

CITY OF MONESSEN
MONESSEN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
1 WENDELL RAMEY LANE
MONESSEN, PA 15062

JANUARY 6, 2014

OPENING:

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION AND SWEARING IN MEETING OF MONESSEN CITY COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MONESSEN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 WENDELL RAMEY LANE, MONESSEN, PA. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCILWOMAN LUCILLE D'ALFONSO.

ROLL CALL:

THE ROLL WAS CALLED BY ACTING CITY CLERK, HOLLY MINNO AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT

COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO

PRESENT: TWO

ABSENT:

COUNCILMAN MANUS
COUNCILMAN DUDAS
MAYOR MARY JO SMITH

ABSENT: THREE

OPENING PRAYER:

FATHER JOE, "LET US PRAY, HEAVENLY FATHER, WE WHO GATHER TODAY FOR THIS MEETING AND FOR THE INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW MAYOR, LOUIS MAVRAKIS, DO SO BEING MINDFUL THAT WE ARE CITIZENS OF THE CITY THAT MIRRORS THE RICH HERITAGE AND DIVERSITY OF OUR COUNTRY. WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO COME TOGETHER OUT OF MULTIPLE BACKGROUNDS, ETHNIC, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL, WITH VARYING INTERESTS ,

OCCUPATIONS AND MANNERS OF LIVING. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR COMMUNITY AS WE SEEK ALWAYS TO CARE FOR AND RESPECT ONE ANOTHER. BLESS US WITH THE FRUITS OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, WITH LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENTLENESS SO THAT WE MAY TRULY REFLECT IN OUR LIVES WHAT WE KNOW IN OUR HEARTS THAT WE ARE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ONE ANOTHER, SINCE WE ARE ALL YOUR CHILDREN.

ON OUR NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR, LOUIS MAVRAKIS, WE ASK AN OUTPOURING OF GIFTS THAT ARE YOURS ALONE TO GIVE, WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL AND FORTITUDE. MAY WE ALWAYS SEE IN HIM DEDICATION TO THE SERVICE OF THIS DIVERSE COMMUNITY, AND MAY HE ALWAYS SEE IN US A WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH HIM.

MAKE OUR CITY AN EXAMPLE OF WHO IN A COMPLEX, PLURALISTIC DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO BE THAT LIGHT THAT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS. THE CITY ON THE HILL THAT SAYS THAT WE ARE EVERYTHING THAT OUR NATION'S FOUNDING DOCUMENTS AND OUR LONG HERITAGE CALLS US TO BE. GRANT THAT MAYOR LOU'S VISION AND PLEDGE TO MAKE US A HEALTHY CITY WILL MANIFEST IT'S TRUTH IN ALL OF US SO THAT WE WILL WORK FOR THAT UNITY OF PURPOSE.

WE ASK YOU LORD ALSO TO BLESS OUR CITY COUNCIL. ENDOW THEM WITH THE GIFTS OF VISION, PATIENCE, PERSPECTIVE AND UNDERSTANDING, SO THAT IN THEIR COLLABORATION THIS CITY MIGHT EXPERIENCE A GROWTH IN HARMONY AND COOPERATION.

FINALLY, GRACIOUS LORD, WE ASK THAT YOU LET THE BRIGHTNESS, GENTLENESS AND MERCY OF YOUR COUNTENANCE SHINE UPON THIS WONDERFUL CITY AND ALL OF US WHO SEE HERE OUR HOME, DWELLING PLACE OF CHILDREN AND THEREFORE OUR FUTURE AND THE PLACE WHERE OUR ASPIRATIONS AND DREAMS CAN BE REALIZED. EACH ONE OF US, OUT OF OUR VARIOUS FAITH, TRADITIONS AND HERITAGES PRAY THIS IN YOUR MOST HOLY NAME. AMEN."

REVERED BASS, "OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE THY NAME. WE THANK YOU GOD FOR THIS ASSEMBLY, WE THANK YOU FOR EVERY FAMILY REPRESENTED. WE THANK YOU GOD FOR THIS NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR, WE THANK YOU FOR THESE OFFICERS THAT ARE

ASSUMING OFFICES. WE ASK YOU AS WE STAND HERE, GOD, NOW THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM THE WISDOM AND INSIGHT AND GIVE THEM GOOD JUDGMENT THAT THEY MIGHT CONDUCT THE CITY BUSINESS. OH GOD, AT A TIME WHEN IT SEEMS THAT THERE MORE PROBLEMS THAN THERE ARE SOLUTIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE THEM THE WISDOM THAT THEY NEED THAT THEY MIGHT PREVAIL. EVERY FORCE, GOD, THAT COMES AGAINST THEM TO TRY TO BLOCK THE EFFORTS OF MOVING FORWARD WE ASK YOU GOD THAT YOU LET THEM COME TO NOT AND THAT YOU PUT YOUR SPECIAL BLESSING ON THIS MAYOR AND THIS COUNCIL.

WE TRUST YOU, GOD, THAT YOU HAVE THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS. WE TRUST THAT THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU AND WE ASK OF YOUR BLESSINGS AND THAT YOU PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND THEM, GOD, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL. THESE BLESSINGS WE ASK IN YOUR NAME. AMEN."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ALL PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO, "I DIRECT THAT WE DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEED TO THE OATHS OF OFFICE."

OATH OF OFFICE:

MAYOR LOUIS MAVRAKIS

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO, "THIS TIME WE ARE GOING TO DO THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR ELECT LOUIS MAVRAKIS. THE OATH IS TO ADMINISTERED BY JUDGE JOSEPH DALFONSO AND THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION WILL BE READ SENATOR SOLOBAY.

JUDGE DALFONSO, "FIRST OFF, HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE. WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO START OUT THIS NEW YEAR. EVEN THOUGH IT IS A LITTLE CHILLY, I THINK THE WARMTH IN THIS ROOM IS GOING TO OVER SHINE WHAT THIS ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO BE ABLE DO IN THE YEARS

TO COME. FIRST OFF TO PAT AND JOHN, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION WINS. IT IS MY HONOR TO BE HERE TO SHARE WITH YOU AND READ THIS CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

BUT I HAVE TO SAY ONE MORE THING IF I CAN. WHEN A POLITICIAN GETS A MICROPHONE HE IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO AND SAY WHAT HE WANTS. BUT YOU KNOW, SEVERAL WEEKS AGO WE THOUGHT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A REAL CRISIS FOR A LOT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN, WHENEVER WE HAD THE SITUATION OVER AT THE SALVATION ARMY. BUT AGAIN, THIS CORE GROUP LET OUT AND SHOWED WHAT THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE WAS ALL ABOUT WHENEVER THEY STEPPED FORWARD, AND I KNOW THERE WERE A LOT OF FOLKS FROM OUTSIDE AREAS, BUT THERE IS STILL NO DOUBT THAT IT WAS YOU PEOPLE FROM MONESSEN AND THE CORE PEOPLE OF MONESSEN MADE CHRISTMAS WONDERFUL FOR A LOT OF FOLKS THAT THOUGHT THAT IT WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. SO FIRST OFF, HATS OFF TO THE CITY OF MONESSEN, AND THE PEOPLE OF MONESSEN FOR WHAT THEY DID. I KNOW CITY COUNCIL, LED BY BROTHER LOU, MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE VERY, VERY HAPPY ON CHRISTMAS THAT WERE VERY DOUBTFUL WHEN THINGS WERE IN SHAMBLES THAT SATURDAY EVENING. SO CONGRATULATIONS FOR WHAT THE CITY DID FOR THOSE PEOPLE."

JUDGE DALFONSO READ THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FROM WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOWING LOUIS MAVRAKIS BEING DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

JUDGE DALFONSO ADMISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE.

COUNCILWOMAN ELECT PATRICIA BUKOWSKI

TIM BUKOWSKI, PAT'S SON, READ THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FROM THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOWING PATRICIA FOSTER BUKOWSKI BEING DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

JUDGE DALFONSO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE.

COUNCILMAN ELECT JOHN NESTOR

SENATOR SOLOBAY READ THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FROM THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOWING JOHN NESTOR BEING DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

JUDGE DALFONSO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE.

CITY TREASURER ELECT GERALD SAKSUN

COUNCILWOMAN LUCILLE DALFONSO READ THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FROM THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOWING GERALD SAKSUN BEING DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

JUDGE DALFONSO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE.

CITY CONTROLLER ELECT WAYNE VLASIC

MRS. VLASIC, WAYNE'S MOTHER READ THE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FROM WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHOWING WAYNE VLASIC BEING DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF CITY CONTROLLER FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM IN THE CITY OF MONESSEN.

JUDGE DALFONSO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE.

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "YOU HAVE HEARD NAME TYLER COURTNEY SEVERAL TIMES DURING THIS CEREMONY, AND IT JUST HAPPENS THAT HE IS WITH US TONIGHT. TYLER IS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND TYLER AND I HAVE BEEN MEETING FOR ABOUT A YEAR NOW. ODDLY ENOUGH YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY DURING THE CAMPAIGN MANY TIMES THAT I WAS MEETING WITH THE COMMISSIONERS. A LOT OF PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS BLOWING SMOKE. BUT, TYLER IS HERE TONIGHT AND HE INSISTED ON COMING TO THIS CEREMONY. WE HAD BREAKFAST FRIDAY MORNING DURING THE SNOWSTORM OVER IN NEW STATON, AND I USUALLY DO NOT LIKE TO DRIVE IN THE SNOW, BUT FOR TYLER, YES. SO OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER WHO IS GOING TO WORK WITH US, TYLER COURTNEY."

COMMISSIONER COURTNEY, "I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE. IT IS AN HONOR, LOU HAS REALLY GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO STEP UP AND BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH US AT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER LEVEL, EVEN BEFORE HE WAS IN OFFICE.

TWO YEARS AGO I WAS IN THE SAME SHOES THAT LOU WAS IN AND IT IS KIND OF INTIMIDATING WALKING IN BUT KNOWING THAT THERE IS SO MUCH THAT YOU NEED TO DO. I VIEW WESTMORELAND COUNTY AS A FAMILY AND I VIEW MONESSEN AS PART OF THAT FAMILY. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF GOOD THINGS DOWN HERE THAT I HAVE SEEN THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF. I THINK THAT LOU AND THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE A GOOD VISION OF WHAT THEY WANT TO PUT TOGETHER HERE IN MONESSEN AND WHAT THEY ARE WORKING ON. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE MONESSEN HOUSING REVITALIZATION PROJECT FROM THE COUNTY'S PERSPECTIVE, WHICH MOST OF YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE OF, THE COUNTY'S PUT IN \$750,000 INTO A \$1.2 MILLION PROJECT. SO, WE HAVE A LOT OF COMMITMENT TO DOING THE HOUSING AND GETTING THINGS DONE DOWN HERE.

ALSO, FROM OUR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, WE HAVE PUT \$19.5 MILLION IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND WE WANT TO SEE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY THRIVE AGAIN AND THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN HERE.

YOU HAVE MY COMMITMENT. AND LOU AND I HAVE A RELATIONSHIP THAT WE PUT TOGETHER HERE AND I FEEL THAT HE WILL REACH OUT TO ME WHEN THERE IS A TIME AND NEED AND THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO. I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEARCH ON THE STATE LEVEL WITH TIM AND THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS THAT YOU HAVE FROM THIS AREA TO TRY TO HELP THINGS GROW DOWN HERE. I THINK YOU HAVE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS. I PUT TOGETHER SOME STRENGTHS WHEN I WAS LOOKING TO TALK TONIGHT I JUST WANTED TO WRITE DOWN SOME THINGS. A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I SEE THAT YOU HAVE IN MONESSEN THAT I REALLY WANT TO POINT OUT, AS I WAS PUTTING SOME THOUGHTS TOGETHER, WITH YOUR RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY, THE EXCELLENT HIGHWAY ACCESS THAT YOU HAVE TO 70, THE LARGE RAIL, FREIGHT CENTER THAT WE HAVE NEARBY AND THE EXISTING MANUFACTURING BASE I THINK ARE ALL THINGS THAT YOU CAN PUT TOGETHER DOWN HERE TO BUILD THIS AREA.

THE DOUGLAS SCHOOL THAT YOU HAVE HERE IN TOWN, JEFF AND I HAVE HAD A RELATIONSHIP SINCE I GOT IN OFFICE. HE HAS DONE A LOT FOR THIS COMMUNITY. I THINK WITH PEOPLE AND LEADERS LIKE THAT, YOU NEED TO WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND THAT AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOOD THINGS THAT YOU HERE.

A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT TO DO GOOD THINGS AND I KNOW THAT ON THE COUNTY LEVEL THAT WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF NAYSAYERS THAT SAY YOU CAN'T DO THAT OR THAT'S NOT THE WAY THAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN DONE. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO GET AWAY FROM SAYING, "I AM A REPUBLICAN AND YOU ARE A DEMOCRATIC AND WE CAN'T WORK TOGETHER". LET'S PUT THE POLITICS ASIDE AND LET'S FIGURE OUT A WAY WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR FAMILIES IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

SO, ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU AND YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE TONIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS."

MAYOR MAVRAKIS STATED, "AS I SAID FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, I HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL THREE COMMISSIONERS AND TYLER HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD WITH ME FROM THE VERY OFFSET. IT HAS BEEN OVER A YEAR. TYLER, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO COME BACK TO MONESSEN OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THERE IS A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE AND NOW WE HAVE IT. TYLER, I THANK YOU, BUDDY."

RE-ORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN RETOS TO APPOINT MAYOR MAVRAKIS TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

COUNCILMAN NESTOR, "SECOND ON THE MOTION."

MOTION PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO

COUNCILMAN NESTOR
COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
COUNCILMAN RETOS
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

MAYOR MAVRAKIS" I WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN
RETOS AS DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES."

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI, "I MAKE THE MOTION".

COUNCILMAN NESTOR, "SECOND THE MOTION."

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILMAN NESTOR
COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "I WOULD LIKE MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILMAN JOHN
NESTOR AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY."

COUNCILMAN RETOS, "SO MOVED, MAYOR."

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI, "I'LL SECOND".

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
COUNCILMAN NESTOR
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "I WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN LUCILLE D'ALFONSO DIRECTOR OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS."

COUNCILMAN NESTOR, "SECOND."

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
COUNCILMAN NESTOR
COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "I WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI AS DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES."

COUNCILMAN RETOS , "SO MOVED, MAYOR".

COUNCILMAN NESTOR MADE A SECOND TO THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
COUNCILMAN NESTOR
COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
COUNCILMAN RETOS
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

HOLLY MINNO – ACTING CITY CLERK

MAYOR MAVRAKIS MADE A MOTION, SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO TO APPOINT HOLLY MINNO AS ACTING CITY CLERK. MOTION PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILMAN NESTOR
COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

ALBERT GAUDIO – ACTING CITY SOLICITOR

MAYOR MAVRAKIS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT ALBERT GAUDIO AS ACTING CITY SOLICITOR. COUNCILMAN RETOS MADE A SECOND TO THE MOTION AND IT PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
COUNCILMAN NESTOR
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

CATHY CARROTO – PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE CLERICAL ASSISTANT

MAYOR MAVRAKIS MADE A MOTION TO REHIRE CATHY CARROTO AS A PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE CLERICAL ASSISTANT AT \$9.00 PER HOUR FOR NO MORE THAN 20 HOURS PER WEEK.

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO. "I'LL SECOND IT".

MOTION PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
COUNCILMAN NESTOR
COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

MEETING SCHEDULE:

MAYOR MAVRAKIS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED MEETING SCHEDULE AND TO AUTHORIZE ACTING CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE TO REPLACE THE MEETING SCHEDULE ADVERTISED IN THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT DECEMBER 20, 2013.

COUNCILMAN NESTOR, "I'LL SECOND THAT MOTION."

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI, "I HAVE A QUESTION ON THE MOTION, MAYOR. ARE WE GOING TO GO WITH 6:00?"

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "JOSH, WHAT DID WE AGREE ON?"

COUNCILMAN RETOS, "5:30 FOR WORK SESSION AND 6:00 FOR THE COUNCIL MEETINGS AS ON HERE".

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI, "I THINK THAT IS AWFULLY EARLY, DON'T YOU?"

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "WELL, THE REASON THAT WE DECIDED THAT WE WANTED TO CHANGE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE IS THAT THE WORK SESSION WE WERE GOING TO LEAVE THE WAY IT WAS, BUT THEN WE DECIDED ON 6:00 AND THEN WE DECIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE 7:00 FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO GIVE THE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET HOME, GET CLEANED UP AND THEN MAYBE WE CAN GET A BETTER ATTENDANCE AT OUR COUNCIL MEETINGS IF WE HAVE THEM A LITTLE LATER.

SO, REALLY AND TRULY, WHAT WE CAN DO IS WE CAN TAKE A VOTE RIGHT HERE. JOHN, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON IT? PATTY? LET US KNOW AND WE CAN GO FROM THERE. JOSH?

DOES IT POSE A PROBLEM FIRST OF ALL FOR HAVING IT AT 6:00 FOR THE WORK SESSION AND 7:00 FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING? DOES IT POSE A PROBLEM FOR ANY OF THE COUNCIL?"

COUNCILMAN RETOS, "NO".

COUNCILMAN NESTOR, "I THINK THE TIMES NEEDS TO BE MOVED AROUND A LITTLE BIT, WHERE THE WORKING CLASS AS OURSELVES HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO GET THERE."

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "I CAN SEE THIS IS GOING TO BE ONE HELL OF AN ADMINISTRATION, WE ARE ARGUING OVER TIME RIGHT NOW. YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT THE REST IS GOING TO BE LIKE. THOSE OF YOU THAT WANT TO COME TO COUNCIL MEETING, BRING YOUR LUNCH BECAUSE YOU WILL BE HERE QUITE A WHILE."

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI, "CAN WE SPLIT IT DOWN THE MIDDLE AND MAKE IT 6:30? SOME OF THESE GUYS ARE STILL WORKING AT 5:00. JUST BECAUSE WE'RE NOT, LOU, DOESN'T MEAN EVERYBODY ELSE ISN'T".

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO, "JUST REMEMBER, SOME OF THESE WORK SESSIONS RUN EXTREMELY LONG AND IF YOU START THEM LATE YOU ARE GOING TO BE HERE UNTIL MIDNIGHT".

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "WELL, THE WORK SESSION DOESN'T MAKE THAT MUCH DIFFERENCE. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THE WORK SESSION AT 5:00 THAT IS FINE, BUT LET'S GO WITH THE 7:00 FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS TO GIVE THE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AND GO HOME AND RELAX SO THEY CAN COME HERE AND GIVE US ALL KIND OF....."

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO, "I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION ON THAT MOTION. I HAVE A CONCERN BECAUSE CHANGING THE DATES FROM MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY TO TUESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL CAUSE CONFLICTS IN OTHER PEOPLES SCHEDULES. WE HAVE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WHERE THOSE PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY CHANGED THEIR SCHEDULES SO THEY WERE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY AND THAT IS GOING TO BE A CONFLICT AND THERE ARE OTHER MEETINGS ON THURSDAY."

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "WELL, WE HAVE A LOT OF MEETINGS IN THIS FACILITY OF CITY HALL AND REALLY AND TRULY I THINK THAT COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE PREFERENCE OVER THE REDEVELOPMENT, WHO IS INCIDENTALLY IS BANKRUPT. SO I THINK THAT WE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND WORRY ABOUT OUR COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT CAN MOVE THEIR MEETINGS ACCORDINGLY TO JIVE WITH US. LET'S WORRY ABOUT THIS COUNCIL AND WORRY ABOUT THE PEOPLE."

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI, "EXCUSE ME, I DIDN'T REALIZE THESE WERE NOT MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY. THESE ARE WHAT DAYS?"

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS".

COUNCILMAN NESTOR, "I CAN'T DO TUESDAYS".

COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO, "I CAN'T DO THURSDAYS".

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "I CAN'T DO MONDAYS.....LOOK, WE WILL GET TOGETHER AFTER THIS IS OVER WITH....."

COUNCILMAN RETOS, "TABLE THE MOTION".

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI, "MOTION TO TABLE THE WORK SESSION TIMES".

COUNCILMAN RETOS, "SECOND TO THE MOTION".

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "OH, WHAT A ZOO!"

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
COUNCILMAN NESTOR
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

MAYOR MAVRAKIS, "AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF FUN. AND, INCIDENTALLY, WAYNE YOU ARE ALLOWED TO SPEAK NOW. DURING THE LAST ADMINISTRATION, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU HAD A VOICE UNTIL I HEARD YOU TODAY."

ADJOURNMENT:

COUNCILMAN RETOS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

COUNCILMAN RETOS
COUNCILWOMAN D'ALFONSO
COUNCILMAN NESTOR
COUNCILWOMAN BUKOWSKI
MAYOR MAVRAKIS

YEAS: FIVE

NAYS: NONE

MAYOR MAVRAKIS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE TO JOIN IN PARTAKING OF REFRESHMENTS PREPARED FOR THIS EVENING'S CEREMONY. AGAIN, EVERYBODY, LIKE I SAID, FEEL FREE TO COME TO CITY HALL ANYTIME AND HAVE ACCESS TO ME. I KNOW I GOT SWORN IN TONIGHT AND I WILL PROBABLY GET SWORN AT FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, BUT I AM USED TO IT."

BY: Louis Mavrakis
MAYOR LOUIS MAVRAKIS

ATTEST:

Holly Minno
HOLLY MINNO, CITY CLERK