

# Canal Winchester

*City Hall  
Council Chambers  
45 East Waterloo Street  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



## Meeting Minutes - FINAL

May 15, 2023

6:00 PM

### Council Work Session

*Bob Clark - Chair  
Laurie Amick  
Jill Amos  
Steve Buskirk  
Chuck Milliken  
Patrick Shea  
Mike Walker*

- A. **Call To Order**            *Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*
- B. **Roll Call**                *Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*
- C. **Also In Attendance**  
*Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson*

D. **Reports of City Staff**

Bill Sims

**Discussion started at 0:58 on YouTube Channel!**

*Sims – We did have our pre-construction meeting for the 2023 Street Program. Decker Construction will be starting on some asphalt pavement patches and repairs outside some of the overlay areas here in the next week or so. The sidewalk contractor will be in town right around the first of June to do the sidewalk program work and some other miscellaneous concrete items. The project will run longer this year because we're going to be doing the pavement work after the waterline work in the Dye Addition. We'll probably have that contract open until the fall of this year. The three-season shelter at McGill Park, the wood frame structure, is ordered, and we're expecting shop drawings any day now, but we're looking at roughly an 18-week lead time. We'll probably expect to see some site work occur there first and then a little downtime while we await the structure's delivery. The 2023 waterline replacement project, as you know, was awarded to Elite Excavating. We did have the pre-construction meeting scheduled for next Wednesday with that contractor. They're anticipating trying to get in pretty quickly. They have materials on order, so we'll probably see activity in the first week of June. It will start primarily in the Dye Addition and then have a short segment on Groveport Road. After our pre-con, we'll go through the schedule in detail, get the next round of informational letters out to residents, and tighten that schedule up for them. McGill Phase Two, EMH&T, has started detailed design for the pickleball court area. We're calling that 2A, and then the baseball fields will be 2B and the dog park 2C. In those two areas, we're starting on some environmental efforts we need to make. It'll basically take a phased approach to that project. On the private side, Evans Farms is continuing; they did place some curbs for Robinette Way last week. You can clearly see the road extension now. All the utility piping is in the ground with the sanitary; they still have some process piping to put in the lift station, so it'll be maybe a month or more before that stuff is done. There is a little bit of testing to do on the waterline as well, but all in all, it's moving along pretty well. I clearly see that getting completed this summer. At the Sheetz on Gender Road at Winchester Pike, they've started construction on the drop-right turn lane into the Sheetz site from Gender Road. You've probably seen some activity up that way if you've been by there. Right-of-way work: AT&T has been working on their punch list for the work they did here on Waterloo Street. They've got a couple spots to fix in the path, or they need to fix the path. Again, we have permits and documents submitted for the Ashbrook subdivision for the extension of fiber in that neighborhood. We have not issued the permit yet. We're still waiting on them to submit their bonding requirements. I expect that to happen, though, this year. Any questions?*

*Walker – How many courts are there for pickleball?*

*Sims – 5.*

*Shea – When AT&T comes back to do their punch-out list, are they going to be able to get the black stain off the pavers where they had their plates?*

*Sims – There's still some cold patch material that's on there that needs to come off. There may potentially*

*be some staining from the material that will wear off. I mean, that's basically a very thin bit of asphalt that's stuck on there, but yes, there's still some bumpy aggregate stuff that needs to be scraped off.*

*Clark – Is there a plan for AT&T to bring fiber to the entire community?*

*Sims – They haven't shown us that yet at this point. I would think so. I'm sure their logic has been that in some of the higher density type neighborhoods, as you probably know, they get a little more bang for their buck. I mean, they've done Westchester, or the bulk of Westchester. They actually did some work in Canal Cove a couple years ago, kind of prior to this push. They started feeding stuff into not just the new section but the older section.*

*Clark – Are they going to do it downtown?*

*Sims – No. I've not seen anything on that. I think it's been about two years since they were interested in trying to install some small cell antennas in town as well, and that was a priority. We got through that whole process, but the permits expired more than a year ago for that work, so I'm not sure what changed along this line. As far as their ultimate plan to build out, all I'm seeing right now is that they seem to be targeting larger subdivisions that are both in the Columbus area and also some of the Pickerington subdivisions.*

*Milliken – I had some residents approach me regarding the baseball fields and was wondering why we couldn't invest some money into the fields at Hanner's first before building new fields at McGill Park. You know, getting new fencing, getting an actual parking lot out there so people aren't parking in the mud, and things like that. If there's an answer to that question, I'd love to hear it.*

*Amos – I will say from the JRD side that there is a need for additional fields. The city does a pretty good job, I feel, of putting them together every year for us and getting them seeded. I will tell you that we have more kids who want to play baseball than we have fields available.*

*Sims – I think Matt can touch base on this, but I think with Hanner's, we've pretty much been on a pretty consistent track of making improvements at the park. It's always been kind of incremental over a long period of time. I know initially there's some sticker shock with Phase 2 at McGill, but I also want to keep in mind that we enter into this process kind of conservatively, and as we refine things, we can start to narrow it down. As we refine, we typically expect to kind of go down rather than go up after we start thinking about what a budget will be and so forth. Usually the goal is to start out very conservative and then start doing things to bring the price down.*

*Peoples – Some of the things you mentioned are kind of maintenance items. I'm not familiar with where any damaged fence is. I know it's the original from 1996. I know there's not very good drainage in the parking lot, so you know, putting in an impervious area is going to cause a little bit more problems with that, or at least it could. It's something that we would look at; we just haven't really programmed anything else in there after we did the large project where we added drainage around the fields to make them a little bit more playable.*

*Amos – Mr. Sims, can pickleball double as a tennis court? Are they going to be lined both ways, or will they just be lined as pickleball primarily?*

*Sims – They will just be lined up for pickleball, primarily. We did have some discussion about whether we could ultimately have the asphalt footprint be large enough that they could be converted to tennis courts, you know, 20 years from now or something, if somebody was interested in that, but they'll be set up just as pickleball courts.*

#### E. Request for Council Action

##### RES-23-015

Council

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

- Tabled

**No discussion or vote occurred during this meeting.**

##### RES-23-016

Council

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

- Tabled

**A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to untable RES-23-016. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Yes 7 – Shea, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick**

**A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to move RES-23-016 (\$50,000 and \$40,000) to full Council. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Yes 5 – Shea, Amos, Clark, Walker, Amick**

**No 2 – Buskirk, Milliken**

- A. Amend Mayor's Salary with City Administrator to \$40,000 per year
- B. Amend Mayor's Salary with City Administrator to \$30,000 per year
- C. Amend Mayor's Salary with City Administrator to \$20,000 per year

#### Discussion started at 14:51 on YouTube Channel

*Shea – I was in Louisiana last week driving around. I called Mr. Boggs and asked him to go ahead and write up some amended ordinances for the mayor's salary after hearing some very enthusiastic long-term citizens of Canal Winchester and their opinions regarding the mayoral salary coupled with the city administrator's position. After hearing those comments from several people, I decided to put on the agenda salaries of \$20,000, \$30,000, and \$40,000, so we have four salaries out here right now. I would hope to have the body just start taking up or down votes. We'll either get somewhere or we won't. At least we're trying. That's my intent in having these numbers here.*

*Amos – I want to go over a couple things. I was thrilled to see Patrick's resolutions on the agenda. I just wanted to touch on a couple things. Last week I made a comment about how I felt like a lot of people had changed their opinions since the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The other thing that I hope everybody's had a moment to look over is the packet they presented to us with the mayor's job description and the city administrator position. When you look through those and really dive into them, there are a lot of similarities. It's a lot of the same position except the mayor holds veto power, everything else can be delegated, and everything else*

*is written in different ways. The comment about reducing the salary for me was that the money could be used elsewhere. I printed out the CIP, and I just took a look and highlighted for you in yellow some of the things that, for \$100,000 over the next two years, could be done that are way more beneficial to our residents and more equitable to our residents. The McGill house renovations are on here, as are the Washington Street paths; these are all things that are very equitable to our residents. \$100,000 could be moved up in the plan if we were to save some money on the mayor's salary. Again, if you really go through that PowerPoint that was presented to us and start matching these up, you will find they are almost identical to the one on this page. That's why I'm asking you to please consider a reduction in the salary. The veto power is the difference. The city administrator, by job description, can handle a lot of what the mayor can.*

*Boggs – The \$50,000 is the same number that you've been looking at but reflecting that the city administrator position has been approved. It doesn't have that contingency language that was in there before. There should be \$40,000, \$30,000, and \$20,000 in your packet. If there aren't, then that's on me, but we do have those prepared, and I believe Miss. Pearce has them.*

*Clark – Do all these come with a PERS pickup and the car allowance?*

*Boggs – The only thing that I revised in any of them was to reflect that the city administrator has been adopted and the dollar amount of the salaries. It starts at \$50,000 for 2024, goes up 3% for 2025, and keeps all of those benefits that have been previously discussed.*

*Amos – Mr. Clark, in the last meeting, what you missed was that Laurie did ask for a reduction or the potential for us to consider a reduction in the car from \$6,000 to \$3,000. We discussed, instead of doing family coverage insurance, taking it to what we get, which would be single coverage only, which also reduces the package. Those were two things that we had to consider.*

*Buskirk – Mrs. Jackson, are we able to use the payroll funds for other projects?*

*Jackson – I guess that would depend on whether they had been budgeted as payroll expenditures or not. If I'm starting a budget and I know what that payroll number is going to be, then I'm not going to put extra money in the payroll because it can only be spent on that. If the budget has already been passed and we choose not to spend that payroll money, council would need to authorize us to move that money out of payroll to spend it on something else.*

*Amos – As of right now, we haven't budgeted for next year.*

*Jackson – Correct.*

*Amos – If we did the \$3,000 car allowance, the single coverage insurance for \$13,500, plus the 10% pick-up, that's \$20,500 in additional benefits if we went with a \$40,000 salary. It would be a total of \$60,500 in salary.*

*Amick – Mr. Boggs, could you weigh in just a little bit? Mrs. Amos talks about the difference in responsibility between the city administrator role and the executive mayor position, which has veto power. In my mind, the executive power of a mayor goes even beyond that. Is that true or false? The ultimate responsibility for the goings-on in the city of Canal Winchester rests on the mayor's shoulders, correct?*

*Boggs – Correct.*

*Amick – So, there’s more than just the tasks on a piece of paper. There is a level of responsibility that goes along with the title.*

*Amos – I mean, the executive power ultimately does fall to the mayor in the final decision, and a veto would go to him. All things can be delegated in all parts of the job description. I understand what you’re saying. He does ultimately have executive power. Correct.*

*Amick – It’s kind of like the CEO of a corporation. The CEO of the corporation likely delegated everything in most large companies anyway. At the end of the day, if Wall Street has an issue with that company, it’s the CEO who’s going to be asked to come speak before the Senate. I would kind of ask the council to weigh that in as well when you make your decision.*

*Amos – I think one of the things that’s been weighing heavy on my mind as we consider this is the fact that our current charter has no hours. We’ve been fortunate that our mayor shows up every day, probably 50 to 60 hours a week. We may not get that next time. We also have to factor in that our charter doesn’t protect us against any hours. I would just want to make sure we’re also playing this into our minds. We’ve been fortunate.*

*Amick – This is not an hourly job though. This is a responsibility position.*

*Buskirk – Mr. Boggs, if we did have someone elected as mayor and we felt that they did not fulfill their duties, what actions would we take other than waiting until the next election?*

*Boggs – One option that wouldn’t necessarily be an option of the council per se but of the electorate would be to petition for the recall of that person, which can be done for any reason after six months have expired on a person’s term. In terms of council action to remove an official, that is governed by Section 11.01 of the charter, which says that where a person sought to be removed for cause from office is the mayor, then the president of council acts as a charging official alleging that person has committed malfeasance in office, and then that is essentially prosecuted before the council.*

*Amick – Does the mayoral position have any personal liability? Let me clarify a little bit: is there any personal liability while performing the role of mayor?*

*Boggs – I believe the charter has a provision where all elected officials are bonded and subject to the city’s insurance coverage. If the mayor or any elected official were to perform something outside the scope and incur liability for that, then that could be personally applied to them if it’s outside the scope of their official position. If the question is sort of getting down the road to whether a person elected mayor would essentially commit theft in office by just not showing up, my initial reaction is that the answer would be no. The accountability would be either at the next election or through recall or the charter renewal process.*

*Shea – I just had some numbers thrown up there because I like numbers. I don’t know if you guys can read that, but it is the 2022 MORPC survey. It lists the cities with no city manager or city administrator where there’s a mayor who’s totally responsible. Their ranges are there, and they range from \$12,000 to \$204,000. When we get down to the city administrator or city manager level, the salaries come down substantially, especially when you take out one of them, which is a township administrator, which is a totally different role. It’s a similar role but a different form of government, but that would argue that a township administrator belongs down on the next slide, which is where the city administrator’s salaries are. After hearing it from our enthusiastic and engaged citizenry on the mayor’s salary, I would like to go ahead and*

*move resolution...*

*Buskirk – Mr. Shea, before you do that, I'd like to just make a comment. Where I stand on this is that I still feel like we're trying to make a charter change by making these changes.*

*Shea – We already did.*

*Buskirk – Well, I know. It was brought up about fiscal responsibility, and maybe that conversation should have been had before we moved forward with approving that position. My concern is that we're making a charter change without setting up a commission to review the charter. I'm all on board for reducing the salary as part of the charter change, but I don't feel it's appropriate for us to move forward trying to make those decisions prior to having the charter review board in place.*

*Amos – I guess I'm not seeing where you think it's a charter change because we're not changing the mayor's position or obligations, and we're not changing anything with the city administrator.*

*Buskirk – I feel like we're reducing the salary to such a level that I don't think we're going to get qualified candidates interested in a position like this. For me, I'd rather pay a little bit more and get a qualified candidate. I know that money is always an issue, but in this situation, I feel like we need to do right by our residents and put a position out there that we're going to get qualified candidates. If I look at how many people are going to jump at a chance to make \$30,000, I'm not seeing the candidates that are qualified to be the mayor of my city.*

*Amos – I see that, but I also see, you know, looking at all these cities that do have their city administrators who have reduced theirs based on the way their structures are. This makes sense to me because they're following the hierarchy of it, but I also think that as the mayor, you do it because it's something that you love.*

*Buskirk – Like you said, we are very lucky to have the mayor that we have, but there's not always going to be that person in that position. I'm also trying to make sure we're protecting our residents in that aspect.*

*Amos – Even at \$110,000, you may not get the person who's doing the job right.*

*Buskirk – Absolutely.*

*Amick – I would fully anticipate that at any one of these salaries being proposed, any candidate is still likely to have a full-time job.*

*Amos – Potentially, yes. I think I have mentioned it before: I have a decent job, I love my job, and most of us have jobs that we enjoy. If you were to decide to do something and take a position because you felt your heart took you to that position, for most of us, it's not something you just walk away from your job on. In four years, you could be back in the unemployment line.*

*Shea – Six months they can recall you. You might not make it to month seven.*

*Amos – I mean, it's a gamble.*

*Amick – Are we still looking at \$40,000, \$30,000, or \$20,000, or did we say we were looking at \$30,000, \$40,000, or \$50,000?*

Shea – We’re looking at all four. \$50,000, \$40,000, \$30,000, and \$20,000. All I’m asking for is an up-or-down vote. We’ve got a wide-ranging view of opinions here, which is good because that’s one of the awesome things about being part of seven: you get different opinions. Mr. Buskirk, I disagree with you, but I do understand where you’re coming from.

Buskirk – I’m only one of seven. I don’t necessarily think that we have to keep it at its current salary, but I’m also definitely not in the \$20,000 or \$30,000 range.

Milliken – I wanted to zero in on where you’re coming from on this because I recall previously, and maybe I took it out of context, but I recall you agreeing with Mr. Buskirk to some degree that you wanted a higher salary. I think the \$80,000 was out there, and you wanted a high-quality candidate. If that’s the case and you’ve had a change of heart, that’s great. Can you maybe explain that?

Shea – It’s our residents and what they’re telling me they want to see. That’s who I work for. For me, it’s that simple.

Buskirk – That’s where I’m at, and several people I’ve talked to said it should come to us as a vote. That’s where I’m holding.

Shea – I had a resolution to do a charter amendment that I withdrew, and one of the reasons that was given was that this body seemed to feel that it wasn’t their place to put a charter initiative before the voters; that was the responsibility of the charter commission. After speaking to people who were at the creation of that original charter and speaking with Mr. Boggs, as the elected representatives of the citizens of Canal Winchester, we absolutely can decide to put a charter amendment on and give them the option to say yes or no. That’s really all I wanted to do when we were talking about that. I’ll probably bring it back again because Mr. Boggs has already got it drafted up; it’s just a matter of hitting insert. Right?

Boggs – Yes, I think my work would be done; it’s just a matter of renumbering it.

Walker – I believe it was in 2010 that the charter did make a decision and brought it to council, and it went to the people to vote. That was all done by the people, all done by the charter, all done by vote. That’s where our charter changed. This was all done by charter change.

Amos – We do have to remember that there were 15 people in the charter change. That never made it to the ballot for our residents to choose. It was brought up. The council at the time did not move on it, so it never went to vote.

Milliken – I want to clarify, and Mr. Buskirk, forgive me if I’m speaking on your behalf, but I agree with you. I understand, and I think Mr. Buskirk understands, that the administrator position is in the charter; there’s no refuting that. It’s the reduction of the salary to this degree that is the issue. It’s not necessarily an issue with lowering the mayor’s salary; it’s just in conjunction with putting on the administrator position. I would feel more comfortable about doing this after we’ve gone through another charter review.

Amos – That’s good. I think we can all appreciate each other’s opinions. I would just rather spend \$100,000 on something in yellow.

Shea – Am I allowed to move these forward?



*Boggs – I was just going to make a suggestion perhaps of how you can, at least, break the impasse and kind of get an idea of where everybody is.*

*Shea – I was just going to move to vote them up or down.*

*Boggs – I was going to suggest a show of hands kind of a straw poll, which you can do in an open session and just say who's in favor of \$20,000 and who's in favor of \$30,000. I mean, I'm not the chair, so it's up to you, Mr. Clark, if you think that's helpful.*

*Clark – That's very helpful, I think, to conclude this. I'll just start at the low end, \$20,000. Anybody? \$30,000? \$40,000? \$50,000? That's kind of where I am.*

**\$20,000 – Amos, Shea**

**\$30,000 – Amos, Shea**

**\$40,000 – Amos, Amick, Shea, Walker**

**\$50,000 – Amick, Clark, Shea, Walker**

*Shea – I'll move the \$40,000 and \$50,000 to full council.*

*Clark – What if both passed by 4 votes?*

*Boggs – They would both then go to full council, and you'd discuss those at full council.*

*Amick – So, we're only moving forward with \$40,000 and \$50,000?*

*Amos – Correct.*

## **F. Old/New Business**

### **Discussion started at 42:36 on YouTube Channel**

*Haire – I have one item I'd like to discuss since we have a few moments here. We're continuing to work on building out the space here in the building and working with Kent Power. They have decided they are no longer going to move forward with the lease on that space. The costs have become too much for them to bear in renovating the space. They've looked at value engineering in that, and they still feel that the costs don't justify a five-year lease term in the space. We talked to them about potentially extending that term, but their growth trajectories were too uncertain to want to do that for a longer period of time. That's the environment we're in currently. Everything costs more than you think it should, and when you try to value engineer things and change them and you think you're going to achieve significant cost savings, you come back and you don't necessarily achieve everything you thought you were going to get. We decided to go ahead and move forward with finishing out the space because we had the contract open. It still makes it more usable for our use and potentially for others' use. That work should be wrapped up here in the next week and a half or so.*

*Shea – That money was allocated a couple years ago, correct?*

*Haire – It was from the original contract. We had about \$150,000 left over from the original contract, so we just allocated that. We were still within the one-year period, and we hadn't closed anything out on it yet.*

*Shea – Perfect.*

*Haire – We had already purchased all the materials, so we had essentially the drywall, sheathing, and all that laying over there, so it was just to go ahead and have them put it up. We proceeded with doing that. The space is nearly finished, so I just wanted to have a discussion on how you all would like to proceed with seeking potential tenants for the space or if you want to look at using it for our own internal purposes. I just wanted to have a discussion around that. Where they were, it cost approximately \$400,000 to finish out the space. They started looking at changing their plans and trying to minimize them, but they were still in excess of \$250,000 to finish out the space. That was putting in a conference room, three hard-walled offices, a minor restroom expansion, and a little kitchenette.*

*Amos – At this time, does the city have any need for that area?*

*Haire – We haven't discussed it internally. We don't necessarily have a need to expand office space or anything into there, but we haven't really discussed internally how we might use the other space.*

*Amos – I know that when we originally took over, the thought was that we would be able to expand into that at some point in time, so I don't want us to get locked into an agreement and then run out of space. I don't think it's going to happen by tomorrow by any stretch, but I guess I would like to know your time frames as far as what you are comfortable with on the lease. Five years? I think we were all comfortable with that because we knew if the city needed it in five years, the option was there. I guess I'd like to know what long-term plans the city feels are going to be most beneficial.*

*Haire – We can have those discussions.*

*Amos – I appreciate that.*

*Clark – What do you think the potential is of being able to attract somebody if we went ahead and did the renovation and finished it out so it's ready to go?*

*Shea – I want us to be careful because we are a government body, and I don't want us competing with private investors or private industries because I've seen that happen. It can get a little dicey sometimes.*

*Clark – I think if you rent it out at a fair price, I'm just saying to attract it. I'm not saying to give them a deal; when they come in, they will rent at fair market value. It would generate revenue and bring workers down to our restaurants for lunch and things like that. If we could get 15 or 20 people in here for five years, it's better than sitting empty for five years.*

*Haire – I mean, in the state that it's finished in currently, someone could come in and operate in that space fairly easily. You could divide the area with cubicles, partition walls, and things like that. It wouldn't be that difficult. I would be afraid of finishing out the space that would then be torn out in the future because it didn't meet the needs. Right now, it's a shell, and it's a flexible shell. It has restrooms. It has a minimum amount of overhead lighting. It has electricity in the walls. There are outlets all the way around all four walls. There's an opportunity to use the space. I wouldn't necessarily want to speculatively build out office space there. I see a lot of the industrial projects we have right now; they're building out 2,500 square feet of office, and they're spending between \$400,000 and \$600,000 to do that. I've seen that frequently over the last year or so. It can get expensive quickly. We have the advantage that we already have the HVAC*

*that runs that space, so that cost comes down a little bit, but still, there are significant costs associated with finishing out anything currently.*

*Amick – Do you know roughly what it would cost to finish out the restrooms and finish a small kitchenette-type area? Are we talking \$100,000?*

*Haire – No. The restrooms are functioning. There are two restrooms in the space, and those are functioning currently.*

*Amick – So, it really is cosmetic in nature to finish the restrooms?*

*Haire – Correct. It would just be adding a small kitchenette. There wouldn't be much cost involved in doing that.*

*Amick – In the case of Kent Power as an example, where does the cost come in for the tenant's finishing, which comes in at \$400,000?*

*Haire – It's the hard-walled offices, conference rooms, and drop ceilings associated with that, completing the HVAC to run into all those, the duct work that you would need, and the electric that you would need to put in those hard-walled offices. The mechanicals are really where a lot of that cost is. Then the finishing, so the flooring—right now it is unfinished concrete floors. If anyone has any ideas, feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email. I'd be happy to pursue any of those.*

*Shea – Do we want to list it with a realtor?*

*Amick – Here's just an idea: let the city go back and put a three-month window around it and say that unless an idea produces itself for the city within three months, then we start actively marketing the space. It gives you guys an opportunity to discuss it and talk about potential leads among the city staff. I just feel like you know our taxpayers paid for this facility and for it to sit idle, and I understand all of the reasons why it's sitting idle. I would just like to see us do something, whether it's something driven by the city or an outside tenant. I don't necessarily have a feeling one way or the other. I just don't want to see it sit idle for too much longer.*

*Ebert – I know we had talked about the space immediately in front of us and the little area there behind the executive session room, reserving that at some point in time for city employees. Whatever employees they may be. I know we have talked recently about assistant directors. We only have, I think, four offices left over there. Three small offices plus what we use now for a small conference room would obviously be filled first, but then our next thought was to use the space right outside that door there and what's on the other side of that wall and use the far end for whomever.*

*Walker – I just wanted to see if there was an update on the speakers for the light posts in the DORA area to see if we'd had any action.*

*Peoples – We had a quote at one point. I'll get that back to you.*

#### **G. Adjournment @ 6:53 p.m.**

***A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Walker to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:  
Yes 7 – Shea, Walker, Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken***