

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 26, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Warren City Council was called for Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Warren Community Center Auditorium, 5460 Arden, Warren, Michigan 48092.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL present:

Cecil D. St. Pierre, Jr., President
Patrick Green, Vice President
Scott C. Stevens, Council Secretary
Keith J. Sadowski, Assistant Council Secretary
Robert Boccomino, Councilman
Kelly Colegio, Councilwoman
Steven G. Warner, Councilman

ABSENT: None

Also Present:

David Griem, City Attorney
Wilburt (Skip) McAdams, Fire Commissioner
Bonnie McInerney, DDA/TIFA Director
Dave Monette, Waste Water Treatment Plant Division Head
James Van Havermaat, City Engineer
Henry Bowman, Parks & Recreation Director
Rob Maleszyk, Controller
Gus Ghanam, Assistant Public Service Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

All members were present

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilwoman Colegio.

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Voice Vote:

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion:

Motion to approve made by Councilman Stevens and support motion made by Councilman Green.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (6-1).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	No
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2014

Motion:

Motion to approve made by Councilman Warner and supported by Councilwoman Colegio.

Voice Vote:

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

7. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

a) General Fund Bills

Motion:

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Warner.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (6-1).

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Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	No
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

b) Water & Sewer System Bills

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilwoman Colegio.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

c) General Fund Revenue Report

Motion:

Motion to receive and file was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilman Green.

Voice Vote:

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

d) General Fund Expenditure Report

Motion:

Motion to receive and file was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilman Green.

Voice Vote:

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A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Resolution recognizing CARE of Southeast Michigan

9 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING:** CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION approving a transfer of a Class C License transfer. Applicant Al Kawthar of Michigan, LLC DBA Beirut Palace.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Warner.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- b) **PUBLIC HEARING:** to review and confirm a special land use approval for used motorcycle sales located on the north side of Ten Mile Road approximately 601.73 ft. west of Ryan Road; 3731 Ten Mile Road; Aivan Yousif (Kerm Billette). CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley appeared before the Council and stated he was at the Planning Commission when the information was presented and they asked a lot of questions and there were a lot of great findings. Basically in page 163 of the e-packet his comments were written down basically verbatim and he would just like to repeat that and fully recommend the approval of the Council.

Hillary (Larry) Kutella, 24015 Karen appeared before the board and stated the Motorcycle shop that they want to have on 10 Mile Road he does not think was needed. He was a motorcycle rider before he broke his back. He

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feels the finest motorcycle shop in the State of Michigan was in Centerline at 10 Mile and Van Dyke. He does not think the City needs a used shop there. Currently in his area there were 18 used car lots which sell not only cars and trucks but there are a few motorcycles that are there on occasion. There are many gas stations in the area and collision shops that sell bikes as well as used cars. At Nine Mile Road there was a place that sells used cars and several weeks ago he had a motorcycle out there with a for sale sign on it. The store in Centerline sells both new and used bikes so he does not think the City needs another one on 10 Mile. There was no sense in having him in this area when there are 18 used car lots around the Fitzgerald area alone, not just City wide. Let him go somewhere else, he would not care, he would have no problem with having a used motorcycle shop somewhere but not in the Fitzgerald District anymore, there was enough of that stuff right now. Last year the Council approved a place to store cars on Nine Mile near Thomas, it was the old car wash there on Nine Mile Road and that was fine however, now they are bringing in there used cars that are junk. When he says junk he means rats in and out, there was a six foot fence that cannot be looking into or see through and this was what he was afraid of, there was enough junk in the area and he would like to keep the used motorcycle out of the area. That was his personal opinion and if he ever gets his back fixed he would be back on a motorcycle.

Kathleen Schneeberger longtime resident of Warren and she totally agrees with Larry, there was enough of that kind of thing on the south end and they do not need anymore. It seems as time goes along people at the south end are letting it turn into another Detroit. She does not want that. There are plenty of areas outside of this one that this business could located and it was ridiculous that there are 18 used car lots in the Fitzgerald District alone. Most of them right in between the High School and the Junior High. She feels enough is enough and the area does not need this kind of thing anymore.

Robert Anderson grew up near the small school house on Bunert Road. He wanted to say he has known Aivan Yousif for about 12 years now and Jennifer for about a year. Aivan was a really good family guy trying to run a small business to support his wife and two kids. He just wanted to say the dealership that the gentleman was talking about was a old Harley Davidson Dealership and Aivan's place was a small complex, all the vehicles were inside and not visible on the outside. He was 50 years old and he still rides a lot and thought it was nice to have something like this to go to because there are not a lot of personable shops in the area that people can go to. It was either all Harley or just big four motorcycles. This was more of a personable place and it was very quiet, no noise.

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Gerald Ventimiglia appeared before the board and stated he met Aivan about 3 months ago. This man has a passion for motorcycles and his shop is clean. You can see it in his face when he talks about motorcycles and he would send his sons there, even his daughter when she starts riding. He believes in this man and believes in his work. This place, when people say the area doesn't need that stuff, they are talking about used car lots not motorcycles. Aivan offers a better service than other places. The other places you have to have or want a Harley, Aivan can help with many different types of motorcycles. He thinks Aivan has a good idea and he was a good man.

Jeff Fasgaga appeared before Council and stated Aivan has been buying and maintaining a number of Motorcycles for years. He has a wealth of knowledge and expertise and would run a great business that would provide a real reliable affordable transportation. There would not be any junk there and it would provide jobs to the community and he asked that Council look upon this favorably.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Stevens.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (5-2).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	No
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	No
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- c) **PUBLIC HEARING:** CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION approving proposed amendment Zoning Ordinance No. 30; Appendix A, Article IV General Provisions, A New Section; Article IV-E, Section 4E.01 to 4E.05 entitled Electric Vehicle Infrastructure.

Joseph Hunt 8306 Stanley appeared before the Council and stated he read the proposed ordinance and he has several questions on this since e had missed the Planning Commission meeting on this. Specifically, he was curious if properties in the City that already had charging ports were grandfathered in. Meijer at 13 Mound have some charging stations on the south side of the building and on George Morelli Dr., General Motors has a

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wonderful solar panel charging station and he thinks it was for 6 cars. The idea was if there was going to be a fee, the Council was going to set the fee and that there needed to be some signage there. His concern there was of course whether existing charging stations were grandfathered in or not and if they were have to comply with the new ordinance or not.

Tomas Bania appeared before the Council and said he had an opportunity to read through the ordinance and back up material for this item. One thing he would like to point out was that this was originally proposed slash reviewed on December 19, 2013. One of the points of the ordinance was that a level 3 charger could not be placed in a residential area. Since that time Diamler has partnered with ABB, which was one example to produce level three chargers for residential areas or residential properties. It seems that the way the ordinance was currently proposed would stifle innovation. He understands many times the Council and the Administration love to stifle innovation, it's unfortunate, but this was one particular thing that, given the master plan presentation given a few weeks back, this would attract the particular crowd of people they were looking for. He would have the Council take that into consideration before approving the ordinance. Thank you.

Item died due to lack of motion or support.

- d) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for the Consideration of a P.A. 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Opus Mach LLC, located at 31845 Denton Road Warren. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Joe Hunt appeared before the Council and stated that he was all for the rejuvenation of 31845 Denton in the Industrial development district. Any time a corporation comes in and asks for the actual industrial facilities exemption that was there right under MI Statute. There are a few items he noticed from the back up material, like they paid \$39,000.00 in taxes this last summer and their property happens to be in Section 4 which was between 13 Mile and 14 Mile. He thinks the investment was worth it and should receive approval. He stated that during the election coverage the Mayor was on television about giving businesses tax breaks and how the residents have to make up for it. He did not understand why the Mayor would support this item coming to Council after having talked against tax breaks for over 90 minutes on TV Warren.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Stevens.

Roll Call:

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A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- e) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for the Consideration of a P.A. 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Mitsubishi Chemical Performance Polymers, Inc., located at 24060 Hoover Road Warren, CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Joseph Hunt 8306 Stanley, appeared before the Council and said he was all for any type of entitlement that the companies have. This particular company has owned the property since 1995 and \$1.9 million dollar investment is great and adding 11 employees to the 37 existing and he thinks that is fantastic. At the same time this at the south end of the City which he thinks is even better.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilman Stevens.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- f) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for Special Assessment Roll no. 440 relating to 20829 Elroy, house and garage (nuisance abatement). CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Joseph Hunt 8306 Stanley appeared before the Council and stated this particular property was owned by Macomb County Properties LLC and in Section 33 of the city. On this one and the next three he would be asking

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the same questions over and over. Was the demolition costs taken out of the revolving 801 fund when Council approved the list of bills and expenditure report today? Basically there was no 801 account, sometimes it was there sometimes it is not even thought he has asked about it. The administrative costs, the \$1,092.50 that was supposed to go to the administration for a break down and whether or not this actually went through nuisance abatement process under state law where the nuisance abatement officer was not an employee of the city. The BS&A software lists this as an assessed value of \$9,040.00 even though it has been demolished. Which means that there was nothing there besides vacant land, which with that assessment says it should go on the open market for \$18,000.00. How does the assessing department assess the properties and when are owners notified. 18,247 houses were affected and then it was bumped up to 22,000, really magical there. This was really going on a pile of bills sent to Macomb Properties LLC and does Council even know if they have ever paid one of them.

Tomas Bania concurs with the statement made by the previous gentleman that it has been over a year on trying to get a clarification on the \$1,092.50 and how it breaks down. It does not make sense as stated before.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilman Sadowski.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- g) PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for Special Assessment Roll No. 441 relating to 13437 Georgiana, house (nuisance abatement). CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Joseph Hunt, 12 and Van Dyke political district 2, on this particular one, he goes through these all the time and this was the end result of the elaborate process. This one is owned by Robinson REO which happened to purchase

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the property of August 6, 2014. One of the buyer beware type of things and in the past they have bought a lot of properties on the south side of the city and they have let them go and of course the city has to handle the demolition and inspections. It really comes down to this and item I were owned by Robinson REO and they just recently purchased the properties. It seems to him that why purchase properties that are slated for demolition. The lis pendance should be available at the City Clerk's office and not all the way to the County Clerk to find out they owe the city money. Does fund 801 exist? Was an asbestos survey done on this? He does not expect and answer but will talk about it until the cows come home.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilman Sadowski.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- h) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for Special Assessment Roll no. 442 relating to 13821 Sidonie, house (nuisance abatement). CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Joseph Hunt from 12 and Van Dyke appeared before Council and stated this was in section 36 of the city and it was actually owned by a non LLC and he was very surprised to see that it was still assessed at 21,400.00 which basically asks the question of when does the administration update the assessing database to show that it was just land? Also the BS&A database still shows houses on some of the properties when really it is just land.

Tomas Bania appeared before the Council and said if the Council chooses not to provide an answer then just say you will not provide an answer and make everyone's life easier.

Motion:

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A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Warner.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- i) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Request for Special Assessment Roll No. 445 relating to 7051 Fisher, house and garage (nuisance abatement).
CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Joseph Hunt appeared before the Council and stated this property was in section 33 and it was in Karen Spranger's neighborhood and as you know she was running currently for Mayor and she was out on the campaign trail. This was another REO Robinson Property and it was assessed at \$22,000.00 and it was purchased just earlier this month and of course Robinson REO did a bulk bundling on August 6, 2014 they purchased a collective total of \$1.1 million dollars of property, land, and houses in the city. He was wondering if the Council or the administration would provide this council a list of any type of LLC that owns more than 20 properties so that he could get an idea whether or not the building department was making the rounds to the houses so they can be basically notified so that property owners would be notified that their house may be up for this nuisance abatement process. He does not like spending all this public money and administrative time and wants to save taxpayer money. He was still interested in fund 801.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilman Sadowski.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes

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Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

10 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR:

- a) Request of the WWTP to award bid ITB-W-9005 for the disposal of WWTP residuals for a five (5) year period with an option to renew for one (1) additional three (3) year period followed by the option to renew for an additional two (2) year period through mutual consent of both parties, be awarded to the low responsible and cost effective bidder, Waste Management of Michigan Five year amount not to exceed \$482,891.05.
CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Warner.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (6-1).

Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	No
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- b) Request of the WWTP to enter into a No Cost Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation Establishing Terms for a Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Located on WWTP Property.
CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Warner.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes

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Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- c) Request of the Water Division to award bid ITB-W-9019 for delivery of Class II sand, for a one year period be awarded to the low responsible and cost effective bidder Bedrock Express, Ltd. In the amount of \$5.47 per ton for a total amount not to exceed \$57,400.00 and to authorize payment with 10 days. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilman Warner.

Councilman Stevens withdrew his motion after discussion.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and no support was received.

This item was brought back up and discussed at the end of the meeting.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilman Stevens.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- d) Request of Community Development to approve the Sale of City Owned Property Located at 3307 Jarvis to Wendy Van Antwerp in the amount of \$70,000.00. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

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Motion:

Motion to table was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilwoman Colegio.

Voice Vote:

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (7-0).

- e) Request of Community Development to approve Change Order No. 1 and final with Blue Star, Inc for the demolition of 21824 MacArthur in the amount of \$11,363.00 which is a contract decrease of \$1,000.00. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Warner and supported by Councilman Stevens.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- f) Request of the City Attorney's Office to approve the Proposed Resolution to approve METRO Act Telecommunications Right-of-Way Permit Amendment and Extension to ExteNet Systems, Inc. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Green.

Councilman Green withdrew his support.

Item died due to lack of support.

- g) Request for an additional appropriation of funds for the Fire Department in the amount of \$406,427.00 to fund the purchase of six (6) EMS Transport squads. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

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Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Warner and supported by Councilwoman Colegio.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- h) Request of the Fire Department to purchase six (6) near identical EMS Transport Squads from Roland Specialty Vehicles Products at a unit cost of \$129,237.87 for a total cost not to exceed \$776,427.22. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilman Sadowski.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION approving the continuation of the City's health insurance coverage.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilman Sadowski.

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Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- b) CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION approving settlement with Wells Fargo as discussed in closed session.

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Green and supported by Councilwoman Colegio.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Green	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

- c) Composting discussion by Deputy Public Service Director, Gus Ghanam.

Motion:

Councilman Green suggested sending a letter to legislators to get some assistance with this matter. Councilman Stevens supported the motion.

Voice Vote:

A voice vote was taken on the motion and all "ayes" were recorded except Councilwoman Colegio voted "nay". The motion carried (6-1).

12 AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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Members of the audience who would like to address the City Council this evening may do so under the Audience portion by filling out the designated form. You will have three minutes to speak.

Preston Stevens appeared before the Council and stated that he needed help. In November 2012 he had the Police Department and the Building Department walk into his business to shut him down for a zoning issue and told him that he kept going on that he could go to jail or get some nasty fines. Through the process he was back up and operating 18 months later. The neighbor next door was horrible and are running a waste oil recycling plant next door that smells horrible and have had grease down the streets and down both storm drains. Parking large trucks in R-1-P Districts and that was exactly what had shut him down was doing car repair within 200 feet of an R-1-P district. The place smells horrible and the building is in disrepair. They do what they want and there was mud and grease all in the streets and he provided pictures were all taken from his door. The large trucks are covered in grease from the restaurants where they get the grease from. He was a small business and he should not have to put up with that. He almost went to jail for working on a car and these people keep thumbing their nose at the city. He has tried to work with the Mayor but he was not getting any help. He does not see anything happening other than him getting slapped to his knees and these people walking away free. This was not fair and he does not know how they get away with all that. Someone needs to look at this.

Kathleen Schneeberger appeared before the Council and said she would like some clarification from you people. Many of you she has known for years and yet she was finding that she needs help because once again the Planning Commission was running amuck. In the recent past, less than two years ago she went through quite an ordeal along with her neighbors and attending several planning commission meetings concerning a property in her neighborhood. Only to find that they had let the person that owned it be tabled and yet no one was notified. In the end when she investigated the planning commission had no right to ever grant this person any consideration because he was five years behind on his taxes. Recently she received another notice in the mail and now there was a new owner of the same property. She has been fighting over this strip of land for more than 40 years and now there was a new owner and once again the ordinances that were put in place are not being followed and there was no sign of his intent of re-zoning and what re-zoning he was requesting for the property. Here we go again. She would like the Council to try and help her neighborhood see that it does not end up like the times before. She cares about her neighborhood and does not want it wasted or to be harassed. When Ron Bonkowski was in office there was an ordinance put in place that was

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explained to her by Ron himself that any piece of land could not come up for rezoning with a two year period. Today Ron Wuerth said that was not true and that the new owner could bring it up once a month. She would like clarification on that. Lastly, the DPW workers do a great job and they should have been provided with Hazmat suits during this flood clean-up and she really appreciated the Fire and EMS Departments for all the hard work and good job they did.

Tomas Bania appeared before the Council and asked if the lobbyist was going after a private business owner, had he heard that correctly on the previous item. First, a councilmember made a comment that if the Council and the administration could not help the residents that were victims of the flood then taxes should be lowered immediately. Yesterday a meeting was held and no help was granted to any of the residents so are the tax cuts coming or was it just word of mouth and no action. Another item was the communications department here in Warren, has anyone watched TV Warren lately? It sounds like it people are talking through a loud speaker and many sound like they were recorded by Daffy Duck. He does not understand with the millions that have been spent on this department and that was the best quality the city could get. He noticed that in the news beat there was something about having earned three awards. Has anyone checked out the fact that those awards are not just given away but are paid for? A couple weeks back TV Warren was out did anyone do anything about it? A number of items have come to Council from communications and yet the visual quality was not worth what has been approved by the Council. It would appear someone's Christmas List exploded rather than acquiring items that may be of use to the City. Lastly, it was Council's rule that they do not respond to residents that was a self imposed rule and they choose not to respond. Also there was no sergeant at arms at this meeting.

Gloria Sankuer appeared before the Council to congratulate the Sanitation workers and great job they did on the flood pick-ups. She wanted to give credit where credit was due. She made a cardboard box that said Thank you and she held it up to the workers. She really appreciates the hard work and recommends people stop and give them a bottle of water or at least wave and smile. She does not think the men of the sanitation division get a lot of praise and would like it if everyone found some small way to thank them for doing not just a good job but a great job.

13 COUNCIL-CALENDAR OF PENDING MATTERS

14 COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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- a) Council Secretary/Mayor Pro Tem Scott C. Stevens in re: Council Rules of Procedure

Motion:

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Stevens and supported by Councilman Sadowski.

Roll Call:

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilman Stevens	Yes
Councilman Sadowski	Yes
Councilman Boccomino	Yes
Councilwoman Colegio	Yes
Councilman Green	Yes
Councilman Warner	Yes
Councilman St. Pierre	Yes

15 ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Sadowski and supported by Councilman Warner.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was taken on the motion and all "Ayes" were recorded. The motion carried (6-1), Councilman Green voted no. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**Scott C. Stevens
Secretary of the Council
Mayor Pro Tem**