

MINUTES
May 6, 2015

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on May 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Marino, and the Clerk, Lori Kuszmaul, called the roll:

Lastic-P, Papalas-P, Giancola-P, McCormick-P, Stredney-P, Merlo-P, Pezzano-P, Marino-P

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to accept the Minutes from April 15, 2015 and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM The City of Niles Income Tax Division
Monthly Receipt Totals through April 2015

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Merlo to accept the report and place it on file.

Mr. Papalas: Mr. Swauger, how does it look through the rest of the year with this?

Mr. Swauger: Well, remember last year we had \$300,000 that we lost through reciprocity that we got rid of. That explains why we were down, but the big money will be coming in July in the next quarter.

President Marino: Bob, out of the \$524,000 that is delinquent owed, how much of that is put on the last page?

Mr. Swauger: That's everything on the last page.

President Marino: Are we making any progress on collecting the collectibles from previous years?

Mr. Swauger: Well, we a lot of them that pay monthly. Last year we had a lot of people that filed payment plans for the amount of money they owed that we accepted. Now that the filing season is over, they are almost all caught up.

President Marino: So, your best guess looking at our delinquency amount of \$524,000 going back to 1988, how much of that is truly uncollectible?

Mr. Swauger: Probably everything from 2007 and beyond.

President Marino: Thank you.

Mr. Merlo: So do you estimate that relatively close to 2013 a total of 5.7 million for 2015?

Mr. Swauger: Probably, yes. Probably around 5.8 to 5.85 we are projecting right now to end up.

President Marino: So it's 5.8 for the year, Bob?

Mr. Swauger: 5.8 to 5.85.

President Marino: Ok. Thank you.

Motion carried

FROM The Niles City Auditor's Office

Estimated versus Actual Revenues through end of April 2015

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papalas to accept the report and place it on file.

Mr. Papalas: I have just one question. Mr. Auditor, what is your projection for the year?

Mr. Nader: I won't project for the year, but I'll tell you through April that the income tax is down as Mr. Swauger already said. Our inheritance tax is next to nothing. Last year at this time we had almost \$200,000 in inheritance tax. The state has done away with most of that and we are down to \$1,200 and the court fines are down \$9,000. So using that as general, general is down about \$200 almost \$300,000. I would hope the projection doesn't keep doing that in general fund, but if we're not going to get the \$300,000 in income taxes through reciprocity or non-reciprocity, I would say that number is probably going to very firm.

President Marino: Well, you know we're not getting the reciprocity, Chuck. Council did away with it.

Mr. Nader: Then we're going to be \$300,000 less than last year. Other revenues for water, light and sewer are all ahead. Water is almost \$400,000 up from last year, light is a million dollars up from last year and sewer is \$120,000 up from last year.

Mr. Papalas: So once again, the general fund is our problem child.

President Marino: So we are going to have to take another \$300,000 out of appropriations?

Mr. Nader: Out of the unencumbered.

Mr. Papalas: Thanks, Chuck.

Motion carried.

FROM Office of State Representative Sean O'Brien

Letter in response to our letter concerning House Bill 64

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Merlo to accept the report and place it on file.

Motion carried.

FROM The Mayor's Office

Letter addressed to Attorney Matthew Blair reappointing him as Director of MVSD

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Giancola to accept the report and place it on file.

Motion carried.

FROM The Ohio Division of Liquor Control

Notice of Legislative Authority of RI of Niles OPCO, LLC, dba Niles Residence Inn Entire Building & Patio, 5555 Youngstown Warren Road, Niles, Ohio 44446

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to refer the permit request to the police chief and safety director for their report and recommendation.

Motion carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Charles Johnstone, 145 Sheridan Avenue. I'm sure everyone knows why I am here. Is somebody going to be able to tell me when we're going to tear this blessed house down? This lady has trapped seven more raccoons.

President Marino: Terry, do we have any more updates for him?

Mr. Dull: Like I said before, the house was supposed to be sold on a foreclosure sale on April 23rd. As of the day of the sale, the bank pulled the sale off of the list. I'm waiting for an explanation as to why that happened. I don't know if they have an agreement for sale with somebody else or they decided not to have the sale. I'm waiting for an explanation from the bank.

Charles Johnstone: I guess the question I have never asked in the past, is that it was always told to me that the health director could not go onto the property because the people who owned the property wouldn't let them in. They are no longer there. Why can't he go in and find out what's going on in this house?

Mr. Dull: From my understanding, there is a company that was hired by the bank that is supposed to be monitoring the place. Mike do you know any more?

Mr. Burke: The building inspector can only examine the exterior of the premises. (Inaudible)

Mr. Dull: Wasn't there a company that the bank had hired to maintain the property?

Mr. Burke: The exterior was cleaned up. As far as the interior (inaudible) The demolition money is very limited. I don't know.

President Marino: Terry, is there some way you can expedite getting ahold of the bank? Which bank is it?

Mr. Dull: Bank of America. If the man is in the office tomorrow morning, I will talk to him.

Charles Johnstone: So we are still in limbo, right? Ten years plus. We still have no idea what's going to happen when or how.

Mr. Dull: The hope was it was going up on foreclosure sale and somebody was going to buy it and rehab it. For whatever reason, the bank changed their mind. I don't know why that happened, but I will find out.

Mr. Giancola: When you get it, will you call Chuck?

Mr. Dull: Yes.

Mr. Giancola: I know Jeff Crowley posted condemned signs on other property too.

Mr. Vigorito: Just because a house is condemned doesn't mean we are tearing it down. It means it was condemned for reasons and if somebody comes in and wants to do a rehab and bring it up to code, they are allowed to do that. They can pull permits to do that.

Charles Johnstone: Well, isn't there a time lime that they have to do that?

Mr. Vigorito: Well, when you pull a permit you have six months to complete, but when you're rehabbing a whole house, sometimes that takes longer and they just renew their permit. So there was somebody that bought it, one that was on the condemned list, but it won't come off the list until they meet the criteria that they have to meet.

President Marino: Tony, if I heard you correctly, six months from the date the permit is issued by the city, the work is to be completed? Did I get that correctly?

Mr. Vigorito: Well, on a six month permit they are supposed to have an exterior finish in 90 days and they have six months by the permit to do the rest of the work. Now, depending on weather and everything else, we can allow them to work. They can renew for another six months.

President Marino: Well, at the end of the meeting, I am going to be asking about a house on Robbins Avenue. I want you to be prepared.

Charles Johnstone: I guess I have one other question. On rental property, does the size of the house determine how many people can live in the house?

Mr. Vigorito: No.

Mr. Papalas: Yes. When Steve Yovich was here, we had a house at the bottom of Russell Avenue, a little tiny house with nine people in it. Steve Yovich told me they had to go because based on square footage you could only have so many people living there. There are only so many people allowed to live in it. Only so many families as well. They had to leave. Steve

stayed on it every single day. Steve Yovich did that. Steve Yovich was insistent that only so many people could live in a house.

Mr. Johnstone: Is it so many square feet or do they go by how many bedrooms, the amount of children?

Mr. Papalas: I don't know, but I can find out for you because I can call him.

Mr. Johnstone: I would appreciate that.

President Marino: Well, Chuck, we'll wait to hear from Terry.

Mr. Papalas: Based on precedent, we've done it.

Mr. Vigorito: Ok. That's news to me. I've never heard that myself.

Mr. Papalas: I'll get you the details. I'll call Steve tonight and get the address and so on. You've got to have a file in your office, right?

Mr. Vigorito: Yes. I'll look into it.

Mr. Papalas: This is something Jeff and I need to talk about. We'll talk about that later this evening too.

Mr. Johnstone: I hate to be --

President Marino: Chuck, you don't have to apologize.

Mr. Johnstone: Beating an old dead horse here, if I remember correctly one-third of the City of Niles of rental property. Is that the estimate?

Mr. Papalas: No. It's higher than that.

Mr. Johnstone: It's higher than that. They come into our town and make money on us, but they don't have to live up to the rules and regulations of the people who own a house here.

Mr. Papalas: I think it's time we really start stepping up on these rental properties and making them start putting them back to the way they were. I can take you up and down Ohio Avenue and show you homes that were beautiful homes when I was growing up and they're garbage now because they are all rental properties.

President Marino: Would anybody else like to address city council? In the opinion of the chair, there being none, committee reports?

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Papalas: As Chairman of Finance Committee, I would like to at this point schedule a special council meeting for Friday morning at 11:00. Mayor?

Mayor Infante: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: The purpose is to discuss the budget that's going to be presented to us by the Mayor as a result of the input from the State Auditors and we will at that point hold a vote. If it doesn't pass on Friday, we will have a special meeting on Monday because it is imperative that the budget be in the hands of the state on Tuesday. So I'd like to make a motion for an 11:00 meeting on Friday in the conference room.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Giancola by order of Niles City Council, there will be a special council meeting on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the lower conference room at city hall.

Mr. McCormick: If we don't have six there, you can't do the vote, is that correct?

Mr. Papalas: We'll have six there.

President Marino: If you don't have six, it will be a first reading. The next meeting you will have to have six to suspend your rules because this causes us a lot of grief with us passing things as an emergency. It's got misinterpreted on why we are passing them as emergency regarding the way we fund things in the city. Emergency we have to pass things so the Mayor can sign it so it takes effect. This is going to have to pass under order of emergency legislation so when the Mayor signs it and it goes to the state auditors, it will have the full weight and effect of your plan. So we have to have six, preferably all seven of you.

Mr. Papalas: We'll have six. One can't make it because of responsibilities at work.

Mr. Pezzano: Mr. Papalas, I'll definitely know tomorrow. I have to verify at work so I can get out of there.

Mr. Papalas: Oh. I was counting you as the six.

Mr. Pezzano: Well, I plan to be there, but I have to verify it at work.

Mr. Papalas: Ok.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 16-15)

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE IMPOUNDING/TOWING FEE FUND; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Papalas: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a request that Captain Criswell present this and here's why. Jay Holland worked on this. We have an ordinance in place that we passed that enabled us to collect fees for towing. However, there is no fund in which the fees are to be deposited, so it's been going into the general fund. The money for this was to be used for equipment on the vehicles. So I wanted everyone here to give their input or otherwise we'll go forward and pass it.

Captain Criswell: Well, you pretty much explained it. The fund has been in effect for several years, however, it's never had an ordinance to transfer the money so we've been collecting it and it's gone into the general fund. There has never been a secondary fund from my understanding created for the transfer of the fees. There's only a couple thousand dollars in it. We would like to use the money for light bars on the old cruisers. Replace lenses because they have grayed out, yellowed out, so we would like to update the current vehicles.

Mr. Papalas: Also, if you look at the ordinance, I think the language, Terry, is great. It means that the ordinance really can't take effect until we get the okay from the finance committee that is overseeing things right now. So, Mr. Auditor, do you have any remarks? You gave me this paper a while ago.

Mr. Nader: Yes. I checked with the state about creating a new fund and the state actually had guidelines now. New funds will be created for specific purposes like you have a special revenue fund created, it does have certain powers of the way you run it. With a fund like this, it has to be set. The creation of the fund has to go through the state office also. So even if this is given a reading and it's okay, it has to go to the state and the state has to come back and say, yes or may or may not establish a new fund called The Tow Fee Fund. So it does definitely need to go through the state also. The state would let you know whether you can put it into place or not. This is 99-006. I can get you a copy of that.

Mr. Papalas: No, that's fine.

Mr. Nader: As soon as things are passed we will send the request which is called Request for Funding Approval to the auditor and it also states, "please attach a copy of the resolution requesting approval to establish the fund." So once they are passed, it will have to go to the state also.

Mr. Papalas: So with that, we've heard from everyone, I'd like to move on this.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Giancola for suspension.

Mr. Stredney: We're not going to do a first reading?

Mr. Papalas: If it has to go to the state, it's going to take time. It's going into the general fund right now.

Mr. Stredney: I have a question. I thought when we passed the first ordinance, we had it going into the general fund to help out. Now we are bringing it out of the general fund. I don't remember us discussing that.

Mr. Papalas: The issue was when we allowed for the towing fees, this was to go directly for specific purposes in the police department and that purpose was for the light bars and so forth. It hasn't been going for that.

Captain Criswell: I think at the time it was for the purchase for vehicles, but it's such a small amount, only \$50.00 per tow, and it's not a lot of money so it would take years to collect enough money to buy a vehicle so we could the money for equipment instead of vehicles.

Mr. Merlo: Shouldn't we add a section 4 with the approval of the state auditor?

Mr. Papalas: Well, we could do that, yes.

Mr. Dull: Yes, we could add that. That way we would have everything wrapped into one ordinance so when we submit it, that language will be in there. I can put in a new section three that we state that this ordinance is subject to approval by the auditor of the state and then the original section three would be section four.

President Marino: Chuck, there's no way with putting this in and that in, for council to give it a first reading and although money is going in, council can't appropriate from the unappropriated general fund to this fund with those dollars after it's been created by the state auditors?

Mr. Nader: They could, yes.

President Marino: So we go for a first reading –

Mr. Papalas: I will rescind my motion and go for a first reading, seconded by Giancola.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Merlo to give this ordinance a first reading.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Stredney)

Draft 16-15 has received its first reading

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 17-15)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH OHIO SHARED SERVICES TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION/RECOVERY SERVICES FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to suspend the rule requiring three readings

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney to adopt this Draft 17-15.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 17-15 has been adopted on the 6th day of May 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 18-15)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE OPERATIONS OF THE YOUNGSTOWN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Pezzano to adopt this Draft.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 18-15 has been adopted on the 6th day of May 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 19-15)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IMPOUNDING/TOWING FEE CODIFIED ORDINANCE; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalas, seconded Giancola to give this Draft a first reading.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Stredney)

Draft 19-15 has received its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 20-15)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE IMPOUND/TOWING FEE FUND; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalas, seconded Giancola to give this Draft a first reading.

Mr. Stredney: This is to say (inaudible)

Mr. Papalas: Yes. Right.

Mr. Nader: This was the money collected in 2015 for towing fees.

President Marino: And putting it into a fund yet to be created with the approval of the state auditor.

Mr. Papalas: Now, the question is since we don't have this fund and we are going to have these towing fees and when we go to put the equipment on the vehicles, which we must do, where does the money come from? The general fund, right?

Captain Criswell: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: But in this case it is earmarked.

Captain Criswell: Right.

Mr. Papalas: So, if anyone questions why we are doing this, it is coming out of general fund anyway. It is getting earmarked so it doesn't get spent somewhere else.

Mr. McCormick: On the other side of the coin, we're running out of money and we don't have enough money to pay police officers. He's going to get laid off and we can't take money out of that other fund. If it goes into the general fund we can use it however we want. Am I correct?

Mr. Papalas: Yes.

President Marino: You can transfer that money out of the fund. You can move money around by ordinance.

Mr. McCormick: Ok. You have to change what it says in here then?

President Marino: No.

Mr. Papalas: With an ordinance, we withdraw it.

President Marino: Right. You would transfer the funds from whatever the account number is to whatever account.

Mr. Papalas: Ed, how many times do we transfer funds from one account to another? Almost every night.

Mr. McCormick: When we have money earmarked into a certain account, I believe it should stay there.

Mr. Papalas: That's why we're doing it.

Mr. McCormick: To go back and undo it. Why did we put it there in the first place?

Mr. Papalas: That's called budgeting. It's also going to be scrutinized by the fiscal committee.

President Marino: By your order.

Mr. Papalas: This is appropriate budgeting. We have specific funds in place. We should have had that in some other cases as well, but money was transferred without our knowledge and used anyway. So I move for a first reading, Mr. Chairman.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Giancola to give this Draft a first reading.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 1 (Stredney)

Draft 20-15 has received its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 21-15)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST QUARTER CASH TRANSFERS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft 21015 has been adopted this 6th day of May 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

President Marino: Would you give me an update of that house on Robbins Avenue on the corner of Crandon? Behind the apartments. It's a stone house.

Mr. Vigorito: Where is that?

President Marino: It is one house in. Crandon and Robbins, one house in behind the apartments.

Mr. Vigorito: Ok. I'll stop down.

President Marino: This guy has been working on this house for years.

Mr. Vigorito: It depends on what he is doing. I don't know what he's doing.

President Marino: He's doing nothing.

Mr. Vigorito: Where is it again?

President Marino: It's on Robbins Avenue. The apartments on the corner of Crandon and it sits on Robbins right beside it. I don't have the address. It's a brick house. When you're driving up Robbins Avenue, look left and you can't miss it.

Mr. Vigorito: Ok. I'll look at it.

President Marino: I appreciate it. Thank you.

Mayor Infante: Does anybody want their copies early for Friday?

Mr. Merlo: Mayor, I would like one.

Mayor Infante: I'll run copies tomorrow for everyone.

Mr. Merlo: Can you get me one?

Mr. Stredney: What time will they be ready? I can stop by the pick one up.

Mr. McCormick: We can stop downtown and pick one up?

Mayor Infante: Yes.

Mr. Giancola: What time?

Mayor Infante: Afternoon.

Mr. Papalas: Can you drop one off at my house? I'm giving an exam all day tomorrow so if you could drop it off.

Mayor Infante: Yes. I can drop it off.

Captain Criswell : Yes. I would like to address the residents from Sheridan when at the last meeting they were concerned about drug activity. I met with the Mayor, Safety Director and Sheriff's Department who participated. So the focus is on the city again. I can't tell you more specifics than that. I literally would like to have our own drug unit in house, but it would take two more police officers to do that and I know we don't have money to hire two more right now.

I just wanted you to know that I did meet with these other people and we are working on the problem.

President Marino: Thank you.

Mr. Vigorito: I would like to ask for a finance meeting. I've been asking for a transfer into my refund account. I have three fire checks that were deposited last year. One has completed their work. I gave them a partial refund and I don't have enough money in the account to give them the full refund. I've got another one I'm working on which is not going to be long before it's finished. I need \$4,000.00 just to finish the one.

Mr. Papalas: When we spoke, did you talk to the auditors, Chuck?

Mr. Nader: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: What was the reply?

Mr. Nader: I would have to meet with you, Steve. There's no money. If we're going to do this, we're going to have to take it from other general fund revenues. Not revenues, but accounts.

Mr. Papalas: Did you get money from the insurance company?

Mr. Nader: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: And it went into the general fund?

Mr. Nader: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: That's not our money. That money is a transaction from the insurance company for specific purposes.

Mr. Nader: Two of the checks came in last year. We appropriated those two checks last year. No purchase orders were given last year for them to encumber them, so they go into unencumbered money. I explained that to Mr. Vigorito.

Mr. Vigorito: Correct. They were put into my fund last year. This one here ended up in a big argument and they didn't finish the job until after the first of the year. The other one, the demolition contractor lost the house. So instead of my paying out last year, it didn't happen. Then the other one is waiting on -- I don't know if I should say the name -- but

Mr. Papalas: Don't say the name, but I'm starting to feel like a referee. Ok, we'll have a finance committee meeting. One of you needs to have the paperwork ready and the other one needs to recognize that it's not our money. So we'll have that meeting and get it straightened out.

Mr. Nader: How about Monday afternoon?

Mr. Papalas: About 3:00?

Mr. Vigorito: 3:00 Monday?

Mr. Papalas: Yes.

President Marino: Lori, would you inform the press?

Clerk: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: Let's do that in the Mayor's office, ok?

Mayor Infante: Ok.

Mr. Catanzarite: I sent an e-mail out to all councilmen setting a meeting for Thursday, May 14th. There are a couple of people coming up from the EPA. I would also ask that Mayor Infante, Mark Hess, Mr. Buccino be there.

Mr. McCormick: What time is it?

Mr. Catanzarite: 4:00 p.m. in the 1st floor conference room.

President Marino: Ed, are you going to schedule – is that going to be a utilities meeting then?

Mr. McCormick: I don't know if this is going under finance or utilities. Which way do you want it, Andy?

Mr. Catanzarite: I don't care.

Mr. McCormick: A joint meeting? Round table? Whatever everyone wants.

Mr. Papalas: Right.

President Marino: Lori will send a notice to everyone.

Mr. McCormick: Can we just say for the purpose of discussing pending issues? At a committee meeting, we are only supposed to talk about what is scheduled, right? But a round table, if something else comes up, we can still discuss it, can't we?

President Marino: Yes, you can.

Mr. McCormick: Ok.

Clerk: So what is this? A round table?

President Marino: Yes.

Mr. Lastic: Kenny, I had someone call and told me they came out of the Mall on Saturday morning, windows smashed, some personal property, (inaudible)

Mr. Papalas: I have a couple of things. One is if you don't mind, when we pass ordinances from the finance committee, I would like Terry to insert that clause concerning the fiscal commission so that they reviewed it. First time we were in financial straits in the early 80's and the state took us over, every ordinance we passed had to go through the state commission and I thought it was good for all of us, and I think that we should at least utilize the services of the fiscal commission for anything we have coming out of finance. All right Terry?

Mr. Dull: Ok.

Mr. Papalas: And Anthony, help me with this and I know you're busy with inspections and so forth, but in the last couple of months I think all of us who have gone door to door have seen things in various neighborhoods, and I for one have to agree, is there – can we take a more aggressive approach and if you're driving down a street and see a house, can you stop and see what's going on. I know if you saw some of these houses, you would stop.

Mr. Vigorito: We could. I mean there is no reason why we couldn't. I know Jeff has been working pretty hard at trying to get caught up on some of the stuff that Steve had left him and what's he's also doing himself, so I would think that it would be the housing, myself and the health department, if we were going to walk the streets like some of us did before. I mean, there's a lot of places and I agree there's a lot of places that look like hell, if I can use that word.

Mr. Papalas: Yes.

Mr. Lastic: Why don't you earmark some of those areas that you know are bad.

Mr. Vigorito: A lot of them aren't rentals. They are homeowners too.

Mr. Papalas: It's not all landlords, and they don't have any problem ruining everybody else's property values. How about if we ask people to submit addresses and we can look at them and put them into different districts.

Mr. Vigorito: That's always been the case. If we have complaints, we look at them.

President Marino: With all due respect, we all live in this town. I walk around town. You drive all over the town. When you guys are driving around, when you see something you should address it. It's been a couple years with some of these homes and with all due respect, Mr. Vigorito, that makes absolutely no sense to me if you're driving down the street and you see a house in shambles and you think if I don't get a complaint, then I'm going to just keep on driving.

Mr. Vigorito: That doesn't mean that somebody isn't already on it. Just because it is in shambles, I mean some of these cases take months, years to work through –

President Marino: I've been here 20 years. I'm well aware of that and with all due respect, how many of the houses have you come across, and the councilman Steve was referring to walking the town was me, and I was mortified at what I've seen and what I continue to see and we need to be more aggressive. That's the bottom line.

Mr. Papalas: You give a person 10 days, that's it. There's a house on Main Street where the front porch has caved in.

Mr. Vigorito: I was there yesterday on that. That's an insurance job. We're on that right now trying to get it repaired. There's an argument over it with the insurance company on how much they are going to pay for on that case.

Mr. Papalas: Good. All right.

Mr. Vigorito: The house on Robbins Avenue we just got a new buyer on. It's been there for a year. It looks terrible. The new buyer plans on spending time to remodeling it.

Mr. Papalas: Well, let's put these addresses together and we'll take a look.

Mr. Vigorito: If anybody has address, all they have to do is file it.

President Marino: I text Jeff while I'm walking. I send it to him.

Mr. Vigorito: Thank you.

President Marino: Thanks, Tony. Anything else, Steve?

Mr. Papalas: The council members who have an idea where these homes are, especially the ward councilmen, if they are looking around, please make a list so we can all organize this and get this some attention. Just to summarize this, 11:00 a.m. we have a meeting to discuss the budget on Friday, correct?

Clerk: Yes.

Mr. Papalas: 3:00 p.m. Monday at the Mayor's office and then 4:00 p.m. Thursday with Andy, next week, in the conference room.

President Marino: Gentlemen, also on the calendar there is a fiscal commission meeting on May 20, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. here in council chambers. They will take a look at the plan that's been approved by council.

Mr. Papalas: Mr. President, are we going to discuss the summer schedule at the next meeting?

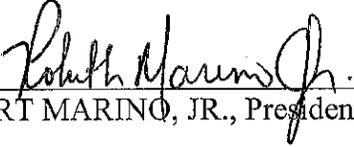
President Marino: May 20th, June 3rd and 17th, July 15th, August 19th and then back to our regular schedule. Third Wednesday in July and third Wednesday in August.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Merlo, seconded by Giancola to adjourn the meeting.



LORI KUSZMAUL, Clerk of Council



ROBERT MARINO, JR., President of Council