

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2009**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, May 21, 2009 in Council Chambers.

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

Mr. Walden – Before we begin, I would like to have a moment of silence in honor of Larry Powers who passed away recently. Mr. Powers was a former Councilman in St. Bernard.

Roll call showed that six members were present: Mr. Tobergte, Mr. Peck, Mrs. Bedinghaus, Mrs. Brickweg, Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Meier. Mr. Zix was absent.

Mrs. Brickweg made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Ms. Hausfeld seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR, Mr. Burkhardt – This weekend marks the annual beginning of summer. Memorial Day weekend in St. Bernard is always busy with the pool opening and the Memorial Day Parade, Program and Reception.

The pool will open on Saturday at 12 noon. Passes will be available for purchase. Please make sure that you have registered with the City as a resident to eliminate any difficulty receiving a pass. If you are not a registered resident you must stop by City Hall with documentation identifying you as a St. Bernard resident. The pool will be open from noon to 8pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday, weather permitting.

Also, Monday is Memorial Day and City Hall will be closed. All trash collection will be pushed back one (1) day; Monday collection will be moved to Tuesday and Tuesday collection will be moved to Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will remain unchanged. If you have any questions regarding trash collection please contact City Hall or check your City of St. Bernard calendar.

The annual St. Bernard Memorial Day Parade, Program and Reception will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th. The parade will begin at Bertus Street Park at approximately 9:30 am. The route has been extended to continue on Sullivan to left on Ross, left on Vine and ending at the Veterans Memorial. We will be dedicating the newly renovated memorial with a special flag raising ceremony.

Please take some time and remember the lives that have been sacrificed for your freedom. We encourage everyone to line the parade route and enjoy the parade!

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – The reports for the City's investments have been given to Council and to the Treasurer. Before Council tonight is Resolution No. 9, 2009. This Resolution provides for the payment of two invoices and one court settlement covered by a "Then and Now" Certifications of Purchase Orders exceeding \$3,000. One of the invoices is for physical exams for our City Firefighters in the amount of \$3,485. to Public Safety Medical Services. Another invoice was Fire Dept. equipment to Grace Industries for \$3,988.49 and the settlement was for an employee law suit in the amount of \$12,000.

Also, before Council tonight is Ordinance No. 19, 2009. This Ordinance basically replaces the 2009 pay Ordinance by incorporating four annual step increases for the Service Dept. Clerk.

Also, before Council is Ordinance No. 20, 2009. This ordinance provides additional appropriations to the Workmen's Compensation Line Item in the amount of \$66,000. and an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,708.54 to the Service Dept. Clerk Line Item.

Also, an additional appropriation to the SCMR, the Street Construction Maintenance & Repair, Line Item of \$15,000.

Also, two additional appropriation adjustments taken from the regular police wage line item, \$40,000 and that was placed in the police regular comp time line item and from the uniform line item in the Recreation Dept. \$744.50 was put into the pool line item for the same amount. All these Resolutions and Ordinances were discussed at the COW.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mrs. Kate Bedinghaus – No report.

TREASURER, Mr. Sipe – No report.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Chapman – Just a few things, one, I would like to publically thank and recognize all the present, past military and armed forces personnel, all those missing in action, killed in action and prisoners of war and anyone else that I'm forgetting that sacrificed for our freedom. I just wanted to thank them as we get ready to celebrate Memorial Day.

On a similar note, last week was Police Memorial Week. I would also like to thank the men and women who served to keep us safe on our streets and in recognition of that we did have a close call that you all are familiar with. One of our officers was deploying stop sticks in a high speed police chase on I-75. The motorist did strike the police vehicle. There were no injuries to our personnel but it is just a reminder of the type of work that we do on a day to day basis and I thank them for their thankless efforts at times and I thank them for their service to our City.

The Fire Dept. will have on Tues. , June 9th a blood drive from 2:00pm until 8:00pm right outside of 120 Washington St. We're encouraging everyone to come out and donate. The Fire Dept. will be grilling some summer treats for everyone who donates blood and we're just going to make it a really happening time for everyone so please come out and have a good time with that.

Lastly, I would like to be put on the COW agenda to discuss some issues related to the trending of the Police and Fire Overtime Line Items. I want to give a report to you guys on that and then we can make an official presentation to Council the following week at Council.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Stegman – I just want to thank all the people who helped change the corner of Washington and Vine into a beautiful setting. First, the Mayor, Bill Burkhardt, who gave me the plan and idea. JMA, who drew up the plans and Council who helped put up extra money to make it even nicer. A special thanks to the Service Department who worked their butts off to get it done. It looked neat seeing the Service Department raise the poles by hand. We needed the Fire Department who helped get the 50' pole in with the ladder truck and National Flag who sent Carl to help put the flag poles in.

Thanks to the Service Department the parks are ready and the swimming pool is done for the summer. I sent Council today a draft of the energy study Ordinance to discuss at the next COW.

TAX COMMISSIONER, Mr. Geiser – Absent.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – Absent.

SAFETY, Ms. Hausfeld – I have no report but I want to take this time also to wish everybody a happy and safe Memorial Day. Just be careful out there, drivers that are driving cars and pedestrians and kids that are riding bikes. There's a lot more activity going into this summer's holiday and I just wish everybody will be safe and have a happy one.

SERVICE, Mr. Tobergte – As a reminder, Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day. This is a holiday for our Service Dept. If your regular trash day is Monday, your trash and yard waste will be picked up on Tuesday. If your regular pick up is Tuesday your trash and yard waste will be picked on Wednesday.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Meier – We did have a CIC meeting this week and just to give a quick update for you people and tell you what is going on, there is a possible buyer for a section of the Nu-Maid site. Discussions are ongoing with that. There isn't much to release to you at this point because there is no firm commitment. Al and Gerry are in negotiations with them and hopefully they'll land this business. Kind of going along with the things we discussed is we could probably do a "needs assessment" for the service garage. One of the topics we had was in the very back part, there is the least desirable part of the Nu-Maid site has been talked about as a possible location for the service garage when it gets moved due to the widening of I-75. I think it's the appropriate time now that we do a "needs assessment" so that we know how much land, what size building, what type of stationeries we would need to make sure that if we plot out that property at Nu-Maid we do it correctly.

Upcoming events, the "Cruise-In" will be on June 27th and in conjunction with that we will be having another city wide Open House. The last one we had was very successful. We had 18 to 20 realtors in on Saturday so we're going to be repeating that. The "Dog Days" will be coming up in August. Going along with those two events the CIC is going to be entering into a contract. We're going to have WGRR do some promotions for the City and the events. The idea is to keep the name of the City and the things that are going on in front of people, encourage participation and attendance at the events that we have and let people know about some of the real strong benefits that we have in this City whether its recreation, the pool, all the events that are going on, twice a week trash pickup, all the little things that people kind of take for grant it. Things that we know people in other communities don't have. We want to bring those out. We'll also have remotes from WGRR at the events. Those should be a real positive for the City, keeping the City in front of people for the summer.

There is also another report for the possible housing for the Canal Bed. Al talked to Bill Heckman who is one of the big promoters of the Gateway Quarter. The Gateway Quarter is down in Over-The-Rhine. It's that kind of seg-way between Downtown and the still to be developed part of Over-The-Rhine and the center of that is at 12th and Vine. Bill has been very instrumental in a lot of the development of the condos that are going on down there. Al brought him in to talk to him about what is going on here in St. Bernard and possibly being a marketing partner for any housing that we would do on the Canal Bed. Bill's initial assessment is that

building three story duplexes that sell for \$275,000 a piece it isn't going to warrant the demographics, you know that if you're talking about Seniors, a three story walk-up is not really the appropriate type of housing for a Senior and that price for them is too high. So, again, we will be taking another look at that to see what is feasible and marketable here in the City.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Mr. Peck – An update on the satellite Ordinance, I was made aware that recent FCC regulations are going to kind of throw a wrench into our proposal of this Ordinance. I have to tip my hat to Jerry Shiff. He emailed me those FCC regulations. At the appropriate time tonight, I'm going to move to table that Ordinance so we can take a look at it and see if there's any other avenues that we can go with that Ordinance.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, Mrs. Brickweg – Last night I attended the Vine Street Business Association meeting which was before the CIC meeting. The major focus of the meeting was going over the plans for the June 27th Cruise-In and reviewing ideas for the August Dog Days of Summer event. Since Council approved allowing local businesses in the Square to have sidewalk purchases available on the day of the festival the City's Board of Health Commissioner, Robert Evans, attended the meeting to assist the restaurants with what they will need to do for permits for that day. The committee also decided that June 28th will be the rain makeup date for the event and brainstormed about advertising ideas for the City's time slots on WGRR. A lot of hard work has been put into this day and I would like to encourage everyone to attend and there is still plenty of time to contact Al Kanters if you would like to have a car or two in the show.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Bedinghaus – For the month of April; the passenger Dial-A-Ride numbers were 2165 and the total for the year; 8,200. The number of transports for the month of April on the Medical Bus was 21, and the total for the year was 82.

Mrs. Brickweg – The COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE May 14, 2009

NEW OR REFERRED ITEMS:

1. Approved the minutes of the May 7th council meeting.
2. Jennifer Vatter from JMA presented ideas on funding for Vine St. Streetscape. She explained that in order to get a streetscape started the City may want to form a committee made up of residents, business owners, property owners, City representatives and the City Engineer. This committee would study the area, define project limits, develop a concept, create a preliminary cost estimate for the project and make their recommendations to City Council. The timeline for the project would be 4-6 months for the concept development (committee), 4-6 months for design and 6-12 months for construction. Jennifer presented funding and financing opportunities for a streetscape project such as Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), Municipal Road Funds (MRF), TEA-21 Grants (through OKI), STP Funds (through OKI), Special Improvement Districts and Bonds and Loans. Jennifer stated similar streetscape projects in Reading and Wyoming ran about 1.4 million dollars. In order to give the City a cost idea for placing the utilities underground, Jennifer will get with Duke and have them come out and look.
3. Perfection Group gave a presentation on the energy study they did for St. Bernard and explained their program and how it will save the City money. Rick Anderson (Business Development, 20 yrs with co.), David Blevins (Automation and Building Engineering, 29 yrs with co.), and John Albrecht (Dir. Green Building Solutions, 17 yrs with co.) each

4. Al Kanters, CIC Executive Director, asked Council's thoughts on permitting a "side walk sale" at the St. Bernard Square during the Vine Street Crusin event on June 27th. This would allow restaurants in the square to have outdoor seating to serve food and drinks. Council approved the idea so Al will follow-up with Bob Evans (Health Inspector) to see what needs to be done next. Al announced that on May 20th at 5:00 PM the Vine Street Improvement Committee will meet and following at 6:00 PM the CIC will meet.
5. An ordinance updating Walter Drain Codified Ordinances was discussed and council voted 7 to 0 to place the ordinance on the table for the next council meeting.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS:

Mayor, Bill Burkhardt: Bill announced that the St. Bernard Aquatic Center will open May 23rd at noon and that the Memorial Parade will be at 9:00 AM on Monday May 25th. The parade will have a longer route running from Bertus to Sullivan to Ross to Vine Street. There will be a Memorial Program after the parade out front of City Hall.

Auditor, Walt St. Clair: Walt asked for the following ordinances and resolution to be placed on the table for the next council meeting, council voted in favor 7 to 0.

1. Resolution providing payment to two invoices covered by "Then and Now" certifications. The first being for \$3,485.00 to pay for physical examinations for 11 Fire Fighters by Public Safety Medical Services. The second being for four transmitting alarms with motion and temperature sensing from Grace Industries for \$3,988.49.
2. Ordinance to amend Ord. 59, 2008 because it did not include the step pay scale for the City Hall Clerk. Council will repeal Ord. 59, 2008 and then vote on the new ordinance.
3. Ordinance for additional appropriations of \$66,000.00 to workers compensation. The City is having to pay more now because the City's claims have increased. An appropriation adjustment of \$40,000.00 from Police Regular pay to Police Comp Time and \$744.50 from Uniforms to Pool.

Law Director, Kate Bedinghaus: absent

Safety Director, Rodney Chatman: Rodney announced that the Fire Department will hold a Blood Drive June 9th from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Service Director, Phil Stegman:

1. Phil announced that one of the new Police cruisers was hit when they were assisting Springfield Township Police with a high speed chase on the highway. The driver's insurance will pay for the repairs.
2. Phil reported that he has been requested to provide information regarding sidewalks regarding a woman dying after being hit by a Metro Bus on April 8th while crossing in the sidewalk at Ross and Vine. (It has not been concluded yet that her injuries from the accident resulted in her death).

3. Phil reported that the meeting on May 12th regarding repairs to on Church St. and Rosehill was attended by a few residents. He also asked councils thoughts on using the old Slanser property on Sullivan to store the equipment and materials for the projects road repair, council was fine with this.
4. Phil reported that he mailed out letters to residents that put trash out on Good Friday. He stated that he received nearly 30 phone calls and from the letter.
5. Phil stated that the new refurbished canal bed sign should be in soon and that he hopes to have the new flag poles in by Memorial Day.
6. Phil informed council that JMA said the City needs to do the study on the Delmar wall that is in dire need of repair. Council voted 7 to 0 to add \$15,000.00 the additional appropriation ordinance for the next council meeting. Any money not needed for the study will go towards the repair of the wall.
7. Phil reported that the SCMR (Street Contract Maintenance Repair) line item was not given any appropriations for 2009 and he wondered why. This line item has always been funded in the past and is used for many of the sewer repairs. It appears it may had been an oversight in the budget and Phil will get numbers together for the line item and report back at the May 28th COW meeting.

Tax Commissioner, Ed Geiser: Ed reported that his department is very busy processing tax returns. He also reported that he attended a meeting regarding the upcoming Census and he will work with Bill on ways he learned to get an accurate count of residents. One idea suggested was mailing out post cards to residents that they can fill out regarding the number of people living in their home so the City can get start on the count. This will be looked at further.

Treasurer, Jamie Sipe: no report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Laws, Contracts and & Claims, Mike Peck: Per Peggy's request council discussed the thought of the City not charging for a permit to put in a satellite request. Walt Moeller, HIP Inspector stated that it would be hard to regulate the installation and the requirement of a building permit if the City does not charge for them. The charge will most likely be around \$15.00 and any resident wanting to install a satellite dish will be required to obtain one. Peggy is still not in favor of charging for the permits, she stated that it looks like the City is pushing for cable over satellite dishes. Walt stated that is not true since nothing needs to be installed with cable.

Public Improvements, Kevin Meier: Kevin reported that his committee met that night and review a list of all homes sold since 2008 in St. Bernard. They discussed what the City needs to do to make sure the homes are purchased and fixed up if required. They will meet again to discuss creating a CDC (Community Development Committee) to oversee residential housing for sale.

Business & Industry, Peggy Brickweg:

1. Peggy requested that the City's sign ordinance be discussed since she had received a few complaints from local business owners stating they were told to remove advertising signs. Peggy asked if these signs were illegal are not campaign signs, festival signs, sign up for sports signs, etc. all illegal. Gerry Weidmann stated they are all illegal and that it is up to council on how they would like the law enforced. Peggy stated she does not agree with picking and choosing who the City enforces laws on and that it could easily set us up for a lawsuit. No decision was made by council on the enforcement.
2. Peggy asked Phil to make sure he includes street repairs for the Heger-Chalet subdivision in his 2010 budget he submits to the Finance Committee.

Safety, Patty Hausfeld: Patty inquired about handicap accessible buildings in St. Bernard and was informed that all new and major rehab projects to a building need to be handicap accessible

and that already established buildings are encouraged to be handicap accessible. Phil stated that the Service Department purchased automatic door openers for City Hall and will most likely be installed by early this summer.

Highways & Transportation, Cindi Bedinghaus: no report

Service, Don Tobergte:

1. Don stated that it was suggested to him that the City start an “Adopt a Block – Adopt a Park” program where residents can volunteer to keep the area clean. Don has purchased trash pickup sticks for anyone interested. He suggested that if people volunteer for a year they could receive a pool pass. Phil stated this might be a conflict with the Service Department union.
2. Don asked Phil to look into the pricing for salt for next winter. Don read in the Cincinnati Enquirer that County’s and The Ohio Department of Transportation are looking into purchasing salt early this year and that the county is purchasing salt for \$60.00 a ton.

Finance, Greg Zix: Greg complimented the administration on the flowers planted in the City. He also reported that the budget process for the Hamilton County required budget is progressing. The Finance Committee has received the budgets back from the department heads and they will be meeting with them on May 26th and 27th . Greg will have proposed budget to council on June 11th for their review.

Audience Participation: none

Ordinances and Resolutions for the next council meeting:

1. Resolution for “Then and Now” spending
2. Ordinance for Walter Drain updates
3. Ordinance to amend Ord. 59, 2008 to include City Hall Clerk step pay
4. Ordinance for additional appropriations

Next Council Meeting: 7:30 P.M.

Next C.O.W. Meeting: 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Brickweg,
President of Council Pro-Tem

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to read tonight’s Resolutions and Ordinances by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Walden – I believe the first thing tonight is Resolution No. 7, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2009. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF TWO (2) INVOICES AND ONE (1) SETTLEMENT COVERED BY “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATIONS OF PURCHASE ORDERS EXCEEDING \$3,000. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 7, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Resolution No. 7, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Walden – Our first Ordinance, which is up for its second reading is Ordinance No. 17, 2009.

Mr. Peck – I would like to have this off the table, this Ordinance No. 17, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to table Ordinance No. 17, 2009. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2009. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO. REVISING THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 18, 2009.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – Just so the residents know, these Ordinances are the changes that we received to our codified ordinances. We have to vote in order to put these in the binder and I would like to thank Heidi for getting them to us ahead of time.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 18, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2009. REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 59, 2008 AND MAKING A NEW ORDINANCE FIXING THE 2009 COMPENSATION OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ST. BERNARD AND CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 19, 2009.

REMARKS

Ms. Hausfeld – Just to let the citizens know the one particular position that we overlooked when we originally passed the Ordinance was in the Service Dept., the Clerk here at City Hall. We had a salary in there for her but we did not have step pay and we just went back and we put the step pay in there. To my knowledge we did not change the amount, the total dollar amount, it was just the step pay we needed to fix. Just to let the residents know.

Mr. Tobergte – This is a question for Bill. She is listed under the Service Dept. Shouldn't that be under City Hall now? Shouldn't that be changed?

Mr. Burkhardt – She should no longer be under the Service Dept. anymore. She’s actually a City Hall employee.

Mr. Tobergte – I would like to make a motion to amend Ordinance No. 19, 2009 where it’s the Service Dept. Clerk, scratch the Service Dept. clerk and put City Hall Clerk.

Motion by Mr. Tobergte, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to amend Ordinance No. 19, 2009 to list the Clerk as the City Hall Clerk as opposed to the Service Dept. Clerk. Motion passed 6-0.

The motion to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 19, 2009 passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mrs. Bedinghaus to adopt amended Ordinance No. 19, 2009 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2009. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 20, 2009.

REMARKS

Mrs. Brickweg – Just some remarks on a couple of line items. Just so the residents know why they’re on here. On the Workmen’s Comp, we need to put additional money into that. We currently have a Police Officer that got hurt and a Firefighter that got hurt so that is two big claims that have made it go up which therefore also reflects the police overtime in that line item because they’re having to replace that person. I just wanted the citizens to know those two line items.

The motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 20, 2009 as read. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – Bill, when I was down here getting the hall for election night, a lot of people were down here complaining about Centennial Hall now being rented out. Have you made any decision on that?

Mr. Burkhardt – It will stay closed until further notice.

Mr. Tobergte – I did meet with the representative of the Service Dept. Union concerning the Adopt a Block/Street Program. They do not have a problem if we only pick up trash. They voiced their opposition to people cutting grass, planting flowers or mulching. They also did not like the idea of giving each person a reward at the end of the year but were open to the idea of putting each person’s name in a hat to pick one winner. I have purchased a dozen litter pickers that I

have already given 6 out. If anyone would like to help clean up our City they can call me at 242-9499 and I will give them a picker.

Ms. Hausfeld – Tonight before I came I received two emails and to my knowledge from what I've been told there's going to be a lot more coming. Even though I know we said two weeks ago, last week, two weeks ago, it sort of all runs together, that Sullivan and Delmar was not Council's decision. I just want the Mayor and everybody involved to know that there are citizens really upset over that. About us using the Sullivan and Delmar area for a dropping zone for equipment and dirt and stuff like that. They said they put up with it originally, and if you guys want to see these emails I'll bring them to you, but they're on a different page. I know Cindi and Mike were copied along with Don, but the other members of Council were not. That's why I brought the copies so people could read them if they wanted to but they would really like for you guys to reconsider and put that equipment somewhere else where it's not right in the residential area. One of the reasons we got rid of the Schlanser property was because of all the trash thrown around and stuff like that and now we're going to use it for a dropping zone for equipment and dirt and stuff like that for that project. I have no answers for a better place to go with it but I think everybody here should be aware that the residents in that area are upset. I know I personally talked to some residents down at Walgreens, at my job, along with Don. I know the other members of Council were not. Then we started receiving emails and sending them on so the other people could read them if they wanted to. It's my understanding that we will be receiving a lot more emails. Just to let you guys know, the Administration and anybody else that is involved that people are up in arms about that.

Mr. Stegman – Just to respond, that's why I brought it up last Thursday. We had a contractors meeting Wednesday, and I talked to Tim Adleta and he's not even sure that he's going to even use that piece of property. He said he would wait until his foreman was on site but he didn't think he would need it. I did get that concern from Lou Steiner last week. That's why I brought it up with Tim. Tim said he would do everything in his power not to use it but we have to come up with something because he needs some area but we'll work that out. Hopefully he won't have to. We'll do what we can without using it.

Mr. Tobergte – I was going to say the same thing but we're at 5-1 opposing right now and I know we used Nu-Maid once before and I know it's a little bit further to drive but that could be a possibility down there don't you think?

Mr. Stegman – It's got to be somewhat accessible and close to the job. Otherwise they can bring it from their plant but we'll have to really look into it. I'm trying to steer Tim into not using it. There may be one or two little things he may have to put on it, I might have to do that but as far as a big layout area they're not going to do that. No power equipment that would have to be started up at 7:00 am or anything like that. I've already told Tim that and it had to stay up on the project.

Mrs. Brickweg – This kind of goes along with what Don had said I know part of the little bit of the complaint I've been hearing around town is I had volunteers coming in from the University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati's Business Communication Class had contacted me that they needed service hours. They actually asked me to begin with if they could cut grass and do items like that, but since I've been taking care of the park in Alpine Hgts. since Stevie Tempel stopped doing it I thought that would be a good place that they could help me out with that

To help get the paint and things like that. They were there just a few hours, painting some benches, staining some benches, mulch, helping me transplant some perennials from my yard to the park and to plant some flowers. I hear they're upset with me but to be honest, I've been doing that for five or six years and no one has volunteered to help me do it over there and I'm going to continue to do it but I will say last year Glen helped me out a lot because I used to have to water it all by myself so he watered the plants last year and hopefully he'll continue to do that this year. It was just service hours that these guys were getting and I really appreciated their help that they gave me in order to get them.

Mr. Stegman – I can't speak for the garage but when I went down there and talked to them about the UC students they had no problem with a UC student, you know, when it comes to credits, they know people need service credits for people to come out and get service credits and "no" the garage doesn't have any problems with that. It's the week after week constantly doing their job. They know there's people out there that want to help and do that which is nice but they also have to maintain their jobs too. No Peggy, I did clear that with them and they didn't have any problem with that at all. Any projects with schools and stuff like that, they're great with kids coming in and doing that. They did do a nice job up there.

Mr. Chatman – I just wanted everyone to know I have received the complaints, the questions and concerns regarding the "skate park", the increased traffic around some of our smaller parks around and basketball hoops and things of that nature. I just wanted to let everyone know that those projects and issues and concerns are being worked on. I do want to thank Phil Stegman and the Mayor for taking time to actually go out to those properties with me, brainstorm with me and we continue to work on those things and we should see something in one of those directions. So I just wanted to thank them and let the citizens know that we are listening to them.

Mrs. Brickweg – as many of you know this is an election year for our City. Some candidates have already begun to gather their petition signatures. Currently Council and the Administration are discussing the idea of going to staggered four year terms for Council seats. Feel free to let your current representatives and candidates know your thoughts on this idea. For those gathering signatures this would be a great time to get the public's opinion on this idea. If council agrees this could be on the ballot for residents to vote on in November. The reason I'm reading that is because that is the one thing that Mr. Zix wanted to have the time to go out and talk to people so I just thought, I'm not sure who is running and who is doing what but is just a thought. What a great opportunity if people are going door to door that they could ask the question then but I'll surely tell the public to feel free to contact anyone on Council or the Administration and then let us know your thoughts on that.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tobergte – I'd like to be put on the COW agenda to discuss how people get evicted. The landlord puts everything out to the curb, if it sits there for a full day, in that case if it's legal, can a City truck be up there, have the owner load the truck so our guys don't have to. Let the truck sit there for whatever time the legal time is for the stuff to be sitting out. I'd like to talk about it at COW.

Mrs. Brickweg – I received an email from Patrick Monahan from Ross Ave. and he asked me if I would just read it. It starts out;

We had a great celebration Saturday at Ross Park (area's 3 and 4) for the memory of my brother Kevin. The Service Dept. went out of their way to have everything ready and looking great. They spent two days getting lower Ross Park clean, the bathrooms open and the electric on.

When I went to thank these men in person everyone told me it is just their job, but I know they went out of their way for this event. These men are what St. Bernard is all about; a small town where everyone cares for each other.

The Monahan Family wants to thank them for all their work not only for this event, but for all they do that goes un-noticed each and everyday. The caring and dedicated people of our Service Department make this a place I want to raise my family.

Thanks again,
Patrick Monahan

AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

Motion by Mr. Meier, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to excuse the absent member.
Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Hausfeld – I would just like to let the Administration know that, Rodney I don't know if you got my email or not, I may have gotten a couple of emails from City Hall like the one you were just talking about, the one you were talking about in your report Phil. I cannot open, for some reason my computer won't open stuff from City Hall. I can open regular emails from citizens and stuff but it won't open the other stuff and I couldn't open yours all the way the other day. I am getting them, I just can't open them. If you guys want to print a hard copy and put it in my mail box, that way I make sure I get it.

Mrs. Brickweg – The next COW meeting will be May 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr.Meier to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.