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Ontario City Council met in regular session on July 7, 2011, in the City Offices, with Council President Daniel Zeiter presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following persons were in attendance when roll was called: Council members Paul Williams, Larry Arnold, Charlotte Hellinger, Leon Blackwell, Mark Weidemyre, Barry Lewis, Joseph W. Cinadr, Mr. Zeiter, Mayor Larry Collins, Law Director Allan Sowash, Auditor Jane Hammond, Service-Safety Director Roger Heston, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker. Also in attendance were a number of interested employees and citizens.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 16, 2011 were presented for approval. Mr. Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Arnold seconded the motion. At roll call, six members voted Aye, zero Nay, one Abstain by Mr. Weidemyre, and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. Zeiter opened the floor for the Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

Mervin Shafner, Shaffner Realty, came before Council regarding 67 Fulwell Drive and Ordinance 11-33, to say the sewer and water bill at this property keeps going up. It is twice as high as the City of Mansfield.

School Board member Sam Van Cura, 777 Cypress Drive, was next to come before Council to stress the School Resource Officer position is a safety issue and should be preserved if possible. He added that a number of kids in the school district have the same last name as many of the Council members.

Superintendent Daryl Hall, 1054 Crestfield Drive, stood before Council to reiterate his statement from the June meeting, that regrettably the highest priority is student and staff safety at the expense of academics; the elimination of the School Resource Officer puts everyone in the school at greater risk. Response time would be affected and could be the difference between a bad situation and a tragedy. On January 10, 2007, Ontario High School had a near tragedy incident prior to there being a Resource Officer in the school. The student held hostage felt safer her senior year knowing a Resource Officer was in the building. School violence has dramatically increased since 1995, much of which could have been averted or reduced based on the response time of law enforcement. We need to keep the Resource Officer in the school.

Robert Philips, 675 Shelby Ontario Road, said his son graduated this year and was a member of the basketball team. Coach Balogh was upset with him at a practice and pushed him down on the floor in front of the team. Mr. Phillips informed Mr. Hall about the bullying. The theory was nice but enforcement is necessary. Mr. Hall told him he spoke to the coach but nothing would be done about the incident.

Next to approach Council was Doris Farina, 133 Alexander Drive East, to say she was told by someone she didn't know that a Council member had a relative going to the prom. A bus was rented to transport teenagers, it included alcoholic beverages and a pole that could or would be used by a dancer. The Resource Officer was told about this and he stopped it. Good for him. Secondly, if this information is correct and a Council member is trying to remove the officer for his actions, I question that decision. The officer did his job and stopped illegal activity. However, the Council member involved was elected to serve the public and not execute a personal agenda. Please vote to approve having the Resource Officer continue to be involved with the kids in this community for their safety.

Mr. Zeiter asked Mrs. Farina if she has a relative on the Ontario Police Department because her neighbors have reported an officer spending a lot of time at her house and has been seen shoveling her driveway while in uniform. Mrs. Farina said she did not have a relative on the department; she pays her son-in-law who is not a police officer and granddaughter to shovel her driveway.

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Mr. Zeiter said her information pertaining to the prom bus was incorrect. His son was one of the eighteen students on the bus. When the Police Chief, the Officer who made the phone call, and anyone else in the community who would like to find out what happened that night, it can be held in a public forum in front of the media because he would also like to know what happened because he has not been told the truth.

Next to approach Council was Cathy Hargis, 3345 Noblet Road, asking if the Resource Officer was of no cost to the City why was it brought up? Her daughter will be a junior next year and safety is a priority. Please don't let the offense override the safety of our children. If at all possible, please try to iron it out, forgive, for our children's sake.

Mr. Zeiter explained the officer in the school is an employee of the City of Ontario. Ontario Local Schools paid the City approximately \$39,000 last year to have the officer in the schools. The contract for the officer expired the year before but was missed by the Superintendent and the Police Chief which is why the legislation is necessary. The officer's total cost per year is close to \$60,000. There is misconception the remaining fee is paid through a grant. Last year, the school gave their \$8,000 grant for the Resource Officer to the City.

Next to speak was Tammy Smith, 474 Overlook Road, previously an Ontario resident for 15 years, to address the prom bus situation. The kids have been slammed and slandered and her opinion what happened that day was profiling. This doesn't mean there shouldn't be a Resource Officer, but there should be an investigation of this officer. He didn't handle the situation correctly and either did the school. Mrs. Smith contacted the Assistant Principal when she heard what was happening. She worked for the school for eight years and one week after no longer working for the school they must have felt she did not deserve a phone call. Sergeant Bartolucci profiled these kids. There were at least three other buses of students and a tractor pulling a hay wagon bringing students to the prom. She heard and students heard that someone on the hayride was talking about how many bottles of vodka he was going to have to celebrate the prom. Did Sgt. Bartolucci question them? Did he call the driver of the hayride? Did he ask anybody about that student? Did he talk to the other two to three buses of kids? Did he call their bus companies, privately purchased? The students paid \$45 each, there were twenty kids, it was a party bus, it had a pole, there were no strippers, it was a joke, most of these buses have them, it's just part of the bus. It was a very nice bus to take their group. One parent phoned the school, and Sgt. Bartolucci called their bus company. Because of his phone call he terrified the bus company into not providing the bus they purchased. These kids work, they're in sports, the coaches know them, the teachers know them, and most of them are honor students. Not one parent was called by Sgt. Bartolucci or the school. That's a problem. If they want a Resource Officer then they want a good relationship with the school, the Resource Officer, and the parents. There are comments in the News Journal attacking their parenting, writing if they were good parents they wouldn't have their kids on a bus with a stripper. This couldn't be farther from the truth. If you want them to do their parenting then have the police department and the officer working with the kids make a phone call to the parents who didn't know about it until the bus company called telling them the police officer in the school told them their bus will be stopped enroute to dinner and be searched with drug dogs. Where did the drugs and alcohol come in? It came from the comment of one parent; the officer relied on one parent's comment but couldn't call one of twenty sets of parents? The officer failed to do his job. Do you think these twenty sets of parents would allow their kids to go on a bus knowing there would be drugs and alcohol? Because of the officer's action the kids lost their bus and had to ride a bus with bar ride pasted on the side. The bus company refused to send the bus the kids worked and paid for because they needed it for a wedding the next day and couldn't risk it being impounded. Did the school or the police officer offer any apology, did they offer to help refund the kid's money? Was the bus posted with bar ride better in the school's and Police Department's eyes? It's unfair of the Ontario Police Department. Safety is an issue in this day, and if you want to have an officer in the school that is fine, but that officer needs investigated as well as the police department. Sit down with the parents and school members to figure out why some kids are being profiled and targeted and not others. And most of all, why parents are not being contacted; you don't allow them to parent and take them as fools.

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Cindi Zeiter, 3129 Hemlock Place, was next to come before Council to express her view regarding the prom bus because her son was one of the students on the bus. She said she is a responsible and involved parent and has been for 15 years. If Ontario could afford an officer in the school it is a great idea, if he did what he was suppose to be doing. Council must be confused with everything that has been said. The incident in 2007 couldn't have been handled any better. My son was a senior that year, I have faith in this administration, faith in the teachers, and they handled that very well. I feel safer that we do have security systems and cameras. But, having one officer in the school, I don't know how that would make a huge difference. I don't know how long it would actually take to get an officer to the school if there was another incident. I'm glad the girl who went through that felt safer the following year. Ontario kids aren't any worse than any kids in any area that we require a personal officer in the school. There are no schools in this area that have an officer. Why does Ontario have an officer when the school says cuts need made and the community is suffering? We now have pay to play. Many students have to choose one sport and can't be as involved. That is something the money could be used for, or not cutting aides, or purchasing books because we don't have books. Safety is an issue but are Ontario students really that bad that we need a full time officer? I have one more child in the school system. What does the officer do for 40 hours a week? There is probably a job description but the officer this year harassed students, interrogated students, created Facebook accounts to befriend them and trick them into things, made inappropriate comments to students. He said to several students not to worry about the prom, at his senior prom he got trashed. What is he saying other than trying to trap the kids? Is that the kind of person we want in the school? No. We want somebody who has safety as number one, not trapping, not asking girls for their Facebook accounts and passwords. That is very inappropriate. If Ontario teachers and administration feel very strong to keep an officer, they know best. If they feel threatened by our children, then so be it, but it is a privilege we have lost, because of everything we are cutting and for the conduct of the officer that has been in the school. If you chose to vote for an officer in the school, please do not vote for that officer. He needs investigated and suspended for a period of time. My son graduated seventh in his class and at the end of the year was upset because coaches and teachers treated him differently because of what was blogged on Facebook and what was written about him. My neighbor was blogging about us without knowing the situation. I love Ontario and everyone knows how much we have volunteered but now everyone is treating us differently.

Next to come forward was Ontario kindergarten teacher Connie Brinegar, 844 Willowood Drive West, to say it is not just the students they need to worry about but also the adults. The school policy is visitors must sign in with the school secretary and obtain a badge to show they have clearance to be in the hallways of the school. She stopped a parent who was not wearing a badge and that parent called her names in front of the children. When he continued by her, she began walking beside him down the hall, another teacher called the office for the secretary and gym teacher to come because both principals were away at meetings. The parent was cursing, blocking a teacher from her classroom of children, and refusing to leave. They relied on the Resource Officer. This gentleman has tried this more than once and has sent his mother with the child to try and get by them without a badge. I told my students that my most important job is to keep them safe, they are five years old, and did not deserve to hear that. What can I do to a gentleman that is three-times my size? I couldn't get him out of the hallway but kept him busy until somebody else could come and help me. What do I tell my students if I don't believe that I'm safe? Can I tell them they are safe? This is such an important position and the children see the officer present in the hallways. I don't know anything about what everyone else is talking about but I'm here for my students and I want them to come to school and I want them to feel safe and loved. I don't think you can put a price on their safety.

Next to come before Council was sophomore student Michael Arnold, 2385 Whitney Avenue, to say he loves Ontario, his friends, and his teachers. All day, every day, at school he feels safer knowing that Officer Bartolucci is there for him. He builds relationships with all of the students in the school. Students see him in the hallway, he's a great guy to have there, and they all feel safe knowing that he is there. I don't think there is anybody who can do his job better than he can. He makes us all feel safe, we enjoy having him there, and we do feel safe. Myself, my fellow students and teachers all feel safer knowing he is there. Our school wouldn't be the same or as safe without him.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Arnold scheduled a Streets Committee of the Whole meeting following the Finance meeting next week. He has not received the results of the bid opening but Mr. Heston will provide that information before the meeting.

Mrs. Hellinger reported on the Utilities Committee meeting held prior to this evening's Council meeting. Previously they discussed a monthly billing but agreed to remain with the quarterly billing and a rate increase for two years.

Mr. Weidemyre referenced the recent announcement that Calisolar is no longer considering Ontario. However, there are other companies interested in the vacant GM property. An Economic Development Committee of the Whole will be held August 4, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Industrial Park and how to proceed. In response to Mr. Williams' question, Mr. Weidemyre responded that during the vast amount of time spent with Calisolar, Ontario did not lose any business prospects.

Mr. Cinadr summarized the Finance Committee meeting held earlier this evening where they agreed to increase the Treasurer's fees associated with generating revenue for the City. A Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled on July 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss adjusting necessary budget items. Anyone with recommendations should be prepared to discuss their appropriate line item.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Blackwell, and Mr. Lewis had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collins reported on the following items.

- The monthly Zoning Report shows eight residential, one commercial and fifteen sign permits were issued for total fees of \$1,506.25 and an evaluation of \$210,200.
- The monthly Mayor's Court Report identifies \$8,165 collected in past due fines, \$10,808 in current fines for a total of \$18,973. The Police Department issued 101 tickets.
- The total past due fines collected for six months is \$187,438.80.
- Next Tuesday is a Concert in the Park at Marshall Park featuring the 18-piece big band sound. The rescheduled rain date for the Rib Ticklers is August 30th.
- Mayor Collins extended a large thank you to the 4th of July Festival Committee, everything was great. A letter sent to Dave Rehfeldt and Jim Henry expressing appreciation was to be extended to the many volunteers who helped make the festival a success.
- Letters were received from Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Rob Portman and Congressman Jim Jordan regarding their support retaining the post office in Mansfield and the service it provides.
- Mike Stransky is retiring. There will be a reception following the next Council meeting on July 14th.
- All departments are requested to submit their 2012 budgets by July 18th, so he can begin budget preparations.
- The news pertaining to Calisolar was a devastating blow to the City but the search will continue to find a tenant for that building. Special thanks to Mark Weidemyre and Herm Stein, Ohio Department of Development, for their tremendous efforts and guidance through this project. The \$95 million incentive package was the largest ever given from the state. Also, recognition to Don Plotts, NCSC, who helped to put together the workforce incentive, and to all those who put forth a yeoman's effort from the State, Federal, and County. RACER Trust owns the GM building and they are committed to marketing this facility.

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At this time, Mark Romanchuk, was asked to come forward to present the Ontario Vision Team's report. The Vision team consisted of local residents and community leaders, and began meeting in March 2010 to discuss economic and community development in Ontario. The Vision Team agreed the City should have a long term plan that would encompass up to thirty years. This dynamic plan should be adjusted and rewritten as needed. Some highlights of the plan include:

- Market the City to attract industry in lieu of retail. This would increase wages, decrease the transient work, and reduce the burden to the safety forces and the infrastructure.
- Adopt a business friendly culture to attract and retain businesses.
- Council is requested to receive the plan, adopt it and put it to use; executing the plan is the difficult part.
- Attachment B offers the next steps to encourage economic and community development.

Mr. Weidemyre made a motion to accept the City of Ontario Economic and Community Development Plan as prepared by the Ontario Vision Team. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

When Mr. Arnold inquired about the price of the GM building, Mr. Weidemyre said fair market value is considerably higher than what RACER Trust is asking. The price is tied to the number of jobs a company brings to the area; more jobs will allow for negotiating a better price. Mayor Collins said it was not about the price of the building but that Calisolar could not meet the deadline of September 30th given to them by the Department of Energy, at which time they would also have to have their share of the money.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Heston presented the following report.

- Senate Bill 221 mandates a reduction in energy consumption for Ohio Edison and other suppliers. Ohio Edison is offering an incentive program in which the City can be rebated for reducing electrical use through the upgrading of lighting. The installation and utilization of motion sensors will further reduce usage and increase the rebate.
- The 96 can lights in the Municipal Building are obsolete. The cost of the special 150 watt bulbs required for these fixtures has recently increased from approximately \$1 to \$3.50 and is expected to go to \$30 each. The bulbs may no longer be manufactured next year, then all 96 fixtures and bulbs would need replaced.
- The fluorescent lights in all buildings are equipped with 32 watt tubes. These tubes will also be discontinued and replaced with a 27 or 28 watt tube. Some of the existing ballasts can be retrofitted for the lower wattage bulbs, but many of the fixtures will need to be replaced. This is can be included in the rebate program.
- We currently have three companies in the process of preparing quotes on the cost of these improvements, the estimated rebates, and the savings in energy costs over time. We expect the rebates will cover about 75% of the upgrade costs to the lighting. The remaining 25% should be realized in reduced energy costs over the next few years, thus making the upgrades a very economically sound decision.
- The upgrade must be paid up front and the rebate collected afterward. It will be a written, signed, guaranteed amount from Ohio Edison.
- This is an opportunity to get the much needed updates at a greatly reduced cost, but on August 1st the suppliers are expecting a material increase of approximately 10%.
- My intention is to inform Council of the opportunity and at the July 14th meeting I will ask for approval of an appropriation for the needed funding, as an emergency. At that time, I will also request authorization to contract for the work.
- Buffalo Wild Wings is planning to move to Stumbo Road in front of Summit Therapy. This relocation, the construction of Texas Roadhouse, and the other recently added businesses at the old Consolidated Freight site, will expectedly impact traffic. This will cause a need for upgrading and/or reworking of the signal timing controls at the nearby

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intersection, along with pavement striping. To accomplish this, we will need a motion from the Streets Committee to use Road Impact Fee monies. The combined businesses at that site will have paid between \$70 - \$80K and these improvements will cost less than \$10K. The balance will continue to be held in reserve for future repairs and improvements to the area.

- The State of Ohio has approved an easement on Walker Lake Road for the City of Ontario to provide maintenance to a sewer line located on the Ohio State University's frontage. It was granted at no cost to us and the Law Director has approved it as to form. We need a motion from the Utilities Committee to accept this easement. We did this once before but with the change of governors it must be done again.

Mr. Heston responded to questions:

- Mr. Heston said he is still waiting to hear from ODOT regarding the Ferguson Road turn lane. The money allocated for the turn lane will not be used on Stumbo Road, which has its own funding available.
- The Ohio Edison light fixture rebate will pay for 75% of the lighting project, the remaining 25% should be realized in energy savings with long term benefits. Mr. Weidemyre and Mr. Arnold agreed this was a worthwhile program. The HVAC rebates don't appear to be as beneficial with only \$1,500 per air conditioning unit; the Municipal Building has four units at a cost of \$4,000 - \$6,000 each.
- ODOT is currently working on the road paving repairs.
- The water issue at the Pearl Street residence exists because the home sits lower than the road and the surrounding area. A storm drain will be redirected by pouring a concrete apron on one driveway and redirecting the water into the storm area. This will replace the original plan of installing a curb.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sowash had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Zeiter read the following Public Hearing Notice:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of Ontario, Ohio, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the Charles K. Hellinger Ontario Municipal Building, 555 North Stumbo Road, Ontario, Ohio, for the proposed 2012 Tax Budget of the City of Ontario.

All persons interested in this issue are invited to attend and express their views.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to move the regularly scheduled Council meeting of July 21, 2011 to July 14, 2011. Mr. Weidemyre seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Zeiter opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting for the purpose of amending Section 1137.02(c), Conditionally Permitted Uses in the R-2 Medium Density Residential District of the City Zoning Ordinance to allow student housing as a Conditionally Permitted Use.

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Vern Barnhill, 1701 Spring Village Lane, was first to approach Council to say he provided the information regarding his plan to permit student housing to be developed on an 8 acre tract of land. Planning Commission approved the lots and lay-out. The issue of student housing is not clear in the zoning code and there doesn't appear to be anything that would prohibit student housing from being rented in the R-2 district. Mr. Barnhill felt clarification was important in order to provide full disclosure of his intentions. This is probably the best location for a campus related project and the best use of the land would be to make student housing available. Students could walk to campus in about 15 minutes using the existing bike trail; walking and biking to campus would be encouraged. Ontario can demonstrate a spirit of cooperation with OSU and NCSC by permitting student housing. Refusing student housing could be seen as negative. Real estate taxes would generate over \$40,000 to Ontario and Ontario schools. In addition, income taxes from project workers and future care takers will generate taxes to Ontario. Local subcontractors will be used for the development and construction. Your favorable response is requested.

Next to come before Council was Paula Neutzling, 1341 Deer Ridge Lane, to say the students who would live in the doubles would drive by her driveway every day to go to school. Mr. Barnhill is planning on building 17 doubles, three bedrooms each, with two students per bedroom which equates to 12 students per 17 doubles totaling 204 cars. What other cul-de-sac in Ontario has a density of 204 cars, plus friends? Where would the cars park, how would the streets be maintained, how they would be plowed? I work at OSU-Mansfield and there is a need for student housing but there are areas within Ontario City Limits zoned for such purposes. If the R-2 wording is changed to lease to multiple families then how is it different than R-3 and how far has this deviated from the Ohio Revised Code for R-2 and R-3? Who would maintain the conduct of the students? This is not a cooperation with OSU-Mansfield. Brian White said the only offering of campus support is maintaining the nearby trail and no support for student conduct or campus security. The current housing on St. Rt. 39 was initially a private development and later purchased and maintained by the university; the neighboring house was purchased by the university for a resident director. This proposed student housing would have no such structure.

Frank Dukes, 1636 Spring Village Lane, came before Council asking them to vote down this request. This is giving a conditional permit so an R-3 can be imbedded within an R-2 zone and allowing a duplex to become an apartment with many renters. This is making an R-3 area without rezoning.

Next to stand before Council was Pam Drake, 1648 Spring Village Lane, to say any project being considered should be discussed with full disclosure. In the past there have been issues with parking in the wrong places but now eight acres are going to be developed with over 200 students. Who is going to police that? What is it going to cost for police and fire to maintain and who is going to maintain that? How long do you project that housing to last? What is the accountability and liability to the community as a long term plan? What guarantees do we have? Who will do the mowing, the plowing and maintaining the structure? What will this do to the value of the homes in that area? There is a need for student housing but this is not a good location, there is only one way in and one way out. There have been issues with sewage and homeowners were spending thousands of dollars but nobody wanted to hear it. What are the plans for the sewers? There was a storm drainage issue that was supposed to be fixed. I saw them kick something into the ground, covered up and never properly fixed. Vote this down and if there are issues then get into more details of what it would take to make this a feasible project. What other cul-de-sacs and other areas in the City can handle twelve people in one house and be acceptable?

Next to come forward was William Dechert, 1343 Deer Ridge Lane, to say if this project goes through it will be a nightmare in traffic jams. I've lived there one year but if this goes through I will try to sell my property because this cannot handle all of the cars and college kids.

Martin Dinger, 1678 Spring Village Lane, stood before Council to say he purchased his home 15 years ago from Mr. Barnhill who provided a pamphlet listing the reasons why it would be good to live on Spring Village Lane and the types of houses that would be built. It was to be a

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single family area so any two family homes would have a single entrance with inner apartment doors. The three doubles were later rezoned to a different classification. The campus life style road would be similar to a 'P' with one way in and out. With all of the students and cars it would be a nightmare. I hope you vote it down.

At 8:22 p.m., calling twice, and hearing no one else who wished to speak, Mr. Zeiter closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Mr. Barnhill addressed the audience by thanking them for attending. They are his neighbors and he intended to do them no wrong. He did make his intentions clear from the beginning and he will try to develop the property some other way. They don't need to have any further concerns.

- Mr. Sowash explained that legislation will appear on the next Council agenda because Planning Commission recommended against the rezone, therefore, Council must still take action. In order to override the decision made by Planning Commission it will take more than a majority.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 11-28 – (THIRD READING) AN ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE POSITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER IN COOPERATION WITH THE ONTARIO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Blackwell read Ordinance No. 11-28 for the third time, by title only. Mr. Blackwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-28, and Mr. Arnold seconded the motion.

When Mr. Weidemyre asked the Police Chief to address the concerns of the parents in the audience pertaining to the conduct of the officer, Mr. Zeiter said it was not appropriate at this time but should have taken place during Public Commentary. This time is solely for the discussion and voting on the legislation.

Several Council members addressed Ordinance No. 11-28:

Mr. Williams: As Chairman of the Safety Committee, I feel we need a Resource Officer in the Ontario school system for the safety of the students as well as the teachers. I believe if we are in fear when we are trying to learn or educate it hurts our education system. I do have a son on the Ontario Police Department and I wish he'd shovel my driveway, but not while he's working.

Mr. Lewis: I have several things that have bothered me. One is that police officers are trained to be a policeman on the street. That's where they need to be, investigating, doing the traffic work, doing leg work, feet work. If an officer needs to be at the school it can't take more than five minutes at the most. The incident that happened several years ago would have made no difference if there was a police officer in the school or not, it still would have happened. It probably would have been handled just as well by the staff. They've got principals out there that make \$100,000 a year and assistants that could handle the situations, or some teachers could handle it. With that being said, I know most people don't want to hear that, but that's how I feel. I've said it from the get-go on this issue and I'm not changing the way I stand on it. I've been told I should reconsider my vote because it's not politically correct.

Mr. Cinadr: When I ran for City Council I ran based on the safety of the citizens of Ontario and I considered the School Resource Officer one of those people that supply that requirement for me and my children and grandchildren. I agree that none of us are perfect and if misconduct took place then it should be thoroughly investigated and taken care of. But, I will not jeopardize the safety of the children of Ontario who attend school in Ontario and hopefully one day will continue their careers and contribute to this City, knowing we were concerned enough to keep the position of Resource Officer in our schools.

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Mr. Arnold: I went to school prior to them introducing Resource Officers, you didn't have the Columbins. I'm not as old as some of these guys but still back far enough there weren't Resource Officers. I base my decision tonight, it's a tough situation because I think there may be issues that need to be investigated, but I'm not a part of that, it's about the safety of the children. I have a personal experience that you base your foundation on. I had an individual that I worked very closely with who had a daughter that was one year younger than me. She had a situation at school where she was threatened by her boyfriend and she didn't have an outlet. I remember making a comment to this employee, my co-worker that I sat next to, and said, oh you're over cautious. She took her out of school because the school didn't do anything and she brought her to work. I remember almost picking on this lady, saying you're just an overprotective mother. The next week that boy stabbed and killed that young lady. I always told myself, error to being cautious because you can't take back those things. What do you say to a person, and I tell this story a thousand times, but I can't take it back. I don't want my vote, somewhere five or ten years down the line, and I can't take that back. We're all given our positions, that's my position. I can't take back a no vote if something happens. We can all speculate that everybody else can get there in five minutes but we don't know that and God forbid if something happens, how do we look ourselves in the face? Mr. Lewis I respect you sticking your ground, I truly respect it, I don't know if I could, but that's where I'm coming from.

Mr. Zeiter: Just so those of you can be brought up to speed how this whole thing worked out. I, and maybe a couple of individuals up here, were the ones who originally initiated the legislation and voted for the Resource Officer. At that time in 2007, after the incident happened, of which I know the families involved, know some of the teachers involved, one of them for forty years, so this is near and dear to me, too, voted for that as a three year trial to see how things worked. At the end of three years it was supposed to be reevaluated. That fell through the cracks. With some of the things that recently surfaced and checking into things, we found out that it had expired. The school asked for it to be renewed and be continuous until such time they couldn't afford it anymore or they decided to go a different route. I'll also have you know that I'm the only one up here who helped initiate or reinstitute the Substance Abuse Coordinator position, was on the committee that hired her, and was also on the committee that initiated the drug testing. As I said earlier, anytime the Chief and the officer, if he's still not intimidated by me (the Chief's words, not mine) want to get together, and anybody else in the community, the media included, want to get together and hear the full story of what happened, it's in the Police Department's court.

Hearing no one else who wished to speak, six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Lewis, and Ordinance No. 11-28 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-33 - AN ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL CUSTOMERS AND ENACTING A SURCHARGE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SANITARY SEWER FUND.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-33 on three separate days. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Six members cast their votes Aye, one Nay by Mr. Weidemyre, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Weidemyre read Ordinance No. 11-33 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-33. Mrs. Hellinger seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-33 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-34 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-10 WHICH ESTABLISHES TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR NON-COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES BY AMENDING SECTION 8, VACATIONS BY REPEALING SUB-SECTION D VACATION – CAPTAIN OF POLICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Blackwell made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-34 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Lewis read Ordinance No. 11-34 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-34. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-34 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-35 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR MATERIALS AND SERVICES NEEDED TO REPAIR THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Williams made a motion to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 11-35 on three separate days. Mr. Cinadr seconded the motion. Seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to suspend the rules passed. Mr. Cinadr read Ordinance No. 11-35 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Cinadr made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-35. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, seven members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 11-35 was adopted.

At 8:35 p.m., there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Blackwell and a second by Mr. Weidemyre. At roll call, seven members voted Aye, zero Nay, and the motion to adjourn passed.

President of Council

Clerk of Council