

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12650 DETROIT AVENUE
OCTOBER 15, 2012
7:30 P.M.**

Regular Meeting of the Lakewood City Council called to order at 7:37 PM by President Powers.

Present: Councilmembers David Anderson, Thomas R. Bullock III, Shawn Juris, Mary Louise Madigan, Ryan Nowlin, Brian E. Powers, Monique Smith.

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Also Present: Mayor Summers, Law Director Butler, Finance Director Pae, Public Works Director Beno, Police Chief Malley, Fire Representative, Director of Planning and Development/Assistant Director of Public Safety for Housing and Building Siley, Human Resources Director Yousefi, Members of the Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission; Rev. Paula Maeder Connor, Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan to approve the minutes of October 1, 2012.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea

Without objection from Council Item 14 was brought to the beginning of the agenda items.

******OLD BUSINESS******

1. Committee of the Whole Report regarding Ordinance 43-12, Mr. Powers; Chair.
(To Be Provided)

1) Committee of the Whole Report regarding Ordinance 43-12; Mr. Powers, Chair.

Mr. Powers submitted the following report:

The Committee of the Whole met this evening to discuss proposed Ordinance 43-12. That was the only item we got to this evening. We had a good discussion around 43-12. This is the ordinance requiring that certain steps be taken with respect to vacant lots.

Upon discussion we added to the ordinance two things. One, in section J we added the words "whether prior to or after the effective date of this section." And we added a new section 3, "this ordinance shall become effective 180 after its passage." The purpose of these two changes was to make sure that this law does apply iron clad retroactively to lots

that that may be vacant at the current time. Other than that change we voted to recommend to the full Council passage this evening on the third reading.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the oral report.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 43-12-** AN ORDINANCE amending Section 1325.08, Parking Design, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to establish regulations for the maintenance and design of vacant and unimproved properties. (PLACED ON 1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/17/12, 2ND READING 10/1/12) (Pg. 8)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to substitute Ordinance 43-12 with the wording previously stated.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Juris, Madigan, Nowlin, Powers, Smith

Nays: None

Motion adopted. Ordinance 43-12 substituted.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Ordinance 43-12 as substituted.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Juris, Madigan, Nowlin, Powers, Smith

Nays: None

Motion adopted. Ordinance 43-12 adopted as substituted.

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 45-12 -** AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing the Director of Planning and Development to enter into an agreement with a licensed real estate broker to market for sale the real property located at 1436 Grace Avenue and 1446 Mars Avenue for a period of 120 days, pursuant to Section 155.07 of the Codified Ordinances. (PLACED ON 1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE 9/17/12, REPORTED OUT, PLACED ON 2ND READING, AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AFTER RECEIVING FULL THREE READINGS 10/1/12) (Pg. 13)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Ordinance No. 45-12.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

4. Public Works Committee Report regarding Resolutions 8603-12 & 8607-12. . Mr. Juris, Chair. (To Be Provided)

Mr. Juris submitted the following report:

The Public Works Committee met this evening to discuss resolutions 8603 and 8607. Present were all members of the Committee and our Director of Public Works as well as Division Managers Corrigan and Perry

The first resolution pertains to the updated solid waste management plan from Cuyahoga County. This is the second time the Committee has met to discuss the details of this plan, any changes, and its impact on Lakewood. The Committee heard from Division Manager Chris Perry who reported out on a recent presentation that he attended. It was noted that communications will be delivered to residents about new items able to be recycled and to provide instructions about hazardous material disposal, such as fluorescent bulbs. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the plan to the full Council.

The second resolution pertains to an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for their Capitol improvement program. This is an annual grant. This year the City is submitting four applications for four separate projects. Those include a 10% loan for each one of the four items. The remainder of the balance will be in the form of a grant. The total cost of these projects and percentages requested are:

- 1) St. Charles, Mars and Summit Watermain Project
Total project expense - \$1.363 million
Grant is requesting 60% - \$818, 333; 10% loan
- 2) Edgewater Sewer Separation Project
Total project expense - \$1,843,500
Grant is requesting 50% - \$921,750; 40% via grant, 10% via loan
- 3) West End Sewer Separation Project – separating combined sewer
Total project expense - \$ 4,283,986 million
Grant is requesting 50% - \$2,141,993; 40% via grant, 10% via loan
- 4) Regulator Elimination Project
Total project expense - \$192,000
Grant is requesting 50% - \$96,000; 40% via grant, 10% via loan

Lakewood will know if funding has been granted by the end of the year. The Committee voted to recommend favorable adoption of the resolution by full Council.

Motion by Mr. Juris, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the oral report.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 8603-12** – A RESOLUTION adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District. {Complete Copy of the Solid Waste Management Plan is available online at <http://www.cuyahogaswd.org/> or can be viewed in the Clerk of Council Office during regular business hours} (REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 9/17/12, DEFERRED 10/1/12) (Pg. 15)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Resolution No. 8603-12.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 8607-12** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lakewood to submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program to obtain financial assistance for the City of Lakewood for capital improvements to public infrastructure. (REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 10/1/12) (Pg. 16)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Resolution No. 8607-12.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

7. **Rules & Ordinances Committee Report** regarding Ordinance No. 42-12, 46-12, 47-12, and 48-12 – Mr. Bullock, Chair (TO BE PROVIDED)

Mr. Bullock submitted the following report:

The Rules and Ordinances Committee met tonight and held an interesting and thoughtful discussion on all four ordinances before the Committee. We recommend for adoption all four, whether tonight or at a future meeting. Two ordinances were administrative in nature, to organize or clean up our Codified Ordinances (42-12 and 47-12). Two were proposals put forward by the Administration to anticipate changes that are advisable for their cost savings in one case (46-12), and recommended for legal compliance (48-12) in the second. I appreciate, as always, the thoughtful work of the Administration's Directors.

Discussion was had to clarify the order of readings on the legislation. It was decided that Items 8 and 9, having already been read twice would be up for adoption, items 10 & 11 having been read once would have their second reading and then recommended for adoption at the next meeting for a full three readings.

Motion by Mr. Bullock, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the oral report.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 42-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances and to provide for the publication of such new matter. (PLACED ON 1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE 9/4/12, 2nd Reading

9/17/12)(Pg. 18)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Ordinance N. 42-12.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 46-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, repealing Chapter 1502 of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances and repealing Ord. 73-91 to rescind the City's authority, delegated by the State Fire Marshal, to inspect underground storage tanks. (PLACED ON 1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE 9/17/12, 2ND READING 10/1/12) (Pg. 21)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Ordinance No. 46-12.
Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 47-12** - AN ORDINANCE repealing Chapter 157, Collective Bargaining, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood. (PLACED ON 1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE 10/1/12) (Pg. 25)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to place Ordinance No. 47-12, on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 48-12** - AN ORDINANCE amending Section 741.05, Restrictions, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of bringing the code into compliance with First Amendment case law. (PLACED ON 1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE RULES & ORDINANCES COMMITTEE 10/1/12) (Pg. 29)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to place Ordinance No. 48-12 on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

12. **Public Safety Committee Report** regarding Ordinance Nos. 38-12 regarding, eliminating annual registration/fee for dangerous animals. 44-12 regarding texting while driving, and 49-12 as follows: (Pg.31)

Motion by Mr. Nowlin, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the report.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 49-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council,

or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 513.04, Use or Possession of Paraphernalia, and enacting Section 513.045, Use or Possession of Marihuana Paraphernalia, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with changes to the State of Ohio criminal code. (PLACED ON 1ST READING & REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 10/1/12) (Pg. 33)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to place Ordinance No. 49-12 on 2nd Reading.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

14. Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission Report – Ms. Smith; Liaison (Pg.40)

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Powers, to receive and file the report.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

****NEW BUSINESS****

15. Communication from Public Works Director Beno regarding Accepting Eagle Scout Candidate Ryan Giermann dog park donation. (Pg. 45)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

16. Communication from Public Works Director Beno regarding EPA Surface Water Improvement Fund Grant. (Pg. 46)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

17. **RESOLUTION NO. 8610-12** – A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to accept a Storm Water Improvement Fund grant in the amount of \$150,000 for use in parking lot improvements within the City of Lakewood. (Pg. 47)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Resolution No. 8610-12.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

18. Communication from Police Chief Malley regarding Resolution for University Hospitals Health System OVI Prevention Task Force Grant. (Pg. 48)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

19. **RESOLUTION NO. 8611-12** - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing the Mayor, as Safety Director, to enter into agreements on behalf of the City to accept an expend grant funds, in an amount estimated at \$10,500 from University Hospitals of Cleveland for participation in the Cuyahoga County OVI Task Force by the City of Lakewood. (Pg. 49)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Resolution No. 8611-12.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

20. Communication from Human Services Director Buckon regarding Cuyahoga County Community Social Service Program 2013-2014. (Pg.50)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

21. **RESOLUTION NO. 8612-12** - A RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County to accept funds estimated to be \$74,000 for the provision of adult development services, congregate meals and transportation for seniors through the Division of Senior and Adult Services. (Pg.51)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adopt Resolution No. 8612-12.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

22. Communication from Law Director Butler regarding 2012 Traffic Code update. (Pg.52)

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to receive and file the communication.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to read items 23-36 consecutively for a blanket motion.

Yeas: Anderson, Bullock, Juris, Madigan, Nowlin, Powers, Smith

Motion adopted. Rules suspended.

Items read; motion made after item 36;

23. **ORDINANCE NO. 50-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, enacting Section 301.301, Beacon; Hybrid Beacon; enacting Section 301.161, Highway Traffic

Signal; amending Section 301.17, Intersection; enacting Section 301.181, Median; amending Section 301.26, Private road or driveway; and amending Section 301.45, Traffic; of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with newly enacted state code defining terms contained in the traffic laws of the City of Lakewood. (Pg. 55)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

24. **ORDINANCE NO. 51-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 303.041, Emergency, Public Safety and Coroner's Vehicles Exempt, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with changes to the State of Ohio traffic code. (Pg. 59)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

25. **ORDINANCE NO. 52-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 313.03, Traffic Control Signal Terms and Lights, and 313.05, Pedestrian Control Signals, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with changes to the State of Ohio traffic code. (Pg. 62)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

26. **ORDINANCE NO. 53-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 331.12, "U" Turns Restricted, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with changes to the State of Ohio traffic code. (Pg. 71)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

27. **ORDINANCE NO. 54-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, enacting 331.51, Noise Disturbance from Motor Vehicle Prohibited, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to create a new offense in the traffic code. (Pg. 74)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

28. **ORDINANCE NO. 55-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council,

or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 333.01, Driving Or Physical Control While Under the Influence, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with newly enacted state code provisions requiring an offender to provide proof of financial responsibility. (Pg.76)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

29. **ORDINANCE NO. 56-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 335.01, Driver's or Commercial Driver's License Required; Section 335.02, Permitting Operation Without a Valid License; and Section 335.05, Wrongful Entrustment of a Motor Vehicle; of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to reflect recent changes in the State traffic code. (Pg. 104)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

30. **ORDINANCE NO. 57-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 335.06, Display of License, 335.07, Driving Under Suspension or License Restriction, and Section 335.071, Driving Under OVI Restriction, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to reflect recent changes in the State traffic code. (Pg. 115)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

31. **ORDINANCE NO. 58-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 335.072, Driving Under Financial Responsibility Law Suspension or Cancellation; amending Section 335.073, Driving Without Complying with License Reinstatement Requirements; enacting Section 335.074 Driving Under License Forfeiture or Child Support Suspension; amending Section 335.12, Stopping After Accident Upon Streets; amending Section 335.13, Stopping After Accident Upon Property Other Than Streets; and amending Section 335.14, Vehicle Accident Resulting in Damage to Realty, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to reflect recent changes in the State traffic code. (Pg. 129)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

32. **ORDINANCE NO. 59-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, enacting Section 335.074, Driving Under License Forfeiture or Child Support Suspension, of the

Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood to create a new offense in the traffic code (Pg. 141)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

33. **ORDINANCE NO. 60-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 337.22, Windshield and Windshield Wipers; Sign or Poster Thereon, Section 337.225, Use of Sunscreening and Nontransparent Reflectorized Materials, and Section 337.33, Bumper Heights, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with changes to the State of Ohio traffic code. (Pg. 145)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

34. **ORDINANCE NO. 61-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 339.03, Maximum Width, Height, and Length, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with changes to the State of Ohio traffic code. (Pg. 156)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

35. **ORDINANCE NO. 62-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 341.05, Criminal Offenses, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with newly enacted State Code pertaining to the same subject. (Pg. 161)

*Blanket motion made after item 36 to place on first reading & refer to Public Safety Committee.

36. **ORDINANCE NO. 63-12** - AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, amending Section 373.02, Riding Upon Seats; Handle Bars; Helmets And Glasses, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of complying with changes to the State of Ohio traffic code. (Pg. 164)

*Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to place items 23-36 on 1st Reading and refer to the Public Safety Committee.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

37. Liquor Permit Application for D1, D2 and D3 transfers to New Tap Lakewood, 14701 Detroit Avenue from Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon of Ohio, 5640 Airport Hwy Toledo, OH 43614 (Pg.168)

Motion by Mr. Nowlin, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to file no objection to this liquor permit application.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

38. Liquor Permit Application for a New D3! Permit type to New Tap Lakewood, 14701 Detroit Avenue. (Pg. 169)

Motion by Mr. Nowlin, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to file no objection to this liquor permit application.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

39. Liquor Permit Application for a D5 transfer to 15400 Detroit Ave, from Sakura Japanese Restaurant same address (Pg.170)

Motion by Mr. Nowlin, seconded by Mr. Powers, to file no objection to this liquor permit application.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

40. Liquor Permit Application for new C1 and C2 permit types to Hanumant, d/b/a Lakewood Convenient, 1f2901 Detroit Avenue. (Pg.171)

Motion by Mr. Nowlin, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to file no objection to this liquor permit application.

Motion adopted. All members voting yea.

POST AGENDA:

Cohassett resident indicated he lives between Madison and Franklin and has called the police and Council Office about vehicle speeding on the street from teenagers and parents. He indicated this occurred on and off during the daytime, during the morning, and after school. He indicated he went to the Council Office and that the Chief of Police was called from the office and a speed monitor was placed on the street shortly after. He indicated “that’s not a cop, that’s not writing tickets”. He asked what it would take to get someone there during after school hours to sit there on the street and ticket the cars. He said he counted 15 cars that morning speeding at more than 25 MPH. He indicated that when the they stuck the sign in front of my house, the cars would approach slowly and then speed up when passing the sign. Can you please do something about that?

Chief Malley indicated a speed monitor was placed on the street at the resident’s request and that the area will be targeted for speed enforcement. He further indicated the neighborhood officer is in that area every day for school hours.

The resident indicated the officer sits down near the school but not close enough to see the cars speeding at the other end of the street.

Chief Malley reiterated that the area would be targeted for enforcement.

The resident asked about a previous administration's plans to re-model Madison Park where the bathrooms are, indicating it has never been done.

Director Beno responded that \$400,000 of CDBG funds for 2013 were aimed to the work.

The resident indicated the promise was made 2-3 years ago to do the work.

President Powers responded that the process is normally involved, first to compile the funding. He indicated that the 2013 budget included CDBG funding to do that and that it should take place this spring. He indicated he appreciated the patience of those in the neighborhood but the project had been on our radar screen and has been budgeted for some time.

Councilwoman Madigan added that work at Madison Park has been going on for quite awhile and it has had a lot of attention in the past 6-7 years. She indicated that it was not forgotten, that it does take a lot of time to get an old building restored and replaced. She invited the resident to come to The Friends of Madison Park meetings because new people are needed.

The resident indicated reading in the Sun newspaper about traffic lights being redone or removed at Madison Ave.

Mayor Summers indicated that approximately 6 years ago Lakewood embarked on a plan to replace all the traffic lights in the City. The City worked on Clifton and used some federal transportation money to fund that. He indicated the City is currently working on Detroit and that some federal transportation money was used to fund most of that. He said the City has a 20% local share, and that same program is now targeted to Madison. He said in a lot of attention has been paid to Madison. The City would be repaving that street in the next two years at a cost of about a \$2.3 million for the project. He said at the same time the City would be leveraging federal transportation money to upgrade the signalization, which is a less energy dependent approach that will allow for better synchronization, lower maintenance costs. He said the current signals are about 30-40 years old and that the City was at the study phase right now. He said No decisions have been made, the federal Department of Transportation studies traffic patterns on the street and by virtue of certain thresholds of volume they determine which intersections would warrant the federal expenditure. The mayor indicated the cost was about \$120,000 per signal. He said there are approximately 6 intersections that currently have lights on Madison Ave that don't meet that warrant and that the City is trying to decide what that means, if they could be removed. He indicated they could be funded with local money at \$120,000 each if we think that's appropriate. He said that using Detroit as an example, the City was able to do some of each; there were three intersections on Detroit where

local money was spent. He indicated that a lot of money is involved and care had to be given. He indicated that all the issues are under review, that decisions have been made and may not be addressed until first of second quarter of 2013. The project will probably be put in place in 2014.

The resident indicated the article it said the Mayor was thinking about taking out the lights at Ridgewood and Lark and voiced his objection suggesting the school right there and a senior citizen center right there; a main intersection. He added that there was talk about Clarence Ave and objected to that being taken out because of the nearness to a park.

President Powers indicated appreciate for the comments and opportunity to perhaps correct some misperceptions, if not misinformation out in the public. Mr. Powers indicated that just because the federal government said they will not pay for those signals does not mean that they will necessarily be removed. He said now a community decision will need to be made and that public input will certainly be sought. The question was whether the City will foot the bill to replace those signals or whether they will be removed. Mr. Powers said he understand the situation that no decision has been made yet with respect to which signals will be removed and which will continue and whether they will be paid for by dollars through City funds or funds outside the City. He said it would be important to spread the word that this is up for discussion and that these decisions will have to be made by the City.

The resident continued asking about vacant lots; stating the popularity of Winchester Music Hall on Madison and the Flying Root and the problem of parking. He asked if Some of these vacant lots referenced earlier can be turned into parking lots. He said nobody wants to have to park in Birdtown to go to the Winchester and come back to find their car broken into.

President Powers indicated that parking was certainly ongoing discussion in the community and didn't know of any plans for new lots.

Mayor Summers indicated that the Newman corner was an interesting one. He said the City just purchased that lot several months ago. He said parking is always a consideration along the commercial corridor and that the Administration will be spending a lot of time thinking of Madison Ave and how it can be improved. He said all of the ideas mentioned would be in play and that he appreciated the resident speaking up and reminding them of the importance.

A Cohasset Ave resident indicated she would like an exemption to ordinance 505.18 which states that swine is prohibited. She indicated she would like to own a teacup pig which is a domestic pig that is from 20-60 pounds and is a pet.

President Powers responded that he was not sure if that section of the Code would allow any exemptions or not that he didn't believe there were.

Law Director Butler indicated the Codified Ordinances would require a language change to permit the pig unless it was for some other purpose for which an exemption might apply.

Councilwoman Madigan asked if the type of swine lived indoors or outdoors and the resident indicated inside.

Councilwoman Madigan asked if it was inside only and the resident indicated they would go out for walks but stay mainly inside.

A Lincoln Ave resident indicated parking on Blossom Park was not clearly marked as resident parking.

Chief Malley indicated there was a parking appeals process outlined on the ticket.

The resident indicated the ticket was already paid.

There was discussion as to the sign that was posted there – one referencing snow which the Chief indicated was not the sign relevant.

A discussion as to whether the street was resident permit parking only was had. .

Chief Malley indicated the street was appropriately designated and indicated that permit parking only from 8-4 – had been in place for 30 years.

The resident indicated she did not see the sign.

President Powers asked for follow up to be provided by the administration after the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Madigan, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

Approved: _____

CLERK

PRESIDENT