

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 7:45 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Maurer presiding. Members present: Angeloff, Coburn, Debevec, Frey, Megyes, Palmer, Soyars, and Conrad-Wokojance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and Mrs. Frey gave the Invocation.

It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Session held on Monday, October 10, 2016, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

### **PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

None.

### **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.

**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.**

### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

Carol Hendrickson, 495 E. Ford Avenue. Ms. Hendrickson stated she loves trees. She said she loves the clean air they impart. She said she loves the value they give to her bucolic neighborhood. She stated she loves the homes the trees provide for her bird and animal friends. She said she loves the colors they are receiving right now. She said she loves trees so much that she drove to Acadia last week for the fall foliage. She asked where the Ward 2 representative was so she could look at her. She stated that is where they both live. She stated she also loves the hospital too but to let them have the space they have already taken from us and let us have what we value the most, our park.

Viktor Beltitus, 533 Robinson Avenue. Mr. Beltitus stated he is not going to sit there and waste everyone’s time with rhetoric about ballfields on the West Side with freeway ramps going to them and that but he is going to get to the point. He said he just wants council to remember who they represent in this place and to take the time to follow the city charter properly and to put it up for a citizen’s vote. He stated he would like to ask them to at least do that favor for them and let the citizens decide along with them to make that decision. He said he thinks \$17,500 a year, which is \$1,458 a month – Summa has deep pockets. He said he thinks they could afford a little more, try to negotiate a little higher if they do have to do this but his thing is to use the existing parking lot, put it up and put a parking deck in. He said nobody likes opened faced parking lots especially when we have 9 months of winter here. He stated to make some decisions that represent the people who live in this neighborhood and this town. He said that is all he is asking and to follow the city charter. He thanked them for their time.

Mike Yerman, 811 Brady Avenue. Mr. Yerman stated he has a business at 811 Brady Avenue. He said he saw the article in the newspaper. He said he was there last year for Oakdale and he thought everything had been remedied and the hospital actually had the property for parking. He stated he would like to know but he isn't allowed to ask, do we have any teachers, firemen, policemen, street department, sewer department or any city workers here that are actually here sitting on behalf of one side or the other. He said he is going to guess no. President Maurer stated we do have one teacher in the gallery. He said good for them. He stated his thing is that all of these directly affect them, what happens today because without the hospital this golden egg that they have along with B&W has to be the top two biggest providers that they have for income tax. He said last year his company for Summa paid in \$16,711 in wage taxes because they did work at Summa. He stated he is one small contractor and he hires 40-50 employees and painting is about 2% of a job so if you add up all the other trades that are along with this \$16,000 is multiplied by 10, 15, 20 times. He said that is a huge number. He stated the hospital in fact isn't giving \$14,000 a year they are giving \$225,000 up front in addition to they are going to give money for a ballfield to be replaced. He said to put it at Oakdale. He said if we couldn't have a parking lot there put the ballfield up the street. He said who wants to see a helicopter coming in the middle of a game anyways. Mr. Yerman stated they are going to end up with about \$500,000 in extra wages when they build the new facility. He said you are in fact talking about \$1,000,000 worth of revenues not \$14,700 or whatever the amount. He stated Summa also employs about 1,200 people so every year for 1,200 people that is a lot of wages, a lot of revenue you are getting from payroll and when you put an additional building in you are going to get more. He said we cannot afford for this number to go down. He stated he doesn't think the city can take it. He said if B&W was smart they would actually move their business to North Carolina for the simple fact wages are way less than they are here. He said that will happen but it is just a matter of time and to mark his words on that because we have lost everything else. He stated this might not be the most popular decision in the room but the smartest thing in the room would be to take Summa as a teammate and run with them. He thanked everyone for their time.

Michael Hughes, Senior Vice President of Hospital Operations, Summa. Mr. Hughes stated first off this has been an educational activity for him going through this. He said he has enjoyed meeting a lot of people and he has developed some relationships that otherwise he wouldn't have had a chance to do as a physician. He said he appreciates the time they have put into this. He stated this is an incredible, important thing for the hospital. He said they are trying to redesign the way healthcare is delivered through our communities not just here at Barberton but across Akron as well. He stated that means being able to be flexible in the way they can see patients as things become more outpatient focused as opposed to inpatient and that means being able to have facilities that are focused on the outpatient side of things. He said they are committed to putting in a tremendous amount of money to redesign the internal as well as the external side of the facility at Barberton. He stated that means they are trying to create a campus feel and they need parking spaces to be able to house patients and their families when they come in as well as their employees. He said they cannot afford to keep the parking deck there and it is well passed its age. He said it is about 42 years old now and the average age of most parking decks before it starts to cost money to keep them up is about 20-25 years. He stated the cost of replacing that parking deck is about 4-5 times more than what it cost to utilize the surface parking, what they are trying to do. He said the difference in those monies are monies they can invest in this community and inside the hospital to build programs and to make things better for the patients

when they need to access healthcare. He stated that is what this is about. He said it is about being a partnership, it is about figuring out a way that yes you have to sacrifice your trees but there is a lot of trees left in that park and they are trying to design the process of the parking lot around that. Mr. Hughes said he has had discussions with people who are involved with it to figure out from an esthetic standpoint how can you work with the residents to make this as friendly as they possibly can when it comes to looking at this parking lot. He said he would just ask of them to please think not only of the immediate area there in the parking lot, they are talking about 5 acres, but think about this entire community and what it means for the future of our city.

Derek Anders, 583 E. Tuscarawas Avenue. Mr. Anders stated he is the one teacher in the building. He said he didn't bring anything prepared. He said he wanted to speak off the cuff. He stated he has had several talks with Dr. Hughes throughout the week and first of all he would like to say what an upstanding wonderful person he is. He stated if we all as citizens were as informed as he is, he thinks this would be a lot easier or we would have the ability to swallow it a little bit more on the way he describes a lot of things and the way he has been talking about it. He said with that being said he would love for them to follow the city charter and for it to actually go to a vote. He said he has a feeling that if Dr. Hughes put together the exact same things they have talked about on the phone and city council and whoever was for it, to put it out to their people the way he has been talking about it, it probably would pass. He stated he really does believe that. He said with that being said they do have a charter and we should be following it. Mr. Anders stated his fear is the slippery slope of setting a precedence on the future to say okay now this piece and now that piece, maybe its Waltz, maybe it's Breitenstine, maybe its Newton, maybe it's something else. He said this is not a slope he does not want to go down. He stated he wants to give all the residents a chance to speak their mind. He stated this is not just going to affect Ward 2 as they have been told it does affect the city as a whole but especially those in Ward 2 as well. He said please, he urges everyone here at least to put it to a vote. He said vote on it in February and let the people of Summa and the people of city council inform the citizens and allow them to make the vote. He said at the end of the day this isn't the cities park it's the citizens of the cities park as taxpayers and he hopes they are able to make that type of decision moving forward.

Pat Betts, 222 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Mr. Betts stated probably a lot of people know him. He said this hits home and tears out his heart in a lot of ways. He stated he has coached off and on for 37 years, girls fast pitch and baseball in this town from under 10 all the way up to the high school JV's. He said he has been involved for 22 years now as one of them that led the fight to first turn down selling the hospital because they just wanted \$45,000,000 and then when they got it they were going to do it for \$75,000,000 plus other little business – they got about \$100,000,000 to create the foundation, he led that fight. He said Mr. Stonkus let him talk at every single meeting they went around to because the first deal was a bunch of bologna and when the real money came up he changed his tune on it. He stated the Oakdale thing he got pushed out in front of that because everything that could go wrong in a lot of our eyes was going to go wrong with the parking lot at Oakdale and after a long fight everybody kind of believed him. He said coaching 37 years, as best he can tell it has been 50 teams in this town and over 550 kids. He stated nieces, nephews, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters somewhere along the line, your next-door neighbor, he has probably run into them as a coach. He stated when they first started having 13-

16 year olds playing up there he snuck up there to see what was going on, he was coaching girls then, and there were a lot of 12 and under both boys and girls. He said those kids are throwing anywhere between 75-85 miles per hour and that first foul ball took off and it went 85-95 miles per hour he said to himself “this is unsafe.” He said this is a passive park and we should not have full fledged senior league related baseball up there. He stated the hospital is right next door and when someone gets creamed by a 90 mile an hour fast ball, let’s go. Mr. Betts stated he figured it was only a matter of time they were going to have to do something because the parking deck is toast, everybody hates paying for them, everybody hates the maintenance on them. He said we are going to get free parking and of course, like he said last week he wants some stuff. He said let’s build a real sport’s complex up there at McCafferty. He stated if you ever go to UL Light and watch the 3-5 year olds rolling down the hill while a ball game is going on, you have 5 ball games going on at once there. He said kids that grow up around sports complexes or their older brothers and sisters are playing ball, they are rolling down that big hill, even they know because they are growing up in this situation, somebody zings a foul ball up the hill – little 3-5 year olds in 1 ½ seconds realize something is different and they are chasing down the foul balls. He said you don’t get that at this park. He said if some the seniors are walking, young ones are walking, nobody pays attention to the baseball when it is going on up there. He stated it is so unsafe having older kids playing ball in that park so it kind of ironic that he thinks is it only a matter of time before someone gets killed from a line drive. He said he thinks this is the best way to go in a lot of ways but he wants some stuff. He stated they could really solve a whole bunch of long term baseball, softball, soccer problems and fix up another park and get the high speed ball out of that park and the hospital gets what they need.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 109-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 109-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. MEGYES. TITLE: DISPOSAL INTO SUMMIT COUNTY LAND BANK. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO PLACE TWO (2) PARCELS INTO THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND BANK PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, 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. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 109-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 110-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 110-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. MEGYES. TITLE: LEASE AGREEMENT - WEIGAND BUILDING. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SIX (6) MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT ART SPACE FOR THE WEIGAND BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, 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. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 110-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 111-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 111-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. PALMER. TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT - HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT – OHIO, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK AT THE COST OF \$61,687, THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Palmer, 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. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that **ORDINANCE NO. 111-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 112-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 112-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. PALMER. TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT - KENWORTH OF RICHFIELD. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH KENWORTH OF RICHFIELD, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK AT THE COST OF \$81,659, THROUGH THE OHIO STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 42-1995, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Palmer, 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. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that **ORDINANCE NO. 112-2016 BE ADOPTED.** President Maurer asked how big are the dump trucks. Mr. Vinay stated they are 8 ton trucks. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 113-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 113-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. SOYARS. TITLE: AMEND BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 844 – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 844, SECTION 844.04(f) “PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS,” OF THE BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, 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. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 113-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 114-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 114-2016. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74-2016 - EMPLOYEES NOT INCLUDED IN NON-BARGAINING PAY GRADES. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74-2016, “EMPLOYEES NOT INCLUDED IN NON-BARGAINING PAY GRADES,” IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE PAY SCALE TO REFLECT THE RAISE IN MINIMUM WAGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017.** It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, 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 Mrs. Debevec, seconded by

Mrs. Angeloff, that **ORDINANCE NO. 114-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 115-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 115-2016. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: APPROPRIATION. INDIGENT DRIVERS ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUND. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING \$11,922.06 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE INCOME TAX FUND TO THE INDIGENT DRIVERS ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, 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 Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, that **ORDINANCE NO. 115-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

*The Clerk stated the Finance Committee invoked Council Rule 702 to Suspend Council Rules 302, 304, and 401 for the following ordinance:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 116-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 116-2016. PRESENTED BY: MRS. DEBEVEC. TITLE: FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST – SWITCHING GEARS CONFERENCE. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE MAYOR TO THE BARBERTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$10,000, TO BE USED FOR THE SWITCHING GEARS CONFERENCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, 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 Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, that **ORDINANCE NO. 116-2016 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 95-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 95-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. MEGYES. TITLE: ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT – PARKS - SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEMS. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR A SECTION OF TUSCORA PARK FOR HOSPITAL PARKING.** It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn to amend part of this ordinance. He said the first whereas will read as follows: “Whereas, Summa will enter into a lease agreement not to exceed five (5) acres within the park for an initial term of ten (10) years.” President Maurer asked what the wording was prior to that? Mrs. Angeloff stated “approximately.” It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 95-2016 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Mrs. Debevec stated she had questions and addressed it during the Finance Committee. She said she just wanted to begin by saying that she

is in favor of leasing the Tuscora Park Land and feel it is a necessary gesture to accommodate the parking issues at Summa Health Systems. She said they are Barberton's largest source of revenue generated from a business, however, she sympathizes with the neighbors that surround Tusc. Park especially given the fact that she lives on Lake Anna and problems that she experiences for example, Pokémon Go. She said no one can appreciate it more unless you sit on her front porch everyday just like she is going to imagine that the houses that surround Tuscora Park are going to be effected by the parking lot are going to be irritated by things as well. She said unfortunately we can't change those things. She stated 15 years ago there were not cell phones that looked like today so how would we know that there was going to be Pokémon Go. She said with that being said, that is why she sympathizes with the citizens that are here and have a real concern because unless you live around it you can't appreciate those concerns and while you are a small minority it affects you on a daily basis. She said she made several phone calls this weekend and she is sure her constituents are sick of hearing from her and her kids are sick of her talking about it and they let her know that. She said one thing in particular is concerning is putting the issue on the ballot because in her mind it will pass but why not follow the democratic way. Mrs. Debevec stated she is not a lawyer, she is a grammar guru, so she called Mrs. Miller who she absolutely trusts and respect her brilliant law mind and legal opinion, not only is she a dear friend who would not steer her wrong but she is an expert in her field and with the charter. She said whenever she has a question she can always trust her and sometimes she will tell you it is not the answer you want to hear. She stated so she did contact Mrs. Miller about putting it on the ballot and she said that is possible if we did not want to lease the land and that would be a decision that was up to City Council, the Mayor, or all of us. She said however she personally believes it is in our best interest to retain ownership of the property, given the fluidity of healthcare right now. She stated we do not know what ten (10) years is going to bring and if we sell the property we don't have control of the property and if we lease the property we do have control of the property. She said she puts a lot of faith and trust in our administration and she puts a lot of faith and trust in our planning commission and that we are going to make this the best possible transition as possible. She said if she is up there saying that in front of everyone and on record she can tell you that she will be there to make sure they are putting the proper bushes in and that they are doing the proper things because she understands and she knows what it is like to be in the position that they are all in at the park. Mrs. Debevec stated for all of the bad things she takes the good things and she said she gets to experience the good things as well. She said she wanted to address everyone because sometimes she does not get to come to the meetings because she works in the evenings and she sends her husband but he would not address everyone, he doesn't like to talk in public but she wanted to let everyone know that she did her due diligence and she knows all of the council members did their due diligence as well to really try to accommodate their constituents and also accommodate their largest revenue generator in the city. She said the fact of the matter is that we live a depressed city where we need the revenue to survive to pay for what we are accustomed to and really not only what we are accustomed to but the bare minimum in a lot of cases. She stated she sympathizes with them and she wanted to explain where she got her information and she did get it from the Law Director and she trusts her opinion and if they could put this on the ballot she would be for that and her legal and other legal opinions is that we can't. She said she would like to retain ownership of the land and she is certain that many of her constituents would agree with her. She stated she wanted to make those comments to the council members and to the body and let them know that is how she based her decision and she makes these decisions work and puts a lot of effort in them

and does not make the decision lightly. Mrs. Angeloff stated she is not a teacher. She struggled with some things and not with the vote but trying to explain the why and how of this partnership between the City and Summa Hospital. She said it benefits every resident in this town. She said she understands that she has an obligation to her ward and she has listened to the concerns from the residents especially the ones around the park. She said she does care and she does listen. She stated but she also understands the needs of Summa and of the City. She said the hospital is a vital part of our community. She said they are our past, our present, and we want them to be in our future and that is why she will be voting yes. Mr. Soyars said first he would like to thank Barberton Summa Hospital for all they do for the City of Barberton, the number one employer and taking care of the citizens of Barberton but on this issue he feels the citizens need representation at city hall. He said he heard their concerns, he was at the last two meetings. He said he read emails and talked with citizens and answered phone calls, so he will be voting no. Mrs. Conrad-Wokojance thanked everyone for coming down and expressing their concerns. She said it so good to hear from them, hear their opinions and to see them there. She said to please come back that there is so much here and they would like to hear from them. She stated last time this came up with the Oakdale property she was not on Council but she came to speak, so she might look familiar to a few of them, but back then her message was that it just did not make sense. She said after evaluating everything with her real estate experience and asking a lot of questions and hearing different legal opinions she with confidence feel that this does make sense. She said she loves that the city would retain ownership in this situation. She stated she will be voting yes but at any time if anyone wants to speak with her further about this she is absolutely willing to do so and she would love to hear from them and she wants to hear more. Palmer, Megyes, Angeloff, Debevec, Coburn, Conrad-Wokojance, and Frey voted “yea.” Soyars voted “no.” Motion carried 7-1.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 97-2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 97-2016. PRESENTED BY: MR. PALMER. TITLE: SEWER RATE MODIFICATION. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 187-2015 TO MODIFY THE UTILITIES SEWER RATE ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW BARBERTON NORTON SEWER AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mr. Palmer stated the Utilities Committee met on this evening and pursuant to Council Rule 404 they voted to hold this piece of legislation until later. President Maurer asked if this was pending the Norton response. Mr. Vinay stated they are still waiting for news from Norton and once they receive the news this issue may come back up for resolution.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

None

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

The Clerk stated she received a Liquor License Transfer from A&S Convenient Mart to Lucky Food Mart, 260 Fifth Street SE. She stated a copy was given to Mrs. Daugherty, Chief Morber, and Elwood Palmer and no objections were received.

President Maurer stated Council will not be meeting the following Monday due to it being the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. He stated the next time we meet will be November 7<sup>th</sup>.

President Maurer stated he would like to commend his fellow council members. He said he understands it is a very, very difficult situation when you get close to someone's home and castle. He said nobody appreciates it more than him. He stated it is a tuff decision for all of them because we are weighing one very important asset against another very important asset (Hospital versus Park Land.) He said all he can do is promise everyone in the gallery who is for it or against it that they will do their very best. He stated the Mayor has committed as Dr. Hughes has committed to make the impact as minimal as possible and as Mrs. Debevec has pointed out, if it goes on the ballot it is a sale and there is no bringing it back. He said getting off track a little bit, he had a very good friend who had a gall bladder removed and she was home in 48 hours. He said when his father had the same surgery, before laparoscopic surgery was available, he was in the hospital for 10 days and recovering for 6 weeks. He said the reason that is important is because from a very large family they had an awful lot of people visiting his dad. He said sometimes 3-4 at a time and taking up 3-4 parking spaces. He said when his friend's wife Jeannie had her gall bladder out no one even knew she was there until she was home so there were no parking spaces taken up at all. He said he brings this up because by the city maintaining the property, they maintain the land and eventually it may come that Summa may come to them in 5 years and say they don't need this and they don't want to pay rent on something they don't need. He stated it may not go the entire 10 years. He said they don't know what is going to happen because just like 15-20 years ago laparoscopic surgery didn't exist. He said 9 years ago when his mother was dying of cancer they had to drive her to Wickliffe to get the best care that they could get. He said now they have better care right here and loading two 80 year old people into a car to drive them almost an hour and then turning around and coming back was really, really difficult. He stated if they had this cancer center which is up and running and now nationally recognized he could have saved them all that grief. He said again, ladies and gentlemen, he appreciates their position and they did not take this lightly.

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

Mayor Judge did not have any comments.

It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, to adjourn.

Adjourned: 8:34 P.M.

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Frederick S. Maurer  
President of Council

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Renee Fox  
Clerk of Council