

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 15, 2018**

\*Audio recording of full meeting will be available on line on the city's website\*

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on August 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Barry Steffey Jr., and the Clerk, Nicole Bacak, called the roll:

Lastic- P, McNaughton-P, Profato-P, Cantola-P, Marchese-P, Kearney-P, Steffey-P

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Kearney to accept the Minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**FROM** – Auditor's Office

Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense- June 2018

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by McNaughton to accept the report and place it on file.  
Motion carried.

**FROM** – Auditor's Office

Check Report by Check Number- June 2018

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to accept the report and place it on file.  
Motion carried.

**FROM** – Service Director

Monthly Overtime Report- July 2018

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Kearney to accept the report and place it on file.  
Motion carried.

**MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

(Public comments began at 2:06 into the recording)

Diane Williams: 24 North Pleasant, Niles. She has not received a letter from NECO and neither have any of her neighbors. However last night at 5:30 P.M. , two men came to her door and asked her if her meter had been changed. She told them no. She feels they should have known that. They told her they wanted to change it then. I contacted the Mayor about this and he asked if they had ID and she said they did not. The one tried to go through his car looking for it. He said he must have left it in his truck. She told them no. She called Nebraska this morning to report this and they could not tell her who these men were. They assumed they worked for them because they are working in the area. She said she would set up an appointment, but if they do not have a badge then they are not coming into her house. She wants to know what is going on. If she hasn't received a letter yet then why are they knocking on the doors?

President Steffey said he understands her caution. These employees are expected to be in uniform and have badges on. They should be scheduling appointments with homeowners. Mr. McNaughton added that there is a concern that these people could be scam artists. Mrs. Williams said that is what she is afraid of. Mr. McNaughton said she is doing a good public service for everyone by making the phone calls. President Steffey said there will be follow up on this and explain what our expectations are. Ms. Marchese stated that residents from her ward have told her the NECO employees are telling residents they have an office at the swimming pool building.

Mayor Mientkiewicz stated that from now on every Wednesday at 11:00 A.M., NECO will be in for a progress meeting. He invited council to attend these meetings if they can. The hours of operation for NECO are 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Saturdays. They are supposed to have ID badges and be wearing uniforms. Day one he was on site and they were dressed in polo shirts with NECO on it and had their trucks. They submitted a list of their vehicles and a list of their installers working in Niles. They are at the pool all day working, taking inventory and tagging the meters, since that is where the meters are stored. They sent letters out to areas asking to schedule appointments. Mayor Mientkiewicz was able to get a hold of a copy of one of those letters. What he did find out today is that if there are people who are not allowing them into their home, which they have that right, they are knocking on doors in the area to try and install meters since they are working until 6:00 P.M. Ms. Marchese said they should not be going after a certain time, especially with our elderly. Mayor Mientkiewicz said we are paying them until 6:00 P.M. they should not be going to houses after that. Service Director Flarey asked Mrs. Williams what time they were at her house and she said it was 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Mientkiewicz said the project is under way and he is getting details every day. The crew has been more than willing to meet with him and give him information on the project. He didn't know what the letters looked like since he did not receive one yet, but he was able to get a copy of one. But again, they are working until 6:00 P.M. in the area and if they have extra time, they will try and install more meters. Mr. Flarey said there is no reason for the employees not to have an ID. President Steffey asked if there was contact information on the sheet for the residents who want to schedule appointments. Mayor Mientkiewicz confirmed there is. He also said he put it on his Mayor's Facebook page, the LED sign, and city's website to try and enhance our advertisement to citizens who might not know that this project is going on. He just wants to get this project done and over with in a timely manner. These meters have sat way too long. Call and

make an appointment and they will get to you and get the meter installed. Ms. Marchese asked if Mayor Mientkiewicz would send council a copy of the letter so they could see what is being sent out. Mr. McNaughton asked Ms. Ford if this was already on the utility bills that are sent out and she confirmed it is.

Aimee Cantola: 208 Vienna Ave. Yesterday, NECO went out to her mother's house and asked if they could install her meter. She also had not received her letter yet. She said sure but they would have to crawl under her house because her house is a slab and has a crawl space. They said never mind and left. Mayor Mientkiewicz said everyone will get a new meter. If there are issues there, they will leave it and come back to it round two.

Mrs. Cantola also wanted to know what happened to our armored vehicle that was under the bridge. President Steffey said he thought it was being serviced. Captain Johnson stated it is at being painted at Greenwood Chevrolet. They donated a paint job for it so in their spare time they are working on it.

Beth Nolan: 26 Beavercreek: Mrs. Nolan also has a comment about the NECO Company. She has been going through the Wellness Center a lot lately and drove by there late at night. When they talked about the pool and they tried to go inside, they were told it was not fit for anybody to be in it. She is curious why they can be in there. Who is going to be responsible is anything happens to them when they are in the building? President Steffey said he did not think they are occupying the building. They are pulling inventory out of it when needed. Mrs. Nolan said that they are in the building all hours of the night. She is just curious why they can be in the building.

Dee Sebben: 225 High Ave. Last council meeting, there was a foul smell in the air. It smells like raw sewage or something. She was told the problem would be fixed in two weeks. She opened up her dishwasher and it smelled like sewage. President Steffey stated this was the first he heard of anything in about 10 days. Ms. Marchese said there are complaints. President Steffey said he has not had any personally. He thought there was lyme added to try and offset the smell. Mr. Catanzarite said he is not trying to make excuses but the last time this plant was expanded was in 1985. He guarantees we had the same problem then. When the tanks are emptied, they ferment and the odor is given off. It is getting better. Ms. Marchese said the lyme did help it for a while and settle it down but it's starting back up again.

President Steffey said anything that we can do to help the neighbors in this process would be appreciated. They were told two weeks and it did get better but it may have regressed. So we will take that under advisement and hopefully do what we can to offset that under this time of construction. Service Director Flarey said they would like give Mrs. Seeben a tour of the plant to show her the progress that is being made, and describe the process to her. They would also describe to her what conditions would cause bad orders. Mrs. Seeben said she doesn't need a tour because she has a camper. Service Director Flarey stated that was fine but he was offering it if she wanted it or if anyone else wanted it.

Mrs. Seeben doesn't feel that the citizens should have been promised this problem would have been fixed in two weeks if it wasn't fixed. Service Director Flarey said you shouldn't promise the citizens something that may not be able to be completed or fixed 100%. That's a fact. We

can't say with certainty that problem can be fixed 100%. We will do the very best we can to minimize it and that's probably the best we can do. So if you have an expectation that you'll never have that problem again, it's going to be tough to meet.

Sheri Smith: 1342 Robbins Ave. Niles, Ohio: She would like to circle back to NECO issue. Is there any way the LED sign can report the area that the workers are working in? This way people would know if they are on their streets or area. Mayor Mientkiewicz said they can take a look at that but he knows they are not working in one specific area. They are going by batches.

Paul Davis: 44 Hartzell Ave. Niles, Ohio. He wanted to congratulate Steve. He never dreamt when he was 13 playing pony league on his team that he would end up sitting over there. Congratulations to Service Director Flarey also. He thinks he is a fine choice. He was here at the election and he is glad it worked out the way it did because that was a zoo. It makes you not proud to be a Democrat. President Steffey agreed. Mr. Davis said it was an absolute zoo. He noticed there was an empty seat over there. And wants to know if anyone knows what is going on there. He also wants to know who he is supposed to be addressing because the rules always change. Is he addressing the President, Council or both? President Steffey clarified that he is address him as President. Mr. Davis asked when the seat on council will be filled. Ms. Marchese responded that she called Mr. Polivka and Kathy DeChristofaro. He told her it would 30 days. President Steffey said it will be done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward precinct committee people.

Mr. Davis stated that once again this is a zoo. You have 3 or maybe 4 potential people who are also the election committee. Salapata, Marino, Papalas and so on and each one of those can vote for themselves if they run, which let's just say he runs against them. And let's just say there was a deal made in the last election. There may have been. Probably not. But if I said I will vote for you in exchange for your vote for me, that's two votes. Making them unbeatable. I can never get to three.

Mr. Davis brings up the legislation on the agenda this evening. Draft number 75-18 about the park rules. He hopes they have checked with police department first to see what issues they have had. If they are acting like adults and have two beers, he doesn't care what these council people say. President Steffey clarified that some of the park rules don't mirror city ordinances so he knows the police have been involved in this. They are trying to make it enforceable if they need to enforce it. Draft number 86-18 for the quarterly cash transfers. He would like for this to be expanded on in the quorum because they don't know what this is and he cannot exercise his opinions. President Steffey explained that a lot of these items are covered in committee meetings. Mr. Davis said they have been promised to know the financial information.

Mr. Davis mentioned the bill for the community busing. He asked if this has been a topic of discussion yet. President Steffey said he has not been a part of any discussions around this. Mr. Davis doesn't feel that the \$10,000-\$12,000 is warranted when they turn down a lot of citizens, which includes a lot of medical calls. He wants the city to investigate this before we pay this bill again.

Mark Hess: 882 Cynthia Ave. Niles. Mr. Hess wanted to congratulate Steve on becoming Mayor and knows he will do a great job. He knows everyone will be happy with his appointment of Mr.

Flarey also. He will do a fantastic job and if they ever need anything to give him a call. Mr. Hess wanted to give kudos to Mr. Robertson for his work on the grant money he received. This is work that Mr. Hess used to do and he knows what goes into getting those types of grants. He knows the city will continue to prosper with the projects they have ongoing. The last thing he wanted to say is around asset management. Mr. Hess asked if this included sewer, water lines and roads. Auditor Merlo said yes it will. President Steffey said it will also include telephone poles and transformers.

Mr. Hess said there is an inventory that was done years ago for the OPWC process they went through. It shows everything except for electric. It tells you how many miles of storm sewers, sanitary sewers. Auditor Merlo asked if valves were included and Mr. Hess said no. He said he was sure Mr. Robertson could find those reports and get them for the administration. Mayor Mientkiewicz said Mr. Robertson did give them those reports already.

Mike Thomas: 81 East Margaret Ave. Niles. Mr. Thomas has a question around the break ins near Margaret, Wilson and John St. He lives right next to the school. He sees the kids. They go over to the school at 11:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. night time. They drive their cars back by the playground. He has followed the kids before. They go down John Street and cut through the woods and hide back there by the playground. He wants to know if we can put a gate up back there to keep them out of there. Also, he has talked to the cops before about the kids breaking into cars. They follow the creek and walk down along side of it. He sees them because he works split shifts. President Steffey said we have to be vigilant and keep your car doors locked and we have to look out for each other. And call and report if you see something.

Mr. Thomas said he knows they can tell if a police car is coming. He just wanted everyone to be aware that they are going through the woods and going up John St. as an escape route. President Steffey thanked him for this information. Mr. Thomas also asked if a picture of the NECO vans would be posted on social media so residents will know what to look for.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Cantola, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee.

**YEAS: 6   NAYS: 0**

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:32 P.M.  
Council reconvened from executive session at 7:15 P.M.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

(Legislation began at 32:45 into recording)

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 76-18)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to give a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to this Draft No. 76-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 76-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 76-18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 75-18)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 159.03 OF THE NILES CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Kearney, seconded by Cantola to table this Draft No. 75-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 75-18 has been tabled on the 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 86-18)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING QUARTERLY CASH TRANSFERS; AND,  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

President Steffey wanted to clarify for the record for Mr. Davis, for fund 215 for \$50,000 police pension, fund 216 fire pension \$50,000, fund 217 police/fire 1% \$1,000,000 and fund 255 cemetery \$ 12,000 makes it \$1,112,000.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 86-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 86- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 87-18)**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE “SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY”**

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Profato to postpone this Draft No. 87-18 until the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting so the technology committee can meet and discuss.

Mr. Cantola would like to have a Technology Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 P.M. to cover just this item. There have been some discussions around this item, he just wants to make sure that the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 87- 18 has been postponed on 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 88-18)**

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED DUI FUND 222 TO THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Profato, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 88-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 88- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 89-18)**

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO THE MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL CONTRACTED LABOR ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Cantola to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 89-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 89- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 90-18)**



**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A 50' DIGGER DERRICK FOR THE LIGHT DEPARTMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Marchese to give a 1st reading to this Draft No. 90-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 90- 18 has received its first reading on the 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 91-18)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE McKEES LANE EMERGENCY BYPASS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Profato to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Cantola to adopt this Draft No. 91-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 91- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 92-18)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE McKEES LANE EMERGENCY BYPASS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 92-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 92- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 93-18)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AND ENTER IN AGREEMENTS FOR GRANT MONEY FOR THE NORTH ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Kearney, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 93-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 93- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ ( Draft No. 94-18)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NILES BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CITY TO UTILIZE CITY POLICE OFFICER(S) AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Cantola to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Cantola, seconded by Cantola to adopt this Draft No. 94-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 94- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_( Draft No. 95-18)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR AND/OR SERVICE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY ASSET MANAGEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Cantola to adopt this Draft No. 95-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 95- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Lastic, to add Draft No. 96-18 to the agenda.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_( Draft No. 96-18)**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT WATER SUPERINTENDENT/PROJECT MANAGER/PUBLIC UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR; AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED WORK FORCE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THIS NEWLY DESIGNATED POSITION; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mayor Mientkiewicz explained that this legislation is not creating a new position per say. It is combining two positions internally in an effort to save money in our financial plan.

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

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Cantola to adopt this Draft No. 96-18.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 96- 18 has been adopted on the 15th day of August 2018.

### MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 48:10 into recording)

President Steffey wanted to let the public know that immediately following remarks, there will be another executive session. However, there will be no action following that executive session.

President Steffey welcomed Mayor Mientkiewicz and Service Director Flarey on behalf of city council. He looks forward to working with them moving forward.

Mayor Mientkiewicz said his first 15 days have been quite an adventure. He knows how hard they have worked the last three years on City Council and they made a lot of progress so to come back and start at square one was a tough pill to swallow. He will continue to chip away and make progress. He will continue to be open and honest. He is excited to move forward. Effective tomorrow, all of the water department employees will be moved to the light department garage temporality to get them out of that building. He knows that has been a request from council for quite some time now. Service Director Flarey clarified they are moving the employees, not the equipment right now.

Mayor Mientkiewicz mentioned the mosquito grant. The spraying will be scheduled tomorrow for August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Finally with the water meter installation project, he wants to put a positive spin on it. He thinks it will be a positive thing for the city, to collect accurate data in hopes to eliminate any billing snafus. Service Director Flarey asked council to inform the administration of any complaints about the NECO employees so they can address them in the weekly meetings they have.

Chief Danielson gave council an update on his new hire testing. He started his job on the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month. Also, the fire department has received three grants since the last council meeting. Two of them are reimbursement grants and the other is the Bureau of Workmen's Comp grant for 70 sets of gloves. Mr. McNaughton asked Chief Danielson to remind Council when he will be applying for the SAFER grant. Chief Danielson said they will be re-applying the first of the year.

Auditor Merlo stated that last week the State released our financial audit. We knew the one thing that we were lacking was Capital Asset Management, which is what we were expecting. Auditor Merlo wanted to thank the department heads and everyone who has worked very hard the last 2 and half years. The audit went from having 30 plus exceptions down to 1 that we knew we would have. And now with Council's help tonight, we will be tackling that by the end of the year. The following audit should hopefully be clean.

Mr. Catanzarite gave Council an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Total contract is \$35,230,000.00 and about 91% of the funds have been paid out. We have roughly \$1,000,000 in contingency, which he feels is very good based on the size of this project. Mr. Catanzarite went through a list of the items that are completed such as headworks, grits, ditches, clarifiers, west digester, etc. He is very confident that this will be brought in under budget. He is very happy where the project is as of now. If Council has any questions, they are more than happy to call him and he will answer whatever questions they have.

Mr. Burke reminded everyone that this Friday is the summer movie with the Library in the Park around 9:00 P.M. If it does rain, the makeup day is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, the farmer's market had about 164 people walk through and had more than double vendors than the last one. He wanted to thank Councilmen Cantola for stopping out and buying some treats. Lastly, there is a Park Board meeting next Tuesday at 4:00 P.M.

Treasurer Telago updated Council that the Ohio Checkbook has now been updated to include June and July of this year. You can find reports beginning January 2016 through present now on line. Treasurer Telago informed Council that he recently changed some of the banking and the city now has sweep accounts. Everything seems to be going well and it should provide some additional interest as well. He is also in the final stages of working with the State auditors on the investment policy for the city. He hopes to have something to present to Council within the next couple of months. RITA did send out letters to residents who they believe are non-filers, estimated taxes, even he got a letter. Since there is no longer a tax department, he is asking you contact RITA directly with any questions. Lastly, Treasurer Telago gave an update on the bank reconciliation. As of today, they are only off about \$300.00 and they will find it. The staff is working very hard.

Mr. Lastic asked Auditor Merlo to call him on the Finance meetings.

Mr. McNaughton congratulated Mayor Mientkiewicz and Service Director Flarey. He wanted to publicly commend Mr. Robertson and others for obtaining the emergency grant. He remembers a couple of years the city getting an application very quickly for an emergency repair on the north side which was around \$300,000. He also thanked Auditor Merlo for his hard work on leading

the city out of fiscal emergency. Hard work is starting to payoff. He appreciates the leadership and guidance in helping them understand a lot of the things that they need to do to collaborate.

Mr. Cantola also congratulated the new administration for coming on board. He feels that from a Council perspective, they will have a lot more open communication and that is the key to driving us out of fiscal emergency. He appreciates everything they are doing. Some of the decisions aren't easy, but they need to be made.

Ms. Marchese wished the new administration good luck and congratulated them. She also thanked Mr. Crowley for his help with the issues on Peffer Street. He has had them in court with Judge Shaker to get this process moving. He has done an excellent job so she wanted to publicly thank him.

Mr. Kearney congratulated the new administration. He wanted to make a quick comment. He was down at the recycling bins on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and he ran into a couple there who invited him to a community event at the Evening Light Apostolic Church. So, he went and met Pastor Cline and wanted to say what a nice event they put on. They had free food, bounce houses for kids, games and it was packed. It was very nice. President Steffey agreed and mentioned that he had attended those in the past. This was the 9<sup>th</sup> event. It was a great event for the community.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Kearney, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 for the purpose of discussion of pending or imminent court action.

**YEAS: 6    NAYS: 0**

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:48 P.M.  
Council reconvened from executive session at 8:22 P.M.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Profato, seconded by Kearney to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council

  
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Ryan McNaughton, Pro Tem- President of Council