working on revitalizing downtown. Under the current situation in Wilmington, I think in Wilmington and downtown we should be supporting anything that is a reputable business and is trying to fill our storefronts. We need to be supportive.

Councilperson Peterson: Councilwoman Popp, I apologize for putting you on the spot with this. Is it possible we can do a roll call on making it...?

President Ertel: We can do second and third reading, if you would like.

Councilperson Peterson: I mean, could we do a straw poll or something on those who want to do second and third reading, or what is the best way?

President Ertel: The best way to do that is to have motion to do that.

Councilperson Peterson: Hey, that sounds too simple.

Councilperson Wells: I have an interested party in the Third Ward who is a property owner close by, and he has asked about why the urgency to have the second reading. He wanted to speak to council, but because of work obligations, he could not be here this early because of a special meeting tonight. I’m just opposite of Cindy. I’m asking that we postpone it until we can have this discussion to make sure everything is answered before we pass this. It just seems the only fair thing to do.

Councilperson Mongold: We have discussed this. We were all in a meeting back in January where this was discussed. I think you need to understand, too, that this is not being passed as an emergency. So, we’re only talking a 14-day difference on any legislation.

Denise Terzakis: If there is a member of the public asking for a chance to give some input, I don’t see the need to push it forward without offering them that input.

Councilperson Peterson: I haven’t had anyone, save one person, give any negative input. I’m the type that actively solicits differing views, because I think that is the way we legislate appropriately, is to try to look at all views. I have had one negative comment.

Councilperson Popp: I’ve seeked out business owners that are outside of the revitalization district who see absolutely no problem with it, and they think it is wonderful.

Councilperson Wells: But because this is a special meeting tonight, it is not fair to pass this tonight before the interested party can come and talk. This is a special meeting at a different time. That’s not how it works; it’s just not fair.

President Ertel: If the interested party could have been here, it might have been different, true. But if they were truly interested, they would have been here. We also looked at the possibility of doing it next time, and the same interested party can’t make it then either – even at the regular time. I would personally entertain...if it is the feeling and it looks like... just taking a straw poll...that persons would like to do the second and third reading.

Councilperson Jaehnig: Is there somebody here who is willing to speak in regards to that now?

Denise Terzakis: My input was that I don't see what is the rush. Why can't it be opened up for public? If one person has made it clear that they would like to speak, I believe there are also others. Just by reading posts on online, I have indicated or noticed that there are other people who have concerns about this. I don't feel that the subject has been brought up and given the amount of discussion that it should be. This being a special meeting, I agree, that there is no need to rush. Is there a rush that it has to be tonight? I would like somebody to tell me what is the rush that it has to be tonight. What is two weeks?

President Ertel: It is just normal process for ordinances and whatnot to go through in a timely manner...one, two, three readings...whatever.

Denise Terzakis: Right...on three separate occasions. But in this case, it was given two readings in the same meeting, which is not technically normal procedure, correct?

President Ertel: No. We have already had one reading on it.

Denise Terzakis: I understand. This would be the second. Then you would declare it an emergency so you can do the third reading in the same meeting.

President Ertel: We do not declare it an emergency.

Councilperson Peterson: Can I just ask council? Has anyone had anything, except for the one citizen, has anybody heard? I would want to hear this. Has the Mayor's office had any?

President Ertel: No. Nor I.

Councilperson Peterson: Honestly, I have made phone calls. I have done outreach trying to find these people. I guess the answer is delaying the legislation for one citizen... I don't see the purpose in that. Don, have you had any others?

Councilperson Wells: Well, I have had people ask me questions about it that I can't answer. Like, what is the revitalization district? I can't tell you. Or why do we need it? I'm not exactly sure on that. You know, I'm not against it. What I'm saying is...in fairness...I believe in fairness. I think the questions should be answered. I'm not saying anything is wrong. I'm just saying that this is a special meeting tonight. This is an unusual circumstance. In fairness, it does not seem right that we should pass it without people having the opportunity to come and speak.

Councilperson Jaehnig: But, we have had some people at the meetings to listen to what is being proposed. A prime example of a group that has waited with baited breath for this immediately from this in being able to reapply to improve their business situation. When we are heavily pushing for a "Buy Local" program and something to benefit the local businesses, I think...

Councilperson Wells: I didn't say I was against it.

Councilperson Jaehnig: I didn't say you were. But I think we have a responsibility to the businesses to be expeditious as possible. One of the things that we fall into a double-edged sword on is we get criticized for not moving fast enough and we get criticized for moving too fast. I think, in general, everybody tries to do the best that they can, but we can't move the Task Force any faster. We can't move Redevelopment any faster. City Council only has the ability to act on ordinances and resolutions. In this particular case, we know that we can have an immediate, positive impact. This is the third meeting in regards to this subject. There was a fourth meeting, in fact, that the Mediterranean was at where the subject was not even brought up.

Councilperson Peterson: They were so excited about it that they came early.

Councilperson Jaehnig: This has actually been brought up now...this is the fourth meeting.

Paul Hunter: It is not immediate. It is thirty days from the final reading.

President Ertel: That is correct.

Councilperson Jaehnig: But if we wait another 14 days, it will then be 45 days. I'm in a torn situation myself. While I would like to make sure that everybody gets the opportunity to express their opinions, how many opportunities do they need?

Councilperson Wells: Why do we advertise in the newspaper to make people aware of what is going on and then not allow them to come and speak.

Councilperson Jaehnig: That is why we advertise.

Councilperson Wells: It seems silly to me to advertise in the paper.

President Ertel: Don, we did not, at all, say that he could not come to the meeting.

Clerk of Council Laura Curliss: He received his own notice because he is a special media requester along with council, by email, when you received it on Monday. He could send a representative, and Councilperson Popp was suggesting the second reading to allow him to come next time, on April 2, but he can't come then either.

Councilperson Peterson: What would be the advantage of delaying for two more weeks? If we did that on every piece of legislation because somebody couldn't be here. I mean, there are some committee meetings that even council members can't attend. We would never get anything passed.

Councilperson Wells: Should I read his email response?

President Ertel: I believe we all have it.

Councilperson Wells: I mean...there are questions in there that are legitimate.

Councilperson Jaehnig: But the questions had to do with procedure, and I didn't see a single point that was raised in regard to actual concern about the piece of legislation itself. It had to do more with procedure and proper methods than it actually did about the resolution itself. If there is a procedural issue, then that is a whole separate issue than actually whether the legislation itself should be approved. If there is a procedural flaw...if something has been done that is inappropriate...then that can be addressed separately.

Councilperson Wells: Myself...I did not say that. As he lives in the Third Ward and I represent the Third Ward, I'm trying to be fair.

Councilperson Jaehnig: I understand that, Don.

President Ertel: I appreciate your concern, and there are also committee persons who are at large who also represent that same person.

Councilperson McKay: I would ask that we would elect to find out how this is going to proceed. Let's call for the vote and we may or may not be able to do this tonight anyway.

President Ertel: Exactly. May I entertain a motion, please?

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by McKay to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the ordinance Designating a Revitalization District Within the City of Wilmington by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Wells, no; Peterson, yes; Popp, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

President Ertel: Since we have a missing councilperson, we cannot have a second and third reading tonight, but I will entertain the motion for a second.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by McKay to give the second reading only on an ordinance Designating a Revitalization District within the City of Wilmington. Wells voted “nay.” All else present voted “yea.”

Motion passed.

Acting Director of Law Turner read the ordinance by title only.

President Ertel: Very good. We’ll have the third reading at the next council meeting. Anything else?

Councilperson Popp: No, Mr. President.

Councilperson Peterson: I have just one other comment. I appreciate that the discussion is respectful. Like Ronald Reagan said, “People can disagree, but they don’t have to be disagreeable.” I think we followed that pattern very nicely. I appreciate it. I think it is fair to discuss the topic.

President Ertel: I think we all agree with that.

Councilperson Peterson: Thank you.

President Ertel: Parks and Recreation Committee?

Parks and Recreation Committee – President Ertel: Not seeing Mike, I’m sure everything is going good for the spring.

President Ertel: Service Director?

Service Director- Larry Reinsmith: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you. Safety Director?

Safety Director – Nick Babb: Just a couple of things real quick. With this great weather we’ve been having, we’re also getting close to severe weather season, so in line with that, Governor Strickland has proclaimed March 22-28 as this year’s Severe Weather Awareness Week. In a coordinated effort with the Governor and the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, the State, along with the City of Wilmington and Clinton County, will participate in a statewide tornado drill on this Wednesday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m. Schools, businesses and households are encouraged to practice their emergency plans and tornado drills during this time. Also our normal test, which will be on April 4, will be at 1:00 instead of noon because of the City Park’s Children’s Easter Egg hunt out at the park. We don’t want to have them panic.

Councilperson Jaehnig: Have we talked to Wilmington Schools about this?

Safety Director Babb: Yes.

Councilperson Jaehnig: And they were receptive?

Safety Director Babb: I don’t think they like it too well since the sirens are located right at the schools, especially Holmes, but I think it is important that we test the sirens.

Councilperson Jaehnig: I would hope that they would participate in the drill itself.

Safety Director Babb: I will say this. Depending on the weather on Wednesday...if the weather is shaky, we will not test the sirens. We are also testing the whole system for Clinton County as well. We have that at Wilmington Dispatch: one button that we push sets all the sirens off. So Mr. Hufferberger, if you would, put this in the paper for us. This is also on the cable channel, or will be soon. Anna is putting that on hopefully

today. If not, then tomorrow. Are there any questions? Also Rob, we are going to have an agreement with the Clinton-Highland Joint Fire District too coming up.

President Ertel: Very good. Any other questions?

Reports:

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Wells to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's Report – February 2009 as received.

Motion passed.

Report accepted as received.

President Ertel: At this time, I would like to open the meeting up for members of council and/or the general public to address council while in session. We have a young lady who has already called ahead that she would like to speak. Come forward, please.

Dessie Buchanan: Dessie Buchanan; 1185 McKay Road, Wilmington. I am speaking on behalf of Energize Clinton County. On March 28, 2009, at 8:30 p.m. tens of millions of people around the world will be joining together for a short period of time to demonstrate a shared focus on energy by turning off the lights for one hour. Earth Hour is designed to remind us that by working together, we all have a role to play in solving one of the most critical issues of our time. Energize Clinton County is currently organizing a community-wide effort for Wilmington to participate alongside many other towns and major cities in this international event. Energy efficiency is a vital source of cost savings for both homes and businesses, and Earth Hour is a very simple, yet effective, way of drawing the community together when cost savings and community are especially needed. To provide a local experience for citizens, it is our goal to have as many individuals and groups participate in this event as possible by planning to turn down lights for just one hour from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. So far, we have commitments from nearly 20 local businesses that will be participating in various ways by turning off or dimming down nonessential lights or holding candlelight dinners at their respective restaurants. It is our hope that the City Government will follow suit and commit to participate in this truly community-wide event by turning off nonessential lights in City Hall for at least one hour between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Your public participation would be greatly appreciated. I do have this letter. If any of you feel comfortable signing and stating that you approve.

Mayor Raizk: Do you want it all on one?

Dessie Buchanan: I have the...

Mayor Raizk: Oh, you have the master.

President Ertel: I was going to say, if it would help your effort, we could also pass a resolution possibly to do the same.

Clerk of Council Laura Curliss: You can do it and I will create it later.

Councilperson Jaehnig: Can I ask which restaurants are doing candlelight dinners that I could go to and eat with my wife.

Dessie: Right now we have Generations, El Dorado, and Donatos committed. We are working on the Mediterranean still. We are also having events downtown for the community, including at General Denver, Get Fit, and Jen's Deli.

Councilperson McKay: We are having a show at the Murphy Theatre that night, and we are talking about turning off the major part of the marquee for that hour.

President Ertel: If it would be in agreement with council, we could pass a resolution of support. We are still in session. If anyone makes that motion, we could second and pass it and Laura can...

Councilperson Jaehnig: I would like to make that motion that we support this wholeheartedly.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Peterson on a Resolution of Support for Energize Clinton County.
Motion passed.

President Ertel: Very good. A resolution has been passed to support Energize Clinton County and certainly all of the people in this particular effort – in Earth Hour. The resolution will say words to that effect.

Dessie Buchanan: I appreciate it. Thank you.

President Ertel: Thank you. Are there any other persons wishing to address council while in session? Thank you so much for coming, Dessie, and your troupe there.

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Ertel asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Jaehnig to recess until 7:30 p.m.
Motion passed.
Council recessed until 7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL – SPECIAL – RECONVENE 7:30 P.M.

March 19, 2009

Wilmington City Council reconvened on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. with Councilman Rob Jaehnig presiding.

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Wells, absent; Peterson, absent; Wallace, absent; Popp, present; Mongold, absent; McKay, absent.

President Fred Ertel, absent; Mayor Raizk, absent; Auditor Hollingsworth, absent; Law Director Hapner, absent.

Clerk of Council Laura Curliss: Just for the record, most of them are at the Wilmington High School boy's basketball game, which is being played in Cincinnati. It is the first game of the regional competition in the state boy's basketball game. We wish them luck. Go ahead, Mr. Jaehnig.

Councilperson Jaehnig: We have just reconvened our city council meeting for the first public hearing regarding the city's 2009 CDBG Program presented by Mr. Whitaker Wright of CDC of Ohio, Inc.

Councilperson Jaehnig opened the public hearing on the 2009 CDBG Program.

Whitaker Wright: Thank you, Councilman Jaehnig. This is the first public hearing for Wilmington's 2009 CDBG program. The CDBG Small Cities Program, which is operated under the vestiges of Ohio Department of Development, offers small communities like Wilmington a number of opportunities for funding. These include housing programs, including the Community Housing Improvement Program Grant. These are half-million dollar, two-year grants. The application is due at the beginning of May each year. There are also particular programs that are geared to the local Community Action Agency, including the Housing Assistance Program and the CHDO Operating Fund Program. In addition, there is the Housing Development Assistance Program that is offered to Community Action through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. In addition, there are shelter and supportive housing programs. Clinton County Homeless Shelter is very much a part of that. It is now an RFP program done on, I believe, an every-other-year basis, and they have been consistently successful in obtaining grants. On a more limited basis is the HOPWA program, Housing for People with AIDS, in Ohio goes only to designated nonprofits, primarily in the large metropolitan areas. There are also community development programs. The primary one for small cities is the CDBG Block Grant Formula Program. The City of Wilmington is

eligible for \$50,000 each year. The application is due at the end of June. Typically, the city has done a variety of kind of interesting programs in the last few years. They have worked on parking lots. They have assisted the Homeless Shelter and one of the local daycare centers. They are currently, as you know, redeveloping the Little Giant property. This year they will be installing handicap ramps throughout the city. Planning for that is through the Mayor's office. There are also some economic development programs. Those focus primarily on low and moderate-income employment creation and retention. Those economic development programs are generally open to cities and counties in their economic development offices on an open-cycle basis. There is the comprehensive downtown program. The City of Wilmington ran a successful one a couple of years ago. The Tier I grant is for planning. That is about \$15,000 to help organize a more thorough Tier II program application. We submitted a Tier I planning grant in 2006. The City employed Poggemeyer Group to develop plans for the Sugartree Corridor. I suspect that the City is intending to apply for Tier II grant. Those are the larger \$600,000 programs to help bring some of the initial planning for Sugartree to fruition. There are also the Microenterprise Loan Programs and the state's Discretionary Grant Program, which typically funds unique projects for targeted opportunities across a variety of programs. An example of that is the state gave \$48,000 to help the Little Giant Project. Generally, there are several ways that a community can qualify its programs to meet the national objective so it is eligible. One is that the area of benefit is designated as low and moderate income by the Census Bureau 2000 Census. A second way is to do a door-to-door local survey or a building survey, which is what the City did in 2004 for the Downtown Redevelopment Area. The third way is the direct benefit. Typically, the Housing Grants and the CHIP Program are done on a direct-income qualified basis. The fourth way is through LMI, which would be considered by HUD to be a limited clientele: senior citizens, abused children, battered individuals, the handicapped, the homeless, illiteracy, and migrant farm workers. The other ways include economic development (someone is being hired) or area qualifications for slum and blight or spot slum or blight. At the end of the second page, I included a table which shows the current 2009 definitions for low and moderate income in Clinton County. For a household of four to be considered low and moderate income, the household has an income at or below \$49,750. I open the floor for questions.

Clerk of Council Laura Curliss: Did you say how much you think the City might get for CDBG Formula this year? Do you have any idea how things are going with the federal government?

Whitaker Wright: I don't. I know we will get at least \$50,000. I am really, really hoping that if Congress and the new administration are going to put a lot more money into CDBG, the communities may see more. I think the state would like to do that, but they don't...

Councilperson Jaehnig: Do you have to ask for that in advance, or will it just happen?

Whitaker Wright: The Obama Administration has effectively said that it is going to fully fund CDBG at the level that it was in 2000...at the last Clinton budget...which is probably about twice what it is now. There has been a lot of back and forth email. I know the various community development groups nationally have talked a lot about it. The American Planning Association has talked about it, so I am hopeful that it is going to happen. I don't know how that is going to filter down locally. The fact that it is March and the City has not gotten a letter saying "You're allocation will be..." gives me a little hope that it is going to go up. As we do annually, the city has project proposal forms that are available in the Mayor's office for anyone who cares to submit a project.

Clerk of Council Laura Curliss: In the past several years, the City has used our meager \$50,000 to do a lot of curb ramps....just handicap curb ramps. Believe me, we could certainly use it up for the next several years just doing handicap curb ramps. It just is not a lot of money at \$50,000. It would be nice if it got doubled.

Councilperson Jaehnig: How many curb ramps does that get us?

Whitaker Wright: It does a lot. I think we put in for 24 this year.

Councilperson Jaehnig: Okay. That is not as bad as I was afraid it might be.

Clerk of Council Laura Curliss: It depends on the curb ramp and where it is and what other improvements have to be made.

Councilperson Jaehnig: And what you find under it.

Councilperson Jaehnig asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak to the public hearing.

Councilperson Jaehnig closed the public hearing.

Councilperson Jaehnig asked if there was anyone else who wished to address council while still in session.

Amanda Grimm: I am a business owner in the area here. We are located at 55 W. Main, right across from the Murphy Theatre. We are a nutrition center. We have smoothie-style shakes that taste great and are meal replacements. Our goal is to really show that you can make healthier options. We are open for breakfast and lunch from 7:30 to 3:00 every day. The idea is to have a smoothie as a meal replacement shake. It is really good. We could talk about all of the nutrition stuff, but [inaudible]. They taste great, and that is the important part. You are giving your body good stuff instead of the quarter pounder and French fries that most people typically have for lunch every day. It is only \$4.50. You can come in and get a 16-ounce smoothie, a 12-ounce green tea, which is great for you, and also a shot of aloe for the digestion. I'm just getting the word out here to let everybody know a little bit more about what we are. I hope to see you all soon. I have [inaudible] shakes for everyone.

Councilperson Jaehnig: Are you saying you get all three?

Amanda Grimm: You get all three every time.

Councilperson Jaehnig: That's a good deal.

Amanda Grimm: The business is called "Shake Those Pounds." You can use the products to lose weight or just for healthy nutrition. I personally dropped 50 pounds with the shakes. We have helped millions of people lose weight. We are on a new million-pound mission. We all are keeping track of how much weight everyone loses because we're going to hit over a million pounds lost here over the next couple of months. That is a little bit about what we do. The biggest thing...if I could leave everybody with one thing...it is a great healthy meal that is the same price as the fast food that you eat and it is a lot better for you.

Councilperson Popp: Do you have nutritional information?

Amanda Grimm: What I brought with me today...I got a couple [interruption in transcription – tape end] a menu of all of the different flavors that we have. We have 23 flavors, so everyone can always find one that they like. Most of the time it is the whole menu that they like. If you do come in, I can get you some more specific stuff.

An unidentified speaker asked about sugar content.

Amanda Grimm: That's a great question. Probably the biggest questions are from diabetics, because a lot of people have diabetes. The sugar equivalent is about the same as a small piece of fruit for anybody who is diabetic. We use sugar-free everything. We use sugar-free pudding in there. The shake mix itself has nine carbohydrates. It also has four grams of fiber, so they are very good for anybody who is watching their sugar, cholesterol, sodium, you name it. They are high in protein, high in fiber, low in calories, low in fat, low in sugar, and low in cholesterol.

Councilperson Jaehnig: I appreciate you coming and I appreciate your investment in the city.

An unidentified speaker asked if you eat it there or take it with you.

Amanda Grimm: You can really do whatever. This actually works out perfect, too, with the downtown initiative. The idea is really to bring a sense of community. We are going to have different events and things just to teach people about different wellness topics, but it is up to each individual. I know people have busy schedules. They can get it and walk out with it...everything comes in Styrofoam cups so you can get it to go...but we do have the option to sit in there. It is more like a family room...we have a couch and a table. It is not like a stale restaurant.

An unidentified speaker asked if they could put it in Styrofoam cups.

Amanda Grimm: Well, what I am doing. I actually have a “Go Green” initiative. We have plastic cups that are washable and reusable, and some of my regular customers bring in their plastic cups every time so we don’t have to worry about the Styrofoam issue. The main reason for Styrofoam is cost.

[Discussion about Styrofoam versus plastic]

Councilperson Jaehnig asked again if there was anyone else who wished to address council while in session.

Seeing no one wished to speak, Councilperson Jaehnig asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Popp and seconded by Jaehnig to adjourn.
Motion passed.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk