

ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, June 07, 2007 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Curtis Walden – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that all members were present: Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Asbach, Mr. Schildmeyer, Mr. Burkhardt, Mrs. Brickweg, Mr. Meier and Mr. Zix.

Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Asbach seconded the motion. Council agreed 7-0.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Estep – (read by Mr. Kempe) I would like to apologize for missing the Council meeting this evening. I have a commitment to attend commencement ceremonies for our graduating seniors. I am proud and happy for all of them.

I want to thank paramedics Butch Baur and Jay Hausfeld for the professionalism they showed me a few weeks ago when they rushed me to Christ Hospital's emergency room for a problem with my heart. I was very impressed and felt assured I was in good hands.

I also want to thank Officers Mike Simos and Shane Moore for helping my wife last Sunday.

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – The May Auditor's reports are prepared for tonight's meeting. The receipts report and the report showing year-to-date revenue and expenses by fund are derived from the Auditors report and they are given to Council and the Administration.

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| Payroll for the Month of May: | \$ 360,104.09 |
| Payroll year to Date: | 2,092,809.92 |

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| Other Expenditures for the Month of May: | \$ 601,677.37 |
| Other Expenditures as of May 31 st : | 1,803,755.04 |

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| Total Expenditures through the end of May: | \$ 3,896,564.96 |
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Before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 24, 2007. As discussed at the COW this Ordinance authorizes participation in the Ohio Capital Asset Financing Program to issue \$600,000 of the general obligation bonds for the purchase of a new fire truck. The term of the bond is 10 years and, while the tax-exempt municipal bond market at the time of issuance will dictate the actual interest rate, current estimates are about 4.3%. Estimated annual debt service payments for this bond issue should be around \$75,000. By using the proceeds of the bond issue to pay for the fire truck, the City will be able to keep \$600,000 in its reserves for other purposes as Council sees fit. In the meantime, our most recent City investments were in the 5.2% neighborhood. That gives an estimated spread of almost 1% to our advantage between the interest cost on the bond issue and the interest return on invested funds. This would be similar to a person getting a mortgage interest rate at 1% less than

what his savings account is paying in interest. Obviously this scenario is based on current market conditions which are subject to change.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Geiser – Mr. St. Clair reporting. Mr. Geiser is not here this evening but I would request that later on Council make a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

TREASURER, Mr. Kathman – I have the receipts report for May, 2007.

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| Receipts for the month of May: | \$ 1,733,252.08 |
| Receipts for the year through May 31 st : | \$ 5,079,497.34 |

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – The St. Bernard Fire Dept. monthly activity report for May 2007 included 22 fire runs, 68 emergency medical responses, and 4 inspections.

The St. Bernard and Elmwood Place police departments in partnership with the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place school district and St. Clement School hosted another “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs” outing. Funded by the Ohio Department of Wildlife, the Future Fisherman Foundation, and the police departments of both communities, students from all schools enjoyed a day of fishing, playing, and interacting with their favorite fishing partner. Parent, grandparents, and neighbors brought students to the outing located at Miami Meadows Park in Miami Township. Students got bites on the meal worms provided by Chris Durham, a local angler who has a bait shop in neighboring Indiana. Some students even caught “Big Ones”. Everyone had a great time and thanked the communities of St. Bernard and Elmwood Place and Mayor Estep and Mayor Ellison for helping out with the event. Educational material and loaner rods, as well as other material were provided by the Ohio Department of Wildlife and the Future Fisherman Foundation. Siegel Roofing, Bass World, and other businesses provided additional assistance in making the outing a success.

Also, I would like to thank the members of our two public safety departments who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Some of these police officers and firefighters came on their own time to pay tribute and show their respect to those members of our community who gave the ultimate sacrifice. From the Police Department I would like to thank Chief Steve Moeller, Lt. Bill Ungruhe, Lt. Mike Simos, Officers, Shane Moore, Keith Ingram, and Derek Setters for making a great representation and from the Fire Department Capt. Mike Haarman. I know that Chief Steve Scherpenberg would have walked if he could but he had a foot injury so he joined everyone at the closing ceremonies.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Kempe – Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District has established a free computer recycling drop-off location for all materials connected with computers. Technology Recycling Group located at 5139 Kiley Place in St. Bernard will accept these materials from May 15, 2007 through December 28, 2007. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00a.m to 5:00p.m. You must show proof of residency in Hamilton County. This program prohibits the acceptance of computers from businesses, churches, schools and non-profit organizations. Hard drives are either swiped with Department of Defense approved software or shredded. Computers are disassembled and recycled or rebuilt and donated to non-profits and/or schools. For more information call (513)

946-7766 or go to their website at www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org. This site is also linked to the City's website.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mrs. Williams – No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – The Finance Committee reviewed the 2008 proposed Hamilton County budget with Council and the Administration last week. Council approved it to go forward with its reading in July. I would like to thank Joe Kempe, Walt St. Clair and all depts. heads for their preparation of this budget.

SAFETY, Mr. Burkhardt – The Safety committee met this past Wednesday to discuss the Fire Dept.'s request to move their dispatching duties from the police station to the Hamilton County's 911 dispatching. I will put this on the agenda for the next COW meeting to discuss it further.

Also at this time I would like to make a motion that we go into Executive Session following the meeting to discuss litigation and the purchase of property.

Ms. Hausfeld – I'll second that.

Mr. Walden – We have a motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to go into Executive Session after the meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

SERVICE, Mr. Meier - The Service Dept. for May, 2007. There were 41 trucks, 14 dumpsters, 220 special pickups at residencies, 251 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. The recycling report; there were 16 tons of recycling material, 11 tons of cardboard, 520 lbs. of scrap aluminum, 60 lbs. of brass, 6,200 lbs. of scrap metal, 31 lbs. of stainless steel, 96 tires were disposed of by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

In additional the Service Dept. picked up 18 appliances and the City received \$1522.00 for recycling for April, 2007.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Asbach – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Ms. Hausfeld – My committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00p.m. downstairs in Council's meeting room to discuss the portable basketball hoops, which Chief Moeller asked my Committee to look into.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mr. Schildmeyer – State Representative, Tyrone Yates, copied me a letter that he received from Kim Fender of the Hamilton County Library and she basically updated him on the current situation. He in turn will be talking to the budget, State budget committee and also probably talking with the Governor to present our case and hopefully the funding for the Library that has been held up for so long, might have a better chance of coming into St. Bernard, so we're hoping that State Representative, Tyrone Yates, representing St. Bernard in this discussion can help us out here.

Also, I would like to thank Dr. Romanos for the meeting last week, it was very, very informative, it was a good meeting. I also wanted to state how he

recommended that this Chamber of Commerce of the City get ready to bring input into the conversations regarding the development program that he's putting together. I think it's a good time again, as we've been saying all along, for the Chamber to get growing, contact the old members, bring in the new members so some dialog can develop for the plan and they can have input into the plan. They are the nature of the business in St. Bernard so it would be good to have them ready and able to address question for the whole Dr. Romanos program that he is putting together.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Brickweg – I want to start of first by thanking Joe Kempe and the City for resurfacing the basketball courts at the Chalet and Heger Park. The courts have been filled up with people playing basketball since the work was completed on Monday. I also want to thank the Service Department for mulching the flower beds, spraying for weeds and fixing the water at the fountain at the park. Your hard work is really paying off, the park looks great!

I am continuing my study of economic developers with other municipalities and I am currently working on the Ward 2 newsletter and hope to get that out in the next few weeks. Tomorrow I will be attending the 2007 OKI Annual Meeting Luncheon. Director Rob Portman, U.S. Office of Management & Budget is the Guest Speaker.

Mr. Burkhardt – The Committee of the Whole Report has been submitted to the Clerk.

Committee of the Whole
May 31, 2007

1. Council approved the minutes of the May 17th Council Meeting, 6-0.
Mr. Burkhardt was absent.

2. Dr. Ramonos was asked some questions, from the economic developer meeting, about his schedule for the summer and when he'll be back. He also has us a name of someone to contact that might help us work on items from the final report. The final report should be here on June 5th.

3. Mayor, John Estep – Absent.

4. Auditor, Walter St. Clair

A. Told Council about the loan schedule for the purchase of the new fire equipment. After some discussion, Council voted 5-1, Mr. Zix voting no, to put the ordinance on the table.

5. Law Director, Edward Geiser – No report.

6. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell

A. Talked about the safety committee meeting next week.

B. Told Council that the police chief was looking into replacing the camera at the shopping center, as well as others, and they may be wireless.

7. Service Director, Joe Kempe

A. Told Council that it would cost about \$5,800 to repair the basketball courts at the Chalet Park. Council agreed on the repair.

B. Explained about the repair of the air compressor at the service garage.

C. Told Council that the needs analysis for the service garage came in around \$8,500 to \$11,000. After some discussion, Council voted 5-1, Mr. Meier voting no, to wait until December to see if the fire department will be affected by the highway expansion.

D. Reported that Hamilton County has contracted with TRG, located at 5139 Kiley Pl., for computer recycling for Hamilton County residents. More information will be given at the next Council meeting.

8. Tax Commissioner, Sheri Williams – No report.

9. Laws, Contracts & Claims, Patty Hausfeld

A. Said that she had some citizens ask her about the parking and speeding along Ross Ave. Safety Director Stuchell said that the police presence along with the parking changes at Ross and Greenlee, have helped the problem.

B. Asked Mr. Kempe about Mainers parking lot. Joe said that improvements should be made soon.

10. Public Improvements, Steve Asbach

A. Made a motion to go into executive session, Council voted 6-0 to do so.

11. Business & Industry, Mike Schildmeyer – No report.

12. Safety, Bill Burkhardt

A. Left me a note to say that his committee will meet on Wednesday, June 6th at 7:00p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the fire chief's request to move the department's dispatching to Hamilton County.

13. Highways & Transportation, Peggy Brickweg

A. Said that she is still working on getting a carets here in the City.

B. Said that she is getting information on economic developers.

C. Thanked the service department for taking care of the weeds in the park by her house.

14. Service, Kevin Meier

A. Said that ICRC has taped some school performances and he will get the schedule of times it will air.

B. Said that he will talk to ICRC about taping the concert at Ross Park on June 16th.

C. Asked to discuss at the next COW, how to use the money from the loan on the fire equipment.

15. Finance, Greg Zix

A. Reviewed the proposed 2008 budget. Council voted 6-0 to approve the budget. A public hearing will be held before the July 5th Council meeting.

Council met in executive session to discuss the purchase of property and then voted 6-0 to allow Mr. Wiedman to talk to the owners.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Asbach
Acting President of Council, Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS – None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Asbach to read tonight's ordinance by title only.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – I would just like to add to what Mr. St. Clair said, not only can we make interest on this money as I explained back in January, the local government had suggested to us that we go ahead and get a bond for the fire truck because you cannot get bond money to buy up property and since we're looking into fixing up Vine St. and we'll possible have to buy up property, this is a way for us to have \$600,000.00 that we can possible use for that and I would like to thank the majority of Council that agreed to do that.

Motion to read Ordinances by title only passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 2007. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO, FOR A FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO CAPITAL ASSET FINANCING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Schildmeyer to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 24, 2007.

REMARKS

Mr. Zix – I will be voting no on this Ordinance. I am not against purchase of the Quint fire truck. I am against borrowing the money for it. This is in the current budget. I feel by borrowing money, it got us in trouble a couple of years back. We have almost 7 ½ million dollars in reserves, by buying this truck, it won't deplete these reserves but lets use the money we have budgeted for this. As Walt said tonight, there is a difference in interest rate, but that does depend on current market conditions and our last time, that didn't work out. I think that by borrowing money for other things, I really think we need to spend within our means to stay on the course we're on.

Mr. St. Clair – If I could ask Mr. Zix, he said, that didn't work out once before, I'm a little fuzzy on that. How did it not work out once before?

Mr. Zix – Did the current market rates stay the same as when we borrowed them, Walt, or I mean like from I guess the Nu-Maid property or yes, we had the Nu-Maid property out there compared to the comparable that we had? The interest rate, was that on the market at the time?

Mr. St. Clair – OK, the bond on the Nu-Maid property, because that was an acquisition of property was not a tax exempt municipal bond and therefore the interest rate was much higher than what we're able to get through the Capital Asset Financing Program which is tax free municipal bonds. Like I said, because it was for acquisition of property it had to go at a market rate of interest which was not tax exempt and that was the reason that Council voted to go ahead and pay off that dept instead of financing. You are, that's correct that the interest would have been much higher but it's a different situation in this because of the difference between property acquisition and purchase of fire equipment.

Mr. Zix – Thank you for that information, Walt, but I still feel that we need to spend within our means and I'm not trying to be objective, we have the money there, I think we need to spend it there and see what we have and spend as we go.

Mr. Asbach – Just a question for Mr. St. Clair. If the rate right now is at the 4.3, how often, is that an annual figure, does that change monthly or how does that work?

Mr. St. Clair – No, that would be a fixed rate once the bonds go to market which would be sometime next month. They will go out for sale and whatever interest rate they are able to be sold at in the market, that will be the interest rate. As I mentioned in my report, it does depend upon the market at that time.

Mr. Asbach – My question is, is that for the duration of the whole 10 years?

Mr. St. Clair – Yes, it would be for the duration of the whole 10 years, I'm sorry, I understood your question, I didn't answer it completely, I'm sorry.

Mrs. Brickweg – I would like to comment, I commented on it at the COW that I was a bit upset last week at the COW because when we went over the 2008 budget back in January, it was agreed that we were going to borrow this money so we could buy property, but I was told to just trust people and bid on the budget they wanted me to vote on and they would follow through with it, which is looks like not everybody is agreeing to that and the other thing I stated is I understand we have \$7,000,000 in the bank, we have these great plans and the plans are going to take a lot of money to make these plans work. We might even have to borrow more money, who knows, if we want to save the City and make it work we need to invest in the City and right here is a prime example where we can get \$600,000, fixed rate, make money while it's in the bank and have that money to invest in our City. I'm just saying, we can sit here and say that we don't want to go into debt, we don't want to spend any money, but if our City goes down hill, and we don't have anything left and we might have money in the bank and what else? I really think we need to think about this and think about in the future what we plan on investing in our City and what we plan on investing on our redeveloping of Vine St. and the entire City.

Motion to suspend passes 6-1, Mr. Zix voting no.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to adopt Ordinance No. 24, 2007 as read. Motion passed 6-1, Mr. Zix voting no.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Hausfeld – I actually forgot to do this in my Committee, but this is a thank you from my mother to the Service Dept. they have been working extremely hard at her house removing bricks and stuff like that and she just wanted to know that it was very much appreciated to the men that did pick up all the trash that she did have.

Mr. Walden – With Council’s permission, I would like to give a few thanks myself. There was a fire down at the park at the end of Bank Ave. shortly after the last Council Meeting and I would just like to thank some citizens who were very helpful in putting out that fire. First Kaylie Brink, a young lady who lives on Bank Ave. She spotted the fire and alerted an adult. The adult was Doug Barnett who is a member of the Elmwood Place Fire Dept. Doug contacted St. Bernard and went to fight the fire and help keep it from spreading. Then the St. Bernard Fire Dept. responded and had a very difficult time reaching the fire because of the position it was in the park, but overcame those obstacle and reached the park and put out the fire. I would like to thank Ms. Brink and Mr. Barnett and the St. Bernard Fire Dept. for keeping that fire from spreading through the park and possibly to some of the homes down there.

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Norman Miller, 219 Washington Ave. – At the last COW meeting I thought we put the clock down for, now I’m not going to tell you for a 10 minute Council meeting but you put it back up anyway.

Mrs. Brickweg – Norm, we can’t hear you.

Norman Miller – Maybe its better you don’t hear me. First off, I’d like to tell the Safety Director, he came off a little while ago with all kinds of “thank you” for the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., the participation in the Memorial Day Parade. As a viewer of the parade, I think you should send the Elmwood Police and the Elmwood Fire Dept. a very good “thank you”. Had it not been for the Elmwood Police and Fire it may not have been much of a parade. Their showing was greater than our showing, I can tell you that. I think they deserve a “thank you” since you thanked the people who were there. These people are not paid either, they’re all volunteers and they came to our City, not their City. I think we need to appreciate that we got a Village that’s behind us.

Now the other thing I wanted to bring up, maybe somebody can talk to the people that’s watching this, what happened to the Bertus St. Park at the COW meeting, what’s going on, we talked a little bit about the highway being expanded, the Fire Dept. and the Service Dept. moving. Maybe the people would like to know some updates on it. The entrance to the north end of the City, we got that beautiful centerpiece that’s really going to enhance the City, there’s got to be more to this. What was the price on that that we paid for that? Somebody want to tell me how much that cost?

Mr. Meier – Mr. Miller, you're talking about the gateway over by the Post Office?

Norman Miller – Yea, that beautiful piece of masonry work.

Mr. Meier – That was a \$20,000 block grant that the City got.

Norman Miller – I understand it was a grant, but we paid \$20,000, there's got to be more to it than what we see.

Mr. Meier – There is.

Norman Miller – This is supposed to be something like a big centerpiece if we're coming in from the north end, and this is going to enhance our look. If there isn't more to it I don't know what you're going to see there. If you ever get another one of these grants and you want somebody to put something like that, call me. I'll save you a lot of money. I think for \$20,000 we got stung or somebody did.

Mr. Kempe – First of all, I'm not sure it cost \$20,000, I don't know the exact price but the wall is not finished yet, there is more to be done yet. The main stone is not put in yet, plus they have to cap off the uprights and so on so the wall is not finished yet.

Norman Miller – I look at the centerpiece you know that they did and this is probably private enterprise probably where this new Wal-mart out in Evendale. That's a centerpiece, this thing we have, a little kid can jump over the top of it. And if we paid that much money, again we got stung or the State did. There's got to be more there. Something has to rise out of there to show somebody something. So somebody want to tell the public that's watching this what went on, what's going on with the Bertus St. Park, the Nu-Maid property, the Library, tell the people something that's watching this because it all went on at COW and nobody seen any of it.

Mr. Meier – Mr. Miller, on Bertus St., we had a nice meeting down here and I'm speaking because I was opposed to the sale of that for houses from the beginning. There was a nice turn out of people and it seemed like after we had the meetings and thanks to Taylor Gruenwald and her friends and the collection of all those signatures and a number of citizens that came down to people on Council and expressed their opinions, that Mr. Estep was not going to have enough votes up here on Council to pass that to put houses there. At this time the Park will stay as a Park. In general, we're of the same mind that it needed to be improved. One of the suggestions that I made there is that, we've got that small pool there that is no longer being used, but at the same time we already have the mechanics of a water line and drain and things like that, so one of the suggestions was to possibly change that around and we might be able to put a fountain or some sprayers of something like that as kind of a center attraction to use for people since we basically have the infrastructure in place. So as of right now, its not going to be homes, it will remain a Park and I think the agreement was to improve it, make it more useful for everybody and make it nicer to look at and make it a place where people can come and sit if they needed to come and sit and a place where the kids can come and play if they wanted to come and play.

Mr. Schildmeyer – I'll be happy to address your question on the Library property. It's pretty much the same as it has been all along, Norm. They're going to make a decision around June 9th. Coming out of the Governor's Office on the budget for the Library situation and if it comes through at about, what was that Joe, over \$48,000,000 for the State budget for the libraries, if its over that there is a good chance that we'll get it.

Mr. Kempe – It's probably closer to \$55,000,000.

Mr. Schildmeyer – OK, \$55,000,000, if it's up to there or over there's a good chance that we will have the building built, if it doesn't reach that if the Governor comes up short on what he's going to give to the libraries then we'll probably go into negotiations to get the property back.

Mrs. Brickweg – Mr. Miller, maybe I can help you on a couple of these. When we were discussing the highway expansion and the Nu-Maid property, that basically was Kevin had asked that we have a usage study to see how much the Service Dept. would needed to have to build our Service Dept. on the Nu-Maid property and in order to do that study it was going to be \$8,500 to \$11,000. At this point we weren't really sure if we can get any of that money back from the Federal Government, granted they are going to have to pay relocating and building and items like that but it's kind of early in the stage for that. The final plans are not going to be out until Dec. and in Dec. there's still a possibility we could lose our Fire Dept. building so we decided to wait on this until we get the final plan and then we see if we also have to relocate the Fire Dept. and then possibly do the study then or do a double study if it includes the Fire Dept. so that's what the discussion there was on the highway.

Just to touch a little bit on Dr. Romanos' study, he came in and basically we had asked him a bunch of questions like; when is he leaving for Greece? When will he be back? What can we work on while he was gone? What he thought our priorities were that we should work on this summer and if we could have any contact with any associate? He supplied us with three names and three emails of associates that we can get in contact with this summer. He also gave us the suggestion of the City hiring a consultant part time right now because we're not actually at the stage that if we hired an economic developer that we would know what to tell the economic developer what to do or to keep this person busy full time, so he recommended a name by Mr. Canter who is working in Lincoln Heights right now as a consulting agreement. He is willing to come here and work in our City under a consulting agreement. He also stated that in the fall the City can possibly hire a grad student to work just for the City of St. Bernard for a whole year for \$7,000 this person would work 10 hours a week or for 15 hours a week for a year it would be about \$10,000 and Dr. Romanos said that he would watch over this student pro bono and this student could help us with the preliminary part of his, the study he did, like help us with maybe design or maps or things like that to get the plan to start going. He also suggested this summer that the main things we need to start working on, there were three main things, we need to start looking at our zoning codes, they are back from the 1960s and we need to revamp those and get those up to date so we can fix up Vine St. and it would go along with the right codes. He suggested that as soon as he gets a copy of his report, which he is going to give the

City in a CD form, that we make a lot of copies and distribute them to citizens and businesses so that they can see what the plan is and we can all start talking about it. He also suggested along with the business chamber trying to revamp, that the citizens get together and form a citizens advisory council. That way we would have a group of citizens, and group of businesses that could therefore come to Council and represent themselves to give them a group. He also said that he was looking for the, he wanted a copy of the bi-laws of the CIC, he wanted to look and see how that would set up to see how they can play a part in all the redeveloping.

The third thing I wanted to add, everybody I think we could probably thank our Police and Fire that were on duty that showed up for the parade, I guess we kind of forgot that they were there too so that the people at least know that they were there.

Mr. Stuchell – Also when I said that, I said that I would also like to thank the members of our two public safety departments for participating in the Memorial Day Parade. I did say some of the those officers and firefighters, I did thank them in my report, so I didn't forget them, I'm sorry if that wasn't clear.

Mr. Zix – Norm, you said last week, I think our meeting went until ten till eleven and we did also redo the budget for 2008 line by line and prepare for that and have that ready so that took some of our time too.

Norman Miller, 219 Washington Ave. – I don't want you to think that, I was at this meeting, I'm just trying to get you to talk to the people and let them know what is going on behind closed doors at these COW meetings. I was there, it didn't benefit me any, but there's a lot of people, you all made some statement, people in the St. Bernard now know a little of what's going on. So after these committee meetings, what's said in there, if you just give them a brief statement, leave some people know what's going on, they might be interested in what's in these Council meetings that is what that was about.

Mrs. Brickweg – Norm I know you don't have email but this is for anybody else that does, I do give a summary of the COW meeting to anybody on my email list. If you ever get email, I'll pass it on to you but there's probably about 140 citizens that I do give an update to. If anybody else would like to get on it you're more than welcome. It's pbrickweg@yahoo.com. And I agree with you, I think the COW meetings is where a lot of things happen and if people aren't hearing what happens there and they just see this meeting they probably don't think there's a whole lot going on. Maybe I can do a better job of maybe summarizing at the Council meetings but that's another way they can learn.

Mr. Zix – Everybody is welcome to be at these meetings, any meeting are open, everybody could be here, we here every Thursday at 7:30p.m. We'd love to have you.

Mr. Burkhardt – The next COW will be Thursday, June 14th at 7:30p.m.

Council went into Executive Session.

After reconvening:

Mr. Burkhardt – I would just like to announce that Council and the Administration will meet with the City’s attorney on the C-9 litigation at 6:30 next week in Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Zix, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.