

Wilmington City Council met on Thursday, May 20, 2010, with President Fred Ertel presiding.

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

Chief Hatten was also present.

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Councilman Wells requested that the following changes be made in the minutes from the May 6 meeting: On page 6, the word “dream penny” be changed to “green penny;” and on the last page of the minutes, “auction lessons” be changed to “auction license.”

Councilman Wallace requested that “Play golf” be changed to “Play ball” in the Parks and Recreation Committee report of the minutes.

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by McKay to amend the minutes as noted.
Motion passed.
Minutes amended as noted.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Wells to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, May 6, 2010, as amended.
Motion passed.
Minutes approved as amended.

President of Council – Fred Ertel: At this point, I would like to turn this over to the Mayor.

Mayor – Mayor Raizk: I got a call last night from our Director of Transportation, Mr. Phil Floyd, as he was coming back from Columbus. I will pass these out. He was attending the Ohio Public Transit Association’s State Conference. The Wilmington Transit System, WTS, was awarded the Ohio Public Transit Association’s honor as Transit System of the Year. Phil has a nice award that we were presented.

[Applause]

Mayor Raizk: They even put our motto on the award.

Phil Floyd (Reading from award): OPTA (Ohio Public Transit Association), Outstanding Achievement, Transit System of the Year, Wilmington Transit System, “We will transport you.” 2010.

Mayor Raizk: I passed this out so you could all see that we don’t compete as a small rural transit system; we compete with everybody. So, that means, Columbus Metro, Cincinnati Metro, the Cleveland RTA, the COTA, and all of the major transport systems are all in the same boat, and we got picked as Transit System of the Year. I think that is an outstanding achievement and certainly is well-deserved. Phil, thank you for all of your hard work. Please convey that from me and from all of the council to all of your staff. I think that says a lot about our transit system. I think it is one of the best things that we do for our citizens and the community. Congratulations and thank you. That is all I have.

President Ertel: Okay. Moving into committee reports, Asset, Acquisition and Use?

Asset, Acquisition and Use –Chairperson Sandy Mongold: No report, Mr. President. Congratulations on that honor, and would you also please convey that to your employees?

President Ertel: Thank you. Mr. Auditor?

Auditor – Auditor David Hollingsworth: Just one quick item. Whenever we have our next Finance Committee meeting, between now and the next council meeting, I will have the spreadsheets. I have the spreadsheets, but I need to review them. I need to tweak them a little bit to show where we are at for the first four months.

Councilwoman Mongold: We will schedule that meeting. Thank you.

President Ertel: Very good. Thank you. Finance Committee? Sandy?

Finance Committee – Chairperson Sandy Mongold: The first item tonight is an ordinance making miscellaneous transfers. Are there any questions regarding these two transfers?

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Miscellaneous Transfers.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold 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; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4913 passed as read.

Councilwoman Mongold: The second item tonight is an ordinance making supplemental appropriations. Do you have any questions?

Councilman Jaehnig: Sandy, Item J, the Capital Equipment out of the Taxi Fund, I noticed a correlation between that and the miscellaneous transfers.

Councilwoman Mongold: That is correct. We have a grant coming in to purchase a vehicle. The city's portion is \$3500, which we did appropriate, but we need to appropriate the entire amount and then we get reimbursed with the grant, so we are just making the books read right.

Councilwoman Peterson: I also have a question. I noticed at this meeting we don't have transfers for tax refunds. Are we finished with that?

Geoffrey Phillips: Probably not.

Councilwoman Peterson: Thank you.

Councilwoman Mongold: Are there any other questions?

A motion was made by Mongold and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations.

Motion passed.

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Mongold 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; Wallace, yes; Mead, yes; Mongold, yes; McKay, yes.

Director of Law read the ordinance by title only.

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

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Ord. No. 4914 passed as read.

President Ertel: Is there anything else?

Councilwoman Mongold: No, but we will advise you when we have that next meeting scheduled.

President Ertel: Very good. Water Committee?

Water Committee – Chairperson Mike Wallace: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Streets Committee?

Streets Committee – Chairperson Peterson: We have one item. This is the second and third reading authorizing the memorial dedication for a section of road in town to Sgt. Steven Conover.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Jaehnig to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing a Memorial Dedication of a Section of the Relocation of S.R. 73 in the City of Wilmington to a Veteran, To Wit, Sgt. Steven Conover, by title only.

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

Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Mongold to pass the resolution as read.

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

Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2199 passed as read.

Councilwoman Peterson: We have a member of Sgt. Conover's family here tonight, and I was going to ask Detective Riley to introduce them.

Detective Josh Riley: I believe you are all familiar with what we are doing here, but I would like to introduce Mike Earley. Mike is the stepfather of Steven Conover. Steven's mother, Lorraine, was not able to be here. She is having some health issues. Mike, we wish her the best and hope for her quick recovery here. So, it is an honor to introduce Mike Earley. This is Steven's stepfather.

[Applause]

Mike Earley: Thank you. It is a good testimony to Steven. We have had a lot of them here in Wilmington, and we sure do appreciate it. Myself and my family, we want to thank everybody who supported this. We understand there were a few who didn't. The people who didn't support it, God bless them. It is important to keep his memory alive, because he died for this.

Councilwoman Peterson: I'm glad we could do this.

[Applause and general comments of thanks]

Councilman McKay: I think we all noted that this is a testimonial really to all those who have fallen, and we all thought of it that way.

President Ertel: Thank you very much.

Councilwoman Peterson: I have nothing further.

President Ertel: Thank you. Solid Waste/Recycling?

Solid Waste/Recycling Committee: Chairperson Don Wells: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Okay. How about Wastewater/Sewer?

Wastewater/Sewer Committee: Chairperson Mark McKay: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Very good. Judiciary?

Judiciary Committee: Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: We have three items tonight, Mr. President. Item A, we are going to be postponing. We are waiting for the final report to be returned and we will probably have a final committee meeting in regards to that between now and the next city council meeting, so if we could please move this to the next meeting, I would appreciate it.

President Ertel: Very good.

Councilman Jaehnig: The second item is three readings on an ordinance rescinding Chapter 701 of the codified ordinances. This is in reference to auctioneering. We have some things on the books that none of us are really sure why they are currently still on the books. I am sure at the time, there was a real reason to have this, but it is in regards to permitting to have auctions within in the city and being a permit fee of \$5.00. We have not been enforcing it or collecting it for quite some time. Unless we are going to start doing so, we might as well remove it from the books and clean up the books a little bit. So, that is why we are asking for three readings to remove that tonight.

Councilwoman Peterson: Is it necessary to have all three or could we just have one?

Councilman Jaehnig: No, we could have just one if you would prefer.

Councilwoman Peterson: I would prefer that.

Councilman Jaehnig: That is fine.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the ordinance Rescinding Chapter 701 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wilmington.

Motion passed

Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Jaehnig requested that the second and third reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Jaehnig: The last item tonight is the first reading on the Community Development Block Grant. There will be two public hearings coming up on this in June. We do have to have this completed by the end of June, so we will do the first reading tonight. The CDBG grant is allowing us to do multiple projects. Whitaker Wright will be here at the next meeting to present a review of the individual projects, but they include finishing the Little Giant, they include some sidewalk work, and some projects for some of the nonprofits around town. So, in order to meet grant deadlines and not force things too quickly, we will do the first reading tonight, and the ordinance is available for review.

Councilwoman Peterson: I would like to voice some concern. Unless I missed something, this appeared on the agenda without a committee meeting.

Councilman Jaehnig: You are correct.

Councilwoman Peterson: That frankly concerns me, because that should be the venue to be on the agenda. Is there any way that we can have a committee meeting before this reading?

Councilman Jaehnig: Before tonight?

[Laughter]

Councilman Jaehnig: We would have to go multiple readings then in order to complete it by the deadline.

Mayor Raizk: Typically, I don't think we have CDBG as a committee meeting, since we get the same amount of money every year and we do have the public hearings.

Kathryn Hapner: There will be three meetings between now and June 25...I mean tonight and then the two in June would come before.

Mayor Raizk: You could have a committee meeting on it before then. Because these always require two public hearings here in council chambers, I am not sure that this has ever gone through committee before.

Councilwoman Peterson: I just don't recall seeing anything appear without a committee meeting.

Mayor Raizk: I think they do depending on the nature of them. For instance, things like Fair Housing and those things. I am not sure if CDBG has ever had a committee meeting because we have the public hearings and the committee attends that right here in the council chambers. But, it is up to you. The one thing that is real critical on this is that we have it done by the end of June – June 25.

Kathryn Hapner: There will be a meeting on June 3 and June 17.

Mayor Raizk: It is an emergency, so it does take effect immediately.

Councilman Jaehnig: We did process the CDBG last year the same way, so the mayor is correct in the consistency of how this has been presented.

Councilwoman Peterson: Okay. Then I am fine. Thank you.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by McKay to give the first reading only on the resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the FY 2010 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula Program and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion passed

Director of Law read resolution by title only.

Jaehnig requested that the second reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Jaehnig: We do need to schedule a Judiciary Committee meeting between now and the next council meeting.

Andrea Tacoronte: Okay.

Councilman Jaehnig: That is all. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mayor Raizk: May I make a request, Mr. Chairman? On item A, the Safe Routes to School, when you get your final information that you are requesting, you are going to have a committee meeting on it. Could that meeting be something that could be well advertised in order to answer a lot of questions? I think there are some questions and concerns – just to make sure the map gets right and all of the right kinds of things. I know that is what you are trying to do, but if you could, at least try to have an early evening meeting or something that could be attended by a lot of folks.

Councilman Jaehnig: I agree with you completely, and that is why we are not moving forward on this.

Mayor Raizk: So when you do that, we will assist you in getting that word out.

Councilman Jaehnig: Thank you very much.

President Ertel: Very good. Thank you. Safety Committee?

Safety Committee- Chairperson Rob Jaehnig: No report, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Thank you. Downtown Revitalization Committee?

Downtown Revitalization Committee - Convener Mark McKay – I don't have any agenda items tonight, Mr. President, but I did want to point out, and I imagine many of us have read this, but I think it needs repeating, at least in part. Commissioner Riley stepped up and wrote a nice letter to the editor, and I would just like to relay a couple of parts of it, if you would allow me to.

We are a stubborn people. People in Clinton County and Wilmington do not give up, do not back down and always, always support each other when times get tough. We have seen this happen time and time again over the past two years.

Councilman McKay: Then there is some other verbiage and then the last paragraph...

They need our help. Shop downtown. You might have to walk around construction workers and over piles of rubble, but shop downtown. Make a special effort to go to a downtown restaurant or store. These good folks need our help right now. Let us all help to get them through this major curb and sidewalk project. Take the time, put on your hiking boots and shop downtown.

*RANDY RILEY
Wilmington*

Councilman McKay: I just can't support that more. I thank Randy a bunch. I think the more that we think about this and maybe we could get something in the paper – it would be wonderful. Just to kind of remind folks, let's not bypass the downtown. Let's make a special effort, because a lot of these people are hanging a little bit by a thread financially, and if they can get 10 more sales in a day, that might help them make payroll where they may not have been able to. So, let's all try thinking about going to Books 'N' More and the Hotel and Get Fit and Traditions and the Murphy Theatre...

Councilman Jaehnig: You're going to forget someone, Mark.

Councilman McKay: ...and all of these other places when you start naming them. Just look up and down Main Street and South Street and make an effort. We'll get through this, and we are real proud of our downtown. We had a meeting today that was a kickoff for the Tier II CDBG and we just got all kinds of accolades about how beautiful our downtown is. Maybe we need a new acronym like we have for the landfill – Shop Our Downtown – SOD.

Councilman Jaehnig: Save our Stores.

Councilman McKay: Well, I didn't want it to become Save our Downtown...so right now let's make it Shop our Downtown.

Councilman Jaehnig: Mark, in conjunction with this, there was a great piece that Mark and Taylor from Energize Clinton County put together that showed the difference of parking in Wal-Mart, the distance that you have to walk, compared to having to park not necessarily right in front of the store you want downtown. It is still substantially shorter, even if you do have to park around the block. So, keep that in mind. It is not necessarily easier.

Councilman McKay: Make an effort. Thank you.

President Ertel: Very good. Thank you. Parks & Recreation?

Parks and Recreation Committee - Convener Mike Wallace: No report, Mr. President. Play ball!

[Laughter]

President Ertel: Very good. Thank you. Mr. Service Director?

Service Director- Service Director Larry Reinsmith: I don't know what to say...you said it all, Mark. However, the projects are moving pretty well, really. They don't go where we want them to go. We were told one thing about the concrete coming back this way. The problem we got into, especially down over the hill, we've gotten into a lot of utility work. We had to put a new storm line in. We had to replace some water lines, Vectren did some work, so the boys putting in the sidewalks, they just decided to start right down there and come back this way. In fact, I think if it doesn't rain really bad tomorrow, they are going to be pouring downtown. They are moving right along. We started tearing up Locust Street and they will be moving around there pouring curbs next week. We have marked out on 68 N and Xenia Avenue and we will be digging there next week. Nelson Avenue, they have the whole east side curb poured today. It is finished, all of the way out to Country Oaks. They probably won't start tomorrow on the west side, but probably at the first of the week they will be coming down. Then, it will be not too much milling, but a lot of filling and they will be paving that street out. That is due to be done in June. That will be a nice roadway.

Councilman McKay: Are we going to be getting any extra gravel between Warren Drive and the bike trail?

Service Director Reinsmith: That is in the back of my mind, Mark, you know that.

Councilman McKay: They should just...

Service Director Reinsmith: I know. If we can scrounge something up we will put it in there. But, I think all in all, if you come down Main Street and look at that sidewalk, it looks real nice.

Mayor Raizk: I think everybody has gotten a glimmer. Before, we didn't know what it might look like, but I think now that you can see the curb and you can see some of the sidewalk, you are going to see how sharp it is really going to look. It is going to make a big difference. You know, there is a residual effect to that with properties in my opinion. So, with the nice curb and gutter and sidewalks, I think it will have some bounce on properties as well.

Service Director Reinsmith: Yeah, we bounced one of them. We bounced that one house there on Main Street. It has to come down. You know, the sidewalk was holding it up, so that was a little problem there. We have that scheduled to come down. Another thing, we have taken down three houses this week. We took one down on Howard Street, Clinton Street, West Locust. We have the one on Walnut scheduled to come down. So, we are moving that way too, so...

Councilwoman Peterson: I hope you got the tarp off of the one on Locust Street.

Service Director Reinsmith: Why, did you want it?

Councilwoman Peterson: I'm just joking...

Service Director Reinsmith: I wouldn't worry as much about the tarp as I would the tree. That is all, Mr. President.

President Ertel: Okay. Thank you. Safety Director?

Safety Director – In the absence of Safety Director Nick Babb, Mayor Raizk: No report.

President Ertel: Thank you.

Reports:

A motion was made by Wells and seconded by Peterson to approve the Auditor-Treasurer's Report – April 2010 and the Hotel Lodging Tax Receipts – First Quarter 2010, as received.

Motion passed.

Reports accepted as received.

Kathryn Hapner: If I could just give you more information, you will notice that Wilmington Inn has zero dollars; it is not because they have zero guests. They just aren't submitting... Mary Kay has given me information to file a complaint against them to recover that from them, so we are working on that. Hopefully, we will be able to do that pretty soon.

Councilwoman Peterson: They are collecting it...

Kathryn Hapner: They are collecting, they are just not paying. We haven't gotten it since June of last year. Hopefully, soon, we'll collect that.

President Ertel: At this point, I would like to open the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session.

Councilwoman Mongold: I would just like to remind everyone that Tuesday night, May 25, is the Community Garden Mural Auction. The hors d'oeuvres are from 4-6 and then the auction is set at 6 pm. It is \$15 a person and reservations are necessary. You can call the hotel at 383-4141. If you have any questions, give me a call. I have actually had quite a few people call me with questions. There is some interest. That is Tuesday night, so put that on your calendar. Thank you.

Paul Hunter: 200 Randolph Street. I know you people are tired of me, and I am tired of doing it, but some of these issues are... On Lytle Place, this nice old man has been stealing from his neighbors for the last 20+ years. We have tried. We have rewritten ordinances. We have gone after him. If you look at that picture that is passing along, nothing has changed. He is stealing in two ways. One, he is stealing the right of his seven or eight neighbors to sit in their front yard and have a decent view. He is stealing in the second place by devaluing their property. If a person comes to the next door house and says "I want to buy your house. Well, I'm not going to pay you what you want because that junkyard right next to you is an eyesore." We have one complaint that has been working and it passed its get-well date, on the seventh, I think, of this month. He hasn't changed anything, as of this morning anyway. The only way I can think, and I've been trying every way I could, the next step is I would respectfully suggest that the Law Director send this fellow (and she can find the data in Code Enforcement) a strong warning with the financial costs if he continues to allow this. If that doesn't work, if there is ever a case we want to take to court (which we don't like to do that), this is one that we should. Bring the full weight of the municipal law down on this thief. A nice guy, but a thief. Thank you

President Ertel: Thank you. Yes, Larry?

Service Director Reinsmith: I would like to respond a little bit to that. Come up here, Paul, I want you to see this too. Come on up here. I went on that property last week, because when I was a building inspector, I was on this guy's case. Here is a copy of the letter I wrote in 1994. So, it has been 16 years. Here are the pictures of the house back in 1994. The camper was there, and it is still there. There is a station wagon right here...

Paul Hunter: The cherry picker has been around for a long time, too.

Service Director Reinsmith: You see this station wagon? It was usable at that time, and now it sits right there. Do you see that? In this driveway, there is a black Corvair. Here is the Corvair today.

Paul Hunter: Michelle told me that she went back through the records and it goes back to 1986 or something like that.

Service Director Reinsmith: I have one over on Woodview that I'm doing the same with. I put together a whole Power Point presentation. My thought was maybe I could embarrass these people a little bit to do something. They have been like this for 16 or 17 years. We have a file on a couple of them like this. We have had them in court. Kathryn has had letters...I was looking through them. The judge does something to them and then he might give them a reprieve or he might slap their hands and say "Clean it up." And they clean it up a little bit...

Paul Hunter: Well, they move them around...

Service Director Reinsmith: ...but, we need to do something where we can really put some teeth in it and say...

Paul Hunter: See, this meets your criteria of front yard and a public nuisance. Both of those are...

Kathryn Hapner: Are the cars operable?

Service Director Reinsmith: They can't be. One doesn't have a front half of it.

[Laughter]

Paul Hunter: The two cars on the grass are a public nuisance. I do want to congratulate the cab people. As an ex cab driver, I'm proud, man.

Councilwoman Peterson: Mr. Earley had the same comments. We know about the places; we just can't seem to move forward on them.

Service Director Reinsmith: They'll go in front of the judge. The judge will say "Clean this up," and they'll do things and they'll come back and that appeases them, so that case is closed. Then we start all over again.

Paul Hunter: He has a right to abate public nuisance. He has a decision to make by ordinance. He can step in.

Kathryn Hapner: I just re-wrote the city ordinances in Hillsboro on these issues. That is what we need to do is re-write these. I am perfectly happy to do that, I just need some direction from you guys so that we can give the city the power to go in there and take care of this.

Councilwoman Peterson: Well, that is what we had at the last committee meeting.

Kathryn Hapner: We talked about that, yes.

Councilwoman Peterson: That is what our subsequent meeting is.

Mayor Raizk: One of the things that came out of the first meeting that I think is very, very good, and Kathryn, I know you said it can't be great...it can't be a big amount of money, but I don't think it needs to be a big amount of money, it can have a cap. Instead of having this process where everybody says, "If it hasn't been cleaned up by a certain time or you haven't made contact, then"...

Kathryn Hapner: Then we just do it.

Mayor Raizk: Well, no, that is not what I'm talking about. I think we institute a fining procedure that starts and it is so much a day up to a maximum of a reasonable amount – you know \$250 or something like that...\$10 a day, which would be good. If they contacted you and said "Look, I have a contractor coming to clean this up." And okay, fine, you give us a letter saying when it will be done by, and you know we could give

somebody a little break. But, if we don't start doing something like that... What else the fine does (and Kathryn, you pointed this out, which I think is very important), is that fine comes to the citizens. If it goes to the court and the judge fines them, it goes to the municipal court and it is shared with everybody. I am thinking that we need something, no matter what you decide the rules are.

Paul Hunter: If he doesn't pay the fine, then don't you still need to go to court?

Mayor Raizk: Yes, but at least you have something that is a little more of a lever before you go.

Kathryn Hapner: Personally, it is up to you guys.

Councilwoman Peterson: I just want to clean them up. I'm tired of...

Kathryn Hapner: I think you are better off if you give the city the power to just, after a certain time period and go through a certain process, if it isn't done, just do it.

Service Director Reinsmith: As long as you have court orders.

Mayor Raizk: Because, again, it is private property.

Kathryn Hapner: Well, you have to go through due process, but as long as you go through due process, I think we need to be able to give ourselves the power, after we follow all of the little steps for due process, to just...

Mayor Raizk: I think we need both things. I think we need a fine procedure and I think we need the ability that after a certain period of time, just kind of like the lawn mowing where we say, "Boom, and we do it." But we have to be able to have that authority. The issue we always have had is that we haven't had that authority. Now, I'm going to tell you that everybody sounds like they are all behind that, but once you start...you are going to get a little gaff about that authority.

Kathryn Hapner: The first couple of times you do it, it is going to be a huge...

Mayor Raizk: We have had problems about the Fire Chief, who has that authority, and the Police Chief, who has that authority, and those things with search warrants and so forth.

Councilwoman Peterson: I am more willing to defend that...cleaning up somebody's property...than trying to explain to citizens why we are not cleaning up...

Mayor Raizk: No, I agree.

Councilwoman Peterson: I'll defend that forever. I'm hoping we can emerge from this...

Paul Hunter: There is an obligation to abate in the ordinances now. They are all over the place. There must be 20 ordinances covering this kind of stuff. Back before we had the building inspector deal or the building code, the police were the enforcement arm of some of these issues. Those are still in the ordinances. The chief of police in his determination can abate the problems himself through whatever means they do it and remove the public nuisance.

Councilman Jaehnig: I think one of the issues is, when the economy is good and things are doing well, these properties are a nuisance and an eyesore. When the economy goes south and people are having difficulties, they become a cancer. When people say, "You know what, I've been working hard to keep up and I have been having a hard time, and the guy next door is not taking care of his property. Why should I take care of mine?" So, instead of having one piece of property, all of a sudden we have five, six, seven, a dozen pieces of property that have let themselves go. And the cleanup then becomes even a bigger issue. And, as I have stated earlier in the year...this is the time that we really need to pay attention for everybody's sake. It is all of our responsibility to make

sure that the city is as clean as possible. We have an opportunity to move forward. And we are going to have investors looking at investing and moving their manufacturing and warehousing and something for the community and new people looking to move in. If we look shabby, they're not going to come.

Councilwoman Peterson: I am hoping we can emerge from this next Judiciary Committee with legislation so we can move this forward. I certainly have that expectation.

Mayor Raizk: I think another thing that needs to happen is all of the old stuff needs to go. We need to get rid of...

Kathryn Hapner: The things that overlap or are in conflict with each other.

Mayor Raizk: Yes. Get rid of that stuff. Paul, some of that stuff, you are exactly right. We may have it on our books, but it is no longer valid in terms of the real world out there, in terms of administering it.

Paul Hunter: We have three chapters dealing with the subject that we are talking about.

Mayor Raizk: And we need one chapter.

Councilman Jaehnig: And if we have new legislation, it gives us a nice clean starting line.

Paul Hunter: I offered to Laura to go over all of the ordinances and clean them out for a buck, but she said the city couldn't afford it.

President Ertel: I'll give you the buck. Anything else?

Dick Unger: 1036 N. Lincoln Street. A correction and a suggestion. On the Main School Travel Routes, page 30, second paragraph on High Priority School Dropoff/Pickup, it says "prohibit parking or Lorish." I think it should be "on" instead of "or." That needs to be corrected. Suggestion. On the map that you all have, I would like to see, and I think it really behooves us, is a date. There have been so many revisions and so many insertions of old maps into packets and this, that and the other. If there was a date and revision every time it is revised on the map, you would know exactly as you progress along and stop taking back steps on it. I would really like to see that done. This is a document, but it is not a dated document, so you don't know when in the world it came from. This one here says "change to green." That's a change.

Mayor Raizk: Okay. Point taken.

President Ertel again asked if anybody else from the public or the council wished to address council while in session.

Phil Floyd: I would like to make a quick suggestion in regards to Mark's comment about downtown and getting people downtown. For those citizens who find it difficult to find a parking place, call us -- \$2.00.

[Laughter]

Phil Floyd: It is easy, it is convenient, and we're there for them.

Councilman McKay: I will compliment the Wilmington Transit Authority again in regards to the Farmer's Market. I know you all stepped up and made some changes to help folks be able to go to the Farmer's Market that may not be able to drive or may not want to and you have special pickup times and so forth that will be posted. Thanks, again.

President Ertel again asked if anybody else from the public or the council wished to address council while in session.

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

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Peterson to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk