

Legislative Session Minutes

June 26, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1/2 % Income Tax

Charter Government

ANC Land Exchange

EZ Abatement

Medicinal Marijuana

Accepting Grant For Fire Truck

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee	Title	Status
Sam Barone	First Ward	Present
John Francis	Second Ward	Present
Nancy Vail	Third Ward	Present
John Fair	Fourth Ward	Present
Susan Kahrl	At-Large	Present
Janis Seavolt	At Large	Present
John Booth	Councilman	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present

Others in Attendance: Mayor Mavis, Safety Service Director Joel Daniels, Auditor Terry Scott, Law Director Rob Broeren, Engineer Brian Ball, Clerk Tanya Newell, Paul Higgins, Sabrina Schirtzinger, Tami Ruhl, Stacey Robinson, Julie Miller, Adam Gilson, Jeff Harris, Jeff Gottke, Chris Menapace, Andrew Pike, Josh Morrison, Scott Miglin, Spectrum Tech Paul Glass, Knox Pages Reporter Cheryl Splain, Mount Vernon News Reporter Chuck Martin and many other citizens.

INVOCATION

Was given by Rev. John Spahr (Retired UMC Pastor from Gay St. UMC).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - May 22, 2017 7:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

- Ichiban Sushi and Hibachi Co. DBA Ichiban Hibachi and Sushi, 1558 Coshocton Avenue, Unit 4, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- Knox County Memorial Building Inc., DBA Knox County Memorial Building, 112 E. High Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS NOT COVERED BY LEGISLATION

Sabrina Schirtzinger and Paul Higgins to talk about Farmers Market and the Harvest Celebration.

Julie Miller from the Health Department to give an update.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-40

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING AN EXISTING AGREEMENT CONCERNING A PARCEL OF COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON RECEIVING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Planning and Zoning: Vail, Barone

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

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Planning and Zoning: Vail, Barone

Mr. Harris - There are 3 elements of tonight’s legislation. First is to reduce the tax abatement benefit level for the Replex Plastics Company from 100% to 80% for the balance of the term of its abatement which should be 4 years. Second, would be to make a technical correction to the contract that was executed back in 2005 to align it with State code language and the third change is a technical correction as well and that is to change the term years out one year shifting so that there is a full 15 year abatement available to Replex Plastics.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PLEASANT STREET BRICK RESTORATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Fair, Booth

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

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Streets and Public Buildings: Fair, Booth

Mr. Daniels - This has to do with the two block section of Pleasant Street on the north end of town between Gay Street and Mulberry. We have an estimated cost of \$515,715. That will come from a variety of funds.

Mr. Ball - The design is completed and with permission we would go out to bid on Thursday and then proceed to construct this year. It’s Mulberry to Gay, we’ll be installing a section of 12” waterline from Mulberry to Main Street and completing a section of 12” pipe that is currently unfinished. We would be replacing the brick

street, so we will remove the brick street, remove the sidewalk, we have about 7 or 8 trees that will be removed and the sidewalk and brick street will be completely restored. We have a secondary project of replanting the trees, that will be handled through the Shade Tree Commission because when we finish we won't be near the planting season and that wasn't part of the grant. To review this is CDBG funding, so the roadwork and sidewalk is grant and city money and the rest of the project is water and sanitary utilities.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE COSHOCTON AVENUE WATER LOOP PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Booth, Seavolt

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

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Utilities: Booth, Seavolt

Mr. Booth - About 3 months ago we dealt with the companion pieces to this legislation which was the engineering portion. The estimated cost is \$152,000 and the funds will come from the TIF money.
Mr. Ball - With the two projects together the waterline will be extended all the way to Coshocton Ave. this was part of a study that was completed the first time Mr. Daniels was here to bolster the water supply to Coshocton Avenue with the increased pressure for development this improves fire protection, improves the freshness of the water and this will be a completion of that loop.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-43

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE US 36 AND VERNDALDE DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Fair, Booth

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-43

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE US 36 AND VERNDALE DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Fair, Booth

Mr. Daniels - This project will be covered by TIF money also, has an estimated cost of \$492,572.84.

Mr. Ball - We had looked at just shifting the lanes and losing the righthand turn into Kroger in the previous year the traffic studies, public input we would just be trading delays from one direction to the other. What we have and designed would be adding two sections of culvert toward Chipotle, to the east, be widening the physical road bed slightly to the north and installing the turn lanes so you go to turn right and then shift all the lanes north creating a second through lane if you're at First Knox heading toward Gambier or east, you would have two through lanes and that will substantially improve the efficiency heading eastbound and will preserve the same efficiency heading westbound.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Scott - I think its fitting to recognize our local service organizations within the city who provide support. In this particular case it's the Mount Vernon Lodge 140. If you recall at your last meeting these folks also provide the money for the bike patrol program this time they are assisting in the probation division. In regards to number 2 and 3, we are talking about the same amount of money, but in that grant that we spoke to you about, the \$701,500 that we got from DHS for the fire truck, imbedded with that was a partial reimbursement for our

grantwriter in the amount of \$1,500. We had already fronted all of that money. This is reimbursement back to us. Items 4 through 9, these are all for internal fund transfers setting over in the wastewater improvement fund and it will provide dollars to a number of programs and projects that Mr. Orndorf is putting together in the wastewater department. Then items 10 through 13, this is a grand total of \$33,119, once again we are very appreciative on behalf of the Ariel Corporation for the summer seasonal work program this year. Items 14 through 23, this again is on behalf of the probation department, they have received their second annual grant for the probation improvement and incentive grant, it is worth approximately \$200,000, we are only appropriating \$57,000 for the duration of this calendar year. It is a grant program that goes from July 1 through June 30, 2019. Our final one, 24 through 26 because of the work that our probation department did with their first grant that they had from the probation improvement incentive program, they were rewarded with the \$17,000 incentive with that these 3 items will appropriate those monies and put them in use.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-45

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-45

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Barone - We have 5 transfers, 3 in the water department, 2 involving the probation department.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Barone - We have a then and now in the amount of \$4,080.07, to Richland Engineering.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS FROM 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS FROM 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Barone - A bill in the amount of \$587.66 from 2016 got waylaid on its way to Mr. Scott, so we are asking to pay this bill from 2016.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-48

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MODIFIED TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE AUDITOR OF KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

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Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Barone - This resolution authorizes the auditor to fulfill a requirement that he has with respect to the Knox County Budget Commission.

Mr. Scott - The tax budget is only a revenue based side of the equation, you folks will deal with the appropriation side come next January. Out of this there are only 3 funds that we are talking about because they have levies tied to them. So the general fund is one of the recipients, they have 2.6 mills, the police and fire pension funds both have .3 mills each, but with that we also have to give them all the other revenues we anticipate so having to project what the general funds revenues will look like now, not knowing what they are going to be for the last half of the year there really isn't much change and there isn't much reason to give change because we don't see anything astronomical at this particular point in time.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-49

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Fire, Police and Civil Defense: Seavolt, Fair

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-49

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Fire, Police and Civil Defense: Seavolt, Fair

Mr. Scott - On behalf of the fire department and their grant writer who really assisted heavily and I again doing the financial side of it with them were able to secure this Department of Homeland Security, FEMA grant in the amount of \$701,500. Of that we will be using to acquire a ladder truck combination, replacing our big ladder truck that will be taken out of service as soon as we get this one. It will take about a year to be designed, built and delivered.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-50

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

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Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Daniels - We appropriated \$45,000 toward this contract. This is a yearly appropriation that you make, there have been some modifications to the contract this year and Rob would like to address those.

Mr. Broeren - Originally the public defender, through the public defenders commission had wanted to change the contract so that we would pay a certain amount for the public defender and then pay another amount for what they call conflict council where the public defender cannot represent someone, but they are still qualified to get a public defender. We told the new public defender that we wished he would have come to us last year when we asked because at the beginning of the year we appropriated \$45,000 and that's all the money we have. We went back and forth several times and he realized that we were serious. We took the contract that we had and we had to modify it in several technical ways to comply with requirements by the State Public Defender, but it comes down to this, the \$45,000 that's in this contract is all the money that the city will pay for indigent representation this year. There won't be any other contracts, I'm sure this fall they will want to come talk to us and we'll have to cross that bridge when we get to it.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Barone, First Ward
SECONDER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-51

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR ONE NFPA 1901 COMPLIANT 75-FOOT AERIAL LADDER TRUCK WITH A PLATFORM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Fire, Police and Civil Defense: Seavolt, Fair

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-51

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR ONE NFPA 1901 COMPLIANT 75-FOOT AERIAL LADDER TRUCK WITH A PLATFORM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Fire, Police and Civil Defense: Seavolt, Fair

Mrs. Seavolt - We talked about the grant and now we need to give permission to go out and get bids to replace the truck.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Barone, Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME

TAX FROM A RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) TO A RATE OF TWO PERCENT (2.0%) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, TO AMEND SECTIONS 183.012 AND 183.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT: FIRST READING **Next: 7/24/2017 7:30 PM**

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-21

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT ALL MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITES, INCLUDING THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, OR RETAIL SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO

Planning and Zoning: Vail, Barone

RESULT: FIRST READING **Next: 7/24/2017 7:30 PM**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 FIXING THE NUMBER OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

RESULT: FIRST READING **Next: 7/24/2017 7:30 PM**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-23

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO THE QUESTION "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?"

Planning and Zoning: Vail, Barone

RESULT: FIRST READING **Next: 8/1/2017 10:30 AM**

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Mavis - Spoke about the CDBG program and the possibility of it being cut, spoke about the possibility of a need to go to two meetings in the summertime.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Barone - Spoke about the fireworks and entertainment at Ariel-Foundation Park, spoke about a couple of Letters to the Editor in the newspaper this past week regarding the income tax increase.

Mr. Francis - Wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

Mrs. Kahrl - Wished everyone a Happy Independence Day and spoke about the trees planted around town and the responsibility of property owners.

Mrs. Vail - Mentioned the passing of longtime council member Larry Gardner.

Mrs. Seavolt - Also spoke about the letters that Sam mentioned. Wished John Fair a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Hawkins - Agreed with Mr. Barone and thanked the media.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Fair made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Seavolt, second, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Tanya Newell, Clerk of Council

CD on file/tmn