

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, May 26, 2009, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Maurer presiding. Members present: Anderson, Avant, Dippel, Judge, Megyes, Silva, Soyars, and Suboticki. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, President Maurer gave the Invocation, and a Moment of Silence was observed for Mrs. Catharine Shifferly, the mother-in-law of former Mayor Randy Hart.

It was moved by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Dippel, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Session held on Monday, May 11, 2009, as presented. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried.

### **PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

The Clerk read a letter of thanks to Council regarding a donation made to Visiting Nurse Services – Hospice in memory of Mrs. Glenna Freeman, President Maurer's mother-in-law.

The Clerk read a letter from Coach Ken Rector and the 2008-2009 Boys Basketball Team thanking Council for the Resolution that was presented to them. They were very grateful and sent a signed photograph of the Team as a token of their appreciation.

### **MATTERS REFERRED**

Each Council Member, the Mayor and Service Director were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees.

### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

Mr. Duayne Carlson, 3911 Nash Blvd., Norton, said he is here regarding the housing ordinance. He said the economy is not in the best of shape. He said people want to blame bankers or Wall Street traders, but the fact is we are in this situation because the Federal Government originally interfered with the way banks could give loans. He said the laws and lending agencies assumed that people unable to set aside a few thousand dollars for a down payment would be able to meet their monthly payments and other costs associated with home ownership. He said now the entire world suffers the effect of government interference. He said as an example, Creekside Farms in Kansas specializes in Black Angus beef, with the bulk of its sales being Japan. He said when mad cow disease appeared, Japan banned beef from any animal not specifically tested for mad cow. He said the USDA does not test every single animal. He said Creekside did not demand a government subsidy, a bailout, or that taxpayers pay more for US testing -- they turned to a free market for a solution. He said they agreed to test every single head of cattle with USDA techniques, paying out of their own pockets, but the USDA refused to sell the necessary kits to do this job, arguing that doing so would suggest US meat was unsafe and ushering in an age of expensive testing. He said free markets work; capitalism works ... unless the government meddles with it. He said it is the people of this country that make the economy work; it is the entrepreneur who initiates the flow of money, who hires people and buys products. He said to let him keep his dollar and hire a painter; let him keep his dollar to buy a new window. He said this legislation will hurt a group that provides a necessary service -- housing for citizens of our community. He said landlords represent individual enterprise and this City should be making goals easier. He said this ordinance not only adds fees and levies fines, but makes them criminals if they can not comply as quickly as the city wants. He said they use their own money to invest in properties and it is for their own best interest to keep their properties looking the very best to attract good tenants. He said he is asking Council to allow them -- the property

holders, not the City -- to allocate their resources as they see fit and let our community prosper again.

Mr. Mike Watson, 1155 Robinson Avenue, Barberton, said he is here because of this Rental Registration. He said it was a campaign promise. He said nothing against campaign promises -- he commends the man who made it -- he just does not commend the strings attached to it because they are attached to his and a lot of other good people's wallets. He said \$40 for every rental unit with no break is highway robbery; it is called piracy -- taking someone's money without just cause. He said you think you can lay this \$40 on them -- that they are going to suck it up, that the tenant is going to pay it, that it is no big deal -- because it is not your money. He said this will trickle down to the schools because the 200-300 landlords are not going to put up with the school levy in the Fall or next May. He said you are defeating the school purpose so you will have to explain to your children when this school levy fails because it will be on you, not on them. He said you charged us, so you will be the reason for it failing. He said there will be a thousand signs in this city to vote "No." He said there is not a soul sitting at this Council that knows where this money is going. He said we have had three explanations. He said the Mayor wanted it to be like Akron; Mr. Bauschlinger wanted it to mirror Akron. He said he would like to have that mirror because it might look pretty good. He said Mr. Anderson said no break for anybody, everybody should pay the same -- and that cost people like Austin Lake Apartments four thousand dollars. He said 51 years ago people in Council had their magic shovels over at Austin Lake Apartments digging the foundation, and 51 years later, the place still looks pretty good. He said he has put in thousands of dollars to keep it that way. He said if you pass this legislation we will fight you. He said we may lose, but you are going to lose, and the schools will lose too. He said to get some common sense and to get this thing down where it belongs -- not at \$40.

Mr. Jeff Habegger, 358 Amy Way, Wadsworth, said he has been a landlord in this town for over ten years and currently owns about 19 units in Barberton. He said Barberton has been good to his family. He said he understands the issues here with the roads in poor shape and the housing stock deteriorating. He said Mr. Bauschlinger knows the type of properties he has. He said his problem with this is that he feels he is doing a lot for this town -- he employs a full-time Barberton graduate and pays him well and he tries his best to keep the money here. He said he believes he is running his own Barberton beautification. He said he has probably spent a half of a million dollars in this town in the last ten years. He said 85% of the properties were bank owned and 100% of the properties were the eyesores of the neighborhoods. He said he has a problem with the logic about the police not being able to ticket all speeders. He said he is not speeding. He said he feels this is a slap in the face. He said he challenges all the council members to go out and buy a house in their ward to fix up. He said that is what is going to make a difference in this city -- a bunch of people like us who are willing to put our money forward to make this town better. He said passing this legislation will not work. He said to Mr. Avant that he hoped he passed that information about the property not being taken care of on to Mr. Bauschlinger because when he has reported things to him, they have gotten done. He said that person has probably been avoiding government and everyone else for years and he will not be caught just because of this legislation. He said you already have things in place and this guy will be able to avoid this for many more years. President Maurer said he has already answered his challenge and purchased a house that had been a rental and had been boarded up for two years. He said the reality of the situation is that we have a problem here and this is a first step in trying to put together a program to repair a problem. He said this first step may very well be a stumble and we may fall on our faces, but after forty years of doing "nothing," sometimes a bad plan is

better than no plan at all. Mr. Habegger said he knows this suggestion might not make some people happy, but he said to charge everyone \$40 – owner occupied and non-owner occupied.

Mr. Jack Hall, 583 Wooster Road, N., Barberton, said he spoke last week but he is here again because one of the things said last week was that Council has heard all there is to be heard about this. He said people are still coming up here and talking about it. He said at a time when we are all forced to do more with less, the government wants to take more of the less we have. He said at a time when our economy is struggling, our government should be helping us keep our money instead of taking it for its own purposes. He said to let them keep their money to pay bills, raise their children, and hire people to do the jobs that need to be done to their rental properties. He said government exists to serve *us*, the people; we do not exist to serve the government. He said we have to balance our checkbooks, using our own money; the City should have to balance its checkbook with our money, for it is *our* money, all of it. He said every elected official has an obligation to be a good steward of the public's money, spending it responsibly, according to the revenue they are given. He said our city officials should be finding ways to cut wasteful spending by eliminating programs that are no longer needed or have failed to work. He said they should be reducing spending on non-essential services and they should not be hiring new labor and new clerical staff. He said let us call this what it is -- a new tax on yet another sector of our already-faltering economy that we just can not afford. He said what is worse is that this is a new authority that the city is getting its foot into. He said once the city is given this power, nothing can stop it because they can raise the fees and fines anytime they like without any need for a vote. He said he quoted an example of the recycling system that started out at five dollars and now it is fifteen. He said the ordinance claims that it will help protect the health, safety and welfare of Barberton residents. He said since when does a fee or fine help anybody but city officials by giving them a bigger budget to over-spend. He said the city claims it will use the money collected for the improvement of the housing infrastructure and the administration within the city. He asked what that means. He said the City of Barberton will not be repairing dilapidated rentals -- the landlords will. He said the city is making the landlords pay for that. He said it seems clear to him that improving the infrastructure and improving the administration is an easy justification to spend money on the not-so-important things like mulch for the city parks and new furniture for city offices. He said maybe the money will go to roads or sewer pipes, but it clearly does not go to cleaning up ugly rentals and it does nothing about privately-owned homes that are in disrepair. He said this bill does nothing but increase the costs of owning rental property. He said the people who rent those properties are going to pay for that, the people who can least afford it. He said he was asked why that cost has to be passed on when it can be written off. He said it is business. He said if the city takes the money away from the landlords, would not that money be better spent giving that money to a painter or plasterer or carpenter instead of to a new government bureaucrat and his staff with vacation and retirement pay, office costs, etc. He said it is time the people of the City of Barberton stand up and say, "Enough is enough. You will not tax us into oblivion and you will certainly not do so with this ordinance." He said he will fight council as much as he can. He said he does not want to make enemies, but this is a classic example of what he was talking about last week ... even this building is breaking the BOCA Code. He said he knows everyone would say more money is needed. He said he needs more money, so he has to go out and work more. He said he does not want to share it; he wants to keep his money so that he can spend it the way he wants to spend it. He said if this legislation goes through, he is going to have to seriously think before buying any more property. He said the only reason he bought that property on the North End was because it was in disrepair and he did not want it to affect the value of his property. He said, "Thanks for helping me with that." He said he knows what the City is trying to do, and it is a good idea, but you are going

about it the wrong way. He said he likes his (Mr. Habegger's) idea of every one of you folks going and buying a rental property to fix up!

**The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the tape is catalogued in the Clerk of Council's office.**

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 72-2009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 72-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. SUBOTICKI. TITLE: 2009 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO ADOPT THE "2009 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND TO INCLUDE THIS PROGRAM IN THE BARBERTON DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Suboticki, seconded by Mr. Dippel, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Suboticki, seconded by Mr. Dippel, that **ORDINANCE NO. 72-2009 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted "yea." Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 73-2009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 73-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. SUBOTICKI. TITLE: BARBERTON DEVELOPMENT CODE – TEXT AMENDMENT – FLOODPLAINS. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BARBERTON DEVELOPMENT CODE BY DELETING SECTION 1110.02(F)(4)(B) AND SECTION 1260.01 REGARDING "FLOODPLAINS" AND REPLACING SAID SECTIONS WITH THE ADOPTED "2009 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

It was moved by Mr. Suboticki, seconded by Mr. Dippel, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Suboticki, seconded by Mr. Dippel, that **ORDINANCE NO. 73-2009 BE ADOPTED.** Mr. Bauschlinger said with the changing of the floodplains -- and they have been drastically changed, especially in South Barberton -- it is going to affect some of the building in the near future. He said it is going to either eliminate basements or it is going to require quite an additional cost to raise equipment up to and above that level to have a basement. He said it is something we are required to do and it is a good ordinance in regards to qualifying for insurance. President Maurer called for the vote on adoption. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 74-2009**

**RESOLUTION NO. 74-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. JUDGE. TITLE: RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY – 2009 RESIDENTIAL RESURFACING PROGRAM. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF: MAY STREET, NEWTON AVENUE, FAIRVIEW AVENUE, AKRON VIEW DRIVE, GEORGE STREET, 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW, OAK AVENUE, 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW, 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW, AND 33<sup>RD</sup> STREET SW, THROUGH THE "2009 RESIDENTIAL STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Suboticki, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Suboticki, that **RESOLUTION NO. 74-2009 BE ADOPTED.** Mr. Palmer said the City Engineer graded our streets, and obviously they are in need of repair. He said we basically have \$360,000 for

street resurfacing this year. He said we are hoping the bids will come in very favorably so we can take care of these residential streets. President Maurer called for the vote on adoption. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Silva, Mr. Dippel, Mr. Avant, Mr. Soyars, Mr. Judge, and Mr. Suboticki voted “yea.” Mr. Megyes voted “nay.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 75-2009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 75-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. AVANT. TITLE: AMEND NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES POLICY. AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AMENDING THE CITY OF BARBERTON’S NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES POLICY OF 2001.**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 76-2009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 76-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. AVANT. TITLE: APPROPRIATION – RADIO SYSTEM – POLICE DEPARTMENT. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE MANDATORY DRUG FINES FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING \$4,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,000 TO BE USED FOR THE RADIO SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Silva, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Silva, that **ORDINANCE NO. 76-2009 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 77-2009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 77-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. AVANT. TITLE: APPROPRIATION – GROW BARBERTON, INC. (GBI). AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND OPERATING BUDGET, IN ORDER FOR GROW BARBERTON, INC. (GBI) TO CARRY OUT MARKETING ACTIVITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that **ORDINANCE NO. 77-2009 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

The Clerk read the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate from Mr. Raymond Flickinger, Finance Director, dated May 26, 2009:

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$2,310,000 (the Bonds) to pay costs of improving the facilities of the City’s Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, by constructing and otherwise improving Fire Station #2 and reconstructing and otherwise improving Fire Station #1, altogether with necessary equipment and appurtenances thereto, that:

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvements is at least five years.

2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is least 25 years, being my estimate of the useful life for the categories of permanent improvements to be funded with the Bond.

**ORDINANCE NO. 78-009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 78-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. AVANT. TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE – FIRE STATIONS PROJECTS. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,310,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE FACILITIES OF THE CITY’S DIVISION OF FIRE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BY CONSTRUCTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING FIRE STATION #2 AND RECONSTRUCTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING FIRE STATION #1, ALL TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Judge, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Judge, that **ORDINANCE NO. 78-2009 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. The Clerk said a new Ordinance No. 79-2009 was given to each Member of Council changing the Note Ordinance in the packet to a Bond Ordinance.

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The Clerk read the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate from Mr. Raymond Flickinger, Finance Director, dated May 26, 2009:

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$1,140,000 (the Bonds) to pay costs of improving the waterworks system and the sewer system of the City by (i) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping an automatic meter reading system, including water meters, automatic reading devices and data concentrators, (ii) acquiring and installing electrical generating equipment at the water treatment plant, (iii) installing an 18-inch diameter sanitary sewer from 31<sup>st</sup> Street, SW and Noble Avenue to the Hudson Run trunk sewer at Valley Avenue, (iv) installing and replacing water mains in Norton Avenue between certain termini and (v) renovating, equipping and otherwise improving the water treatment plant, including engineering, each all together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the improvement), that:

1. The estimated life or usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.

2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code is 31 years. That maximum maturity is based on my calculation of the average number of years of life or period of usefulness of the improvement as measured by the weighted average of the amounts proposed to be expended for the several classes of the improvement as follows: \$41,800 for sanitary sewer installation, 40 years; \$101,325 for water meters, 30 years; \$21,425 for the water treatment plant electrical generating equipment, 25 years; \$218,770 for transmitters, data concentrators and other improvements related thereto, 20 years; \$16,680 for transmitter batteries, 10 years; \$135,000 for Norton Avenue Improvements, 40 years; this being my estimate of the life or period of usefulness of those classes of improvements; and \$605,000 for renovating, equipping and otherwise improving the water treatment plant, including engineering, 35 years; the weighted average is therefore 31 years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December

of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of the Bonds, thus the maximum maturity of the Bonds is 25 years.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 79-2009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 79-2009. TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE – WATERWORKS SYSTEM PROJECTS AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PROJECTS. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,140,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM AND THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY BY (i) ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING AND EQUIPPING AN AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM, INCLUDING WATER METERS, AUTOMATIC READING DEVICES AND DATA CONCENTRATORS, (ii) ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING ELECTRICAL GENERATING EQUIPMENT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, (iii) INSTALLING AN 18-INCH DIAMETER SANITARY SEWER FROM 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET, SW AND NOBLE AVENUE TO THE HUDSON RUN TRUNK SEWER AT VALLEY AVENUE, (iv) INSTALLING AND REPLACING WATER MAINS IN NORTON AVENUE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI AND (v) RENOVATING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, EACH ALL TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Judge, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Judge, that **ORDINANCE NO. 79-2009 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

#### **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 65-2009**

**ORDINANCE NO. 65-2009. PRESENTED BY: MR. SUBOTICKI. TITLE: REPEAL OF ORD. NO. 164-1990 AND ORD. NO. 188-1990 - (CHAPTER 1495 OF THE BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) - ADOPT NEW RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 164-1990, “ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1495 RENTAL PROPERTIES OF THE BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES,” AND ORDINANCE NO. 188-1990, “ESTABLISHING FEE SCHEDULE FOR RENTAL INSPECTIONS”; AND AMENDING THE BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING A NEW RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION PROGRAM.** *First Reading – May 11, 2009. Second Reading – May 26, 2009.*

#### **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

None.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Genet said he had an interesting visit from an individual who announced that he owns a semi-professional team in Barberton called the Barberton Wizards. He said there will be eight

teams: one in Barberton, Canton, New Jersey, etc. He said the gentleman is working it out with the schools to play home games there and the season would be from January to April.

Mayor Genet said last week Barberton had the Foreclosure Clinic and twenty-two individuals showed up, about 30% of the people who received notices. He said NDS indicated that once they are up and running here, they will have a foreclosure prevention clinic once a month. He said when the Clinic took place at Jobs and Family Services, it was publicized countywide, and sixty-nine people showed up there. He said he feels that last Thursday was successful.

Mayor Genet said he has been part of the Akron Summit Earned Income Tax Credit Program. He said they held a Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) in Akron to help individuals who do not file their taxes and assist people who have a hard time paying to get their taxes done. He said last year they did about 1460 returns, and the total refund amount was over two million dollars and the total Earned Income Tax Credit was over one million dollars. He said they are looking to set up a VITA site here, so they are looking for volunteer tax preparers to be part of this program. He said it would really benefit the residents in this community.

Mayor Genet said we have heard a lot from landlords regarding the legislation before you. He said they have met with the landlords on different occasions to try to come to some sort of a compromise; however, he does not feel that anything short of rejecting this ordinance will satisfy the majority of the landlords. He said the annual fees were taken from \$60 to \$40, and he supported that move. He said to go any less than that would not be worth the effort because after three years, the fee goes down to \$20 for landlords without any citations. He said he wants Council to know that he fully supports this legislation and he hopes in two weeks Council will pass this and we can continue to move forward to improve the quality of the neighborhoods. He said as the quality of the neighborhoods improves, their investments improve also. He said we are all in this together -- the landlords, the City, and the residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Dippel, to adjourn.

Adjourned: 8:23 P.M.

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Frederick S. Maurer  
President of Council

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Clerk of Council