

AGENDA SESSION MINUTES OF 6-23-15

President Keyes-Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, all on the 2nd day of January 2015.

THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE "STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC" SEGMENT OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN IN ON SHEET PROVIDED IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM. ALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WHEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND YOUR ADDRESS. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC CAN LEAVE THEIR QUESTION AND CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE CLERK REGARDING MATTERS THAT NEED RESPONSE BY ADMINISTRATION.

THE COUNCIL INVITES AND ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC IN ITS MEETINGS, HOWEVER A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY UTILIZE FIVE MINUTES OF TIME FOR REMARKS AND QUESTIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN A DIALOGUE WITH A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, ANY FURTHER REMARKS OR QUESTIONS BEYOND THE TIME LIMIT MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter-present | Administrator McManimon |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth-present | CFO Mustafa |
| ▪ Ms. Steward-present | Rocky Peterson, Esq. |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert-present | Kim Macellaro, Clerk |
| ▪ President Keyes-Maloney-present | |

PRESENTATION

President Keyes-Maloney introduced our new chief of police John Stemler, III and thanked him for being with us this evening.

1. Chief John Stemler III – Quarterly Report

Chief Stemler started by saying that simple assault was up. Most of them were mild altercations usually associated with domestic violence incidents. He also said that aggravated assaults were up in March. He spoke about the shooting at 2115 Pennington Road, which is still under investigation, but said that arrests were made that night. He said that there was one bank robbery back in March at the Hopewell Valley Community Bank and said that the actor was apprehended in Philadelphia and was also wanted for a bank robbery in Hamilton. Unfortunately, he continued, there was one homicide in March which was a murder/suicide. Motor Vehicle summonses are up for the last three months. There were 708 in January, 747 in February and 931 in March. President Keyes-Maloney asked how many officers we have. Chief Stemler said that we have 75 officers. President Keyes-Maloney said that she has seen an enhanced presence around town and she greatly appreciates that. Chief Stemler commented that he is trying to reinstitute the bike program but unfortunately they have to find a school to get the officers certified. Councilwoman Wollert asked about ticketing for driving and texting, use of cell phone. Chief Stemler commented that he would email that report to her but that there have been quite a few. Councilman Baxter asked about January, February and March reports with regard to rapes and asked the Chief to explain. Chief said that most are related to college parties. Councilman Baxter also asked about juvenile arrests and if it is starting to trend up. Chief Stemler said that since March it has been pretty steady but with school letting out, he expects a rise. Councilman Baxter asked about bike training and the cost associated with that. Chief said that the classes are free. To upfit the four bikes, we are looking at about \$650.00. The classes are hard to find

in the summer months, but he expects that in the fall more academies will be posted. Councilman Schroth asked about burglaries and thefts and if these are folks coming from surrounding areas into Ewing and if there is any pattern to that. Chief explained that motor vehicle thefts, without going into too much detail, are people coming from out of the area. He said that he can't really elaborate because it is part of an ongoing investigation. Councilwoman Steward encouraged the Chief to keep up the website with keeping the residents aware of the goings on. She said that she gets good feedback from the residents. Councilman Baxter thanked the Chief for all he does and he personally has seen a much different attitude out there with the community and he thanked him for his leadership. President Keyes-Maloney thanked the Chief for his presentation and said she is very happy to have him on board.

EWING TWP ALCOHOL CONTROL BOARD

President Keyes-Maloney stated that we have two items which we will formalize in the regular session but will discuss at this particular session. She introduced Stuart Lieberman, who is the applicants attorney, to explain.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF EWING DINER @ 1099 PARKWAY AVENUE, EWING, NJ TO TWO PETER'S INC. T/A CAPITOL RESTAURANT LOCATED @ 1769 NORTH OLDEN AVENUE, EWING, NJ

Attorney Lieberman introduced Michael Sinkevich, Esq. and the owner of the establishment Petros and Sons, Inc. He thanked Council for having them and said that Petros would be happy to answer any questions Council may have this evening. This is an application to transfer the liquor license from the Ewing Diner to the Two Peters Diner on Olden Avenue t/a Capital Restaurant and the police department has deemed this application complete. They are hoping for the approval of this application. One issue, he continued, concerns the hours of operation. The application that we submitted did indicate that it is until 2:00 a.m., because that is the cutoff by State Law. He said if there is a desire on the part of the Board, his client is willing to work with the Council and do what they want. Staying open until 2:00 a.m. would help his client recapture the cost of the renewal of the liquor license. He said his client would be willing to entertain staying open until 12:00 midnight, but would like an opportunity to come back in six months to revisit the issue for Friday night and Saturday night. President Keyes-Maloney said she thinks she can speak in terms of her colleagues in terms of staying open until 2:00 a.m. Their biggest concern is the serving of liquor beyond 12:00 midnight. President Keyes-Maloney stated that as a group we are comfortable considering the 12:00 midnight to seize the cessation of liquor service. She further went on to say that if they are going to entertain the six month review, part of that consideration will be what happens between 12:00 midnight and 2:00 a.m. without alcohol. She asked if any of her colleagues wished to speak. Councilman Schroth asked Mr. Lieberman how many people will the bar be able to seat. Mr. Lieberman said that 13 people will be able to be seated at the bar and it is 16 feet long. Councilman Baxter asked if they will have the ability to sell packaged goods. Peter Gromitsaris of Two Peter's Diner said he can sell beer and wine only. Councilman Baxter said that he is anticipating that in the six month review, he will be back asking for expanding until 2:00 a.m. Mr. Lieberman said only on Fridays and Saturdays. President Keyes-Maloney said that they are unsure if packaged goods are permissible under this particular exception and license. Mr. Lieberman said that they will do what the law allows under his permit. Mr. Lieberman said it was his understanding as well. Councilman Baxter said that he just doesn't see where we need another alcohol establishment, across the street from a liquor store and another one in the shopping center, next door to a daycare and in looking at the list of charges, there is larceny, fights, disorderly persons, drunkenness and this is without the alcohol. He further went on to say that there are businesses over there that do similar things and have not had these unfortunate situations that this diner has. He is not comfortable with this whole situation. President Keyes-Maloney stated that the review will allow us to look at whether the midnight hour is the appropriate timeline. Councilman Schroth said that with regard to the menu, his impression all along is that it will be more of a restaurant operation as opposed to a diner. He thinks this will attract a different crowd than a diner attracts. Mr. Gromitsaris commented that in the morning, this establishment will be more like a diner but at night, more of a restaurant atmosphere. He said he appreciated Council's time and consideration and that he would work with them in whatever capacity they need. Rocky Peterson said that his license allows him to sell wine and beer. President Keyes-Maloney asked him to check the exception, as it rides on top of the restaurant aspect. Mr. Gromitsaris said he would not sell beer or wine. She said the majority of this body would be ok with selling alcohol up until midnight and would re-visit it in six month and with the

stipulation that there would not be the sale of packaged goods at this location. Councilwoman Wollert asked when the sale of alcohol would begin in the day. Councilman Schroth said 10:00 a.m. President Keyes-Maloney suggested that Attorney Lieberman stay for the Regular portion of the meeting in case there are any more questions.

At 7:06 p.m. President Keyes-Maloney said that we are taking things a little out of order. She said we are moving to #6 about moving into contract with EASEL for the operation of the Ewing Animal Shelter. Administrator McManimon said that he spoke with Rocky Peterson and Maeve Cannon, who is attending her daughter's graduation, and also with EASEL reps that are here tonight. He also said that attorney/Assemblyman Reed Gusciora is representing them and is also here tonight. He further explained that they are proposing to Council to work a partnership with EASEL to privatize the animal shelter from July 1st to November 30th under a pilot agreement and then in November we will put an RFP out for a long term relations, depending on our experiences, which EASEL would certainly be allowed and encouraged to apply for. He said that we would essentially turn over the running of the shelter to them. He further went on to explain the employees that are currently there and what would happen to them at the end of the six months. Administrator McManimon said that it is a 24/7 job and obviously is more busy on the weekends with the adoption days. He further stated that we are probably, as a town, the most successful at adopting dogs and cats out. And also, when it comes to putting animals down, we are the most successful NOT putting animals down. In five years, we have maybe put down 1 dog a year, and it was through the court process and at the discretion of the judge. He said he was involved in every decision and said he was very passionately involved. He further went on to say that we have been recognized on Channel 6 Action News as one of the most recognized shelters in the State. President Keyes-Maloney said that included in the Drop Box is the agreement which outlines what the Business Administrator just articulated. She stated that in essence, this is a license to operate the shelter, not a transfer of ownership to EASEL. There was discussion between Council on the amount of the contract. The President of EASEL, Karen Azarchi, thanked Council for this wonderful opportunity and said that they look forward to the endeavor. She said that they wanted it attached, as schedule A, to the agreement that if they leave, they would like to take the trailer and the 15 cat cages and air conditioner with them. She further went on to ask if the Health Department could annually inspect them and not anytime they want. President Keyes-Maloney said that it would be hard to do. Administrator McManimon said he discussed it with the Mayor and that if the Health Department needs to inspect the Animal Shelter they should go to Administration for reasoning/permission. Ms. Azarchi said that that would be a great change. Reed Gusciora (13 Renfrew Avenue, Trenton) said that he was strictly there as an advisor and wanted to attest to the aggressive adoption policy that Mr. McManimon had eluded to. He said that he is a recipient of Ewing Animal Shelter and said that this will be great for Ewing because it has developed as a reputation in the County and in the State as being a "no kill" shelter and thinks it will be a good reflection on the Township. Dr. Georgia Arvanitis (33 Patton Drive, Ewing, NJ) said that he is Vice President and Director of grants for Ewing Animal Rescue League and thanked Council for the opportunity and to give them a chance to enter into a whole new zone of grants and fundraising and it will put Ewing square on the map. Joe Murphy (9 Malaga Drive) asked that as a citizen, who should he complain to. President Keyes-Maloney said that if there was an issue that came up as a citizen with something that happened within the shelter, it would be the Township Business Administrator, just like you would with any other issue in the Township. Councilman Baxter asked how this would affect our rabies clinics. President Keyes-Maloney said that this is solely the care and upkeep of animals within the shelter, so the Health Office will still hold rabies clinics. She further stated that EASEL was microchipping at the last rabies clinic.

At 7:29 p.m. President Keyes-Maloney jumped back to item #2.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF CAFÉ MULINO, LLC T/A CAFÉ MULINO (1102-33-020-005); A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE, TO THERESA BOTTONI

President Keyes-Maloney said that this allows for just the transfer of the liquor license as Café Mulino has closed. There were no questions from Council or the public.

President Keyes-Maloney asked the Clerk to move both items over to the Regular Session for action.

DISCUSSION

President Keyes-Maloney read and discussed the following items:

1. VOLUNTEER FIRE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Administrator Mcmanimon said that in the budget this year we placed a line item of \$35,000 to start an incentive program for volunteer fire firefighters to respond to calls. We are also aggressively advertising in the Ewing Observer and a message will go out from the Mayor to try and recruit more volunteers for our three fire companies. The incentive is \$5.00 per call and the chiefs will make sure they are eligible. This will not apply to our nine paid firefighters. Mr. Mcmanimon said that they have to make a certain amount of fire calls before they are eligible to receive the incentive. President Keyes-Maloney said that we save a substantial amount of cost to our taxpayers by having the volunteers and this is a chance to really create a small incentive for those folks who have given significant service to the town.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 110 BRUSH GRASS AND WEEDS AS WELL AS CHAPTER 407, NUISANCES, PUBLIC HEALTH

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this Ordinance allows for a little bit more control over the process of addressing instances where grass has not been cut for a period of time and it also creates consistency between two sections of our Ordinance. She said it stipulates out a more appropriate timeframe in terms of the amount of time an individual should have in terms of responding to a concern that is raised and it equally provides a specification as to the notice from the point that a complaint is issued. Administrator McManimon said that the current Ordinance says 10 days' notice but we are recommending cutting it to 5 days' notice. There were no questions from Council or the public.

3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO CONVEY A PERPETUAL, EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT ON TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE BRAE BURN DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER LOCATED AT 1570 PENNINGTON ROAD, DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 139, LOT 66

President Keyes-Maloney said that this is a longstanding issue that has created some problems for the property owner in terms of being able to convey the property, hence the reason it is being considered by this body. There were no questions from Council or the public.

4. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87

President Keyes-Maloney said that there are two items of revenue coming in – one from EPEF in the amount of \$62,000 and it allows us to pay for some upgrades we have done at Hollowbrook in the computer room. The second one is a 2015 Sustainable Jersey stipend in the amount of \$500.00 for purposes of their annual training conference. There were no questions from Council or the public.

5. A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES TO AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.

President Keyes-Maloney said that we went out to bid on this a number of months ago and the existing company was the sole bidder but they came in at a slightly cheaper rate in terms of the percentage that they currently receive down from 6% to 5.5% of the net amount collected. She further said that thanks to this service and the fine work of our crews, we have actually seen a substantial amount of revenue come in and only those folks that receive insurance are required to pay. Councilman Schroth asked how much in revenue we have seen and the CFO responded that last year we brought in \$800,000 and this year we are projecting a million. There were no more questions from Council or the public.

6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EASEL, A NONPROFIT ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION, FOR OPERATION OF THE EWING ANIMAL SHELTER

President Keyes-Maloney said we have already gone over #6 and are moving to #7.

7. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.*

President Keyes-Maloney said that we had a conversation related to this at the last meeting and held the matter over to this meeting, in light of some questions some residents had. She said the property is 1573 Parkside Avenue. She asked for questions from members of Council. There were none. She asked for questions from the public. Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) said that the last time we discussed this, President Keyes-Maloney said that this would draw someone in because of the area and it needs some rehab. He further said that you know as well as I do, there is someone who is using some old approvals for student housing. He asked why we need the resolution if there is someone already there who is building without this adopted resolution. President Keyes-Maloney said that this allows us to control what happens with that particular parcel. It allows us the ability to control the site. Mr. Prykanowski said that when they issued the approvals, there was a zone in place, such as setbacks, shade trees, etc. He doesn't see the need for this resolution and the Planning Board has complete control over this entire thing. President Keyes-Maloney said that this allows us to control what type of housing goes in there. An example is college vs. market rate housing. You cannot do that through traditional Planning and Zoning. Mr. Prykanowski asked if there are any abatements associated with this. President Keyes-Maloney said that there is a traditional five year abatement. There were no more questions.

8. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO MICHAEL W. HERBERT, ESQ. TO SERVE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR COAH LITIGATION

President Keyes-Maloney said that this flows from the Supreme Courts' decision recently that allowed for their takeover of COAH responsibility and because of the door that opened there, we need to make sure we have professionals in place to address issues that may come before this Township associated with everything from existing COAH requirements to potential builders remedies that are sought by builders that approach the township. Mr. Herbert comes to us with years of experience and she understands that he is providing this service to other surrounding communities. There were no questions from council or the public.

9. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ACCELERATED TAX LIEN SALE FOR CY2015 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-19

President Keyes-Maloney said that we have done this in the past and she asked the CFO to provide some specifics on the process. CFO Mustafa explained that this means we can actually aim to get 100% of our tax revenue in the year that it is due. This helps with our operating costs. The tax sale is held the third week of the twelfth month. Four weeks prior to that there is notification to the homeowners. It is noticed in the paper twice and they are sent letters twice in that month prior to the tax sale. President Keyes-Maloney asked if anyone could attend the tax sale. CFO responded absolutely. There were no questions from council. Pete Boughton (119 Florence Avenue) asked if graphics have been utilized to see the trend of the number of people who are delinquent. President Keyes-Maloney said that we could definitely take it back to our Tax Assessor for an answer. CFO Mustafa said that our collection rate is very good. She further said that we have \$102 million dollar levy and a 98.6% collection rate in 2014 with the accelerated tax sale. Mr. Boughton thanked her for her response. There were no more questions.

10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 14-585 TO A THIRD PARTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-113

President Keyes-Maloney said that this is kind of the next step in the process in terms of an actual individual coming forward and seeking to purchase a certificate in a limited circumstance. There were no questions from Council or the public.

11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) JEEP PATRIOT 4X4 SPORT VEHICLES FOR USE IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM HERTRICH FLEET SERVICES AS PER STATE CONTRACT T2007

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this was part of our capital budget and she asked the CFO where these vehicles may end up being utilized. CFO Mustafa responded one in the Tax Assessors office, one in Recreation and one in Technology. There were no questions from Council or the public.

12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITIONAL NAME OF BISHOP JEROME S. WILCOX WAY FOR SOUTHARD STREET AT CALHOUN STREET

President Keyes-Maloney stated that we have done this in the past as a way of honoring an important citizen to the Trenton/Ewing Community for their Community engagement. It does not take the existing street name away, merely an add on to the existing sign. There were no questions from Council or the public.

President Keyes-Maloney instructed the Clerk to move all item to the regular agenda for action. The Clerk duly noted same.

BILLS LIST

The Council President presented the Bills List for Review.

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$1,378,112.34 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #15R-27 in the Amount of \$28,746.75

There were no questions from Council or the public on the bills list and it was approved for action.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council President reviewed the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for May 12, 2015 and Regular Session Minutes for May 12, 2015
2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an Off Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Prevention education Inc. t/a PEI Kids
3. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Prospect Heights Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by Prevention Education Inc. t/a PEI Kids
5. A Resolution Authorizing the Islamic Center of Ewing to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on August 8, 2015
6. A Resolution Authorizing Communications Workers of America-CWA Local 1040 to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on August 22, 2015
7. A Resolution Authorizing Mt. Ebenezer Outreach Restoration & Prayer Ministry to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on July 18, 2015

Councilwoman Steward said that she noticed that we are doing minutes from very recent meetings and wanted to know if we are going back to the older ones. President Keyes-Maloney said that we are attacking from both ends to ensure that we are as up-to-date as possible. She further said that given the fact that the most immediate are the things that folks most care about, we are going both directions. There were no questions from the public on the consent agenda and it was approved for action.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, SPECIFICALLY FIRE EQUIPMENT, TO THE ROOSEVELT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, A DULY INCORPORATED MUNICIPAL FIRE COMPANY

President Keyes-Maloney said that this is fire equipment that is being sold for a de minimis amount to the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company. There were no questions from Council or the public.

2. AN ORDINANCE CONVEYING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 13, LOT 10 TO THE EWING TOWNSHIP REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE OLDEN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OLDEN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

President Keyes-Maloney said that her understanding is to allow us the ability to convey property associated with some activity associated with the old incinerator site. There were no questions from Council or the public.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

President Keyes-Maloney started by giving her Planning Board Report – she said they did not meet so she has nothing to report specifically associated with the Planning Board. She said she missed the Site Review Meeting but will attend the next one and will ensure the report is provided as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Steward said the Green Team meets tomorrow night and excitingly the presentation is on invasive species and PBS NewsHour is going to be there covering the speaker and they are hoping for a good turnout. It starts tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. She further announced that the next shred day is this Saturday from 9-1 at Town Hall.

President Keyes-Maloney said that we have two upcoming events of community interest beyond the shred day. One being July 3rd at the facility behind TCNJ and part of Armstrong Park off of Green Lane where we will be having fireworks and a concert starting at 5:00 p.m. She further said that our parade is on July 4th which begins with a special presentation at 9:30 a.m. to honor our first responders. The Patriotic Committee has requested that Council attend the ceremony. Administrator McManimon said that there will be a Mayor's phone message to educate people about July 3rd and 4th and about not shooting off fireworks in your backyard as it is illegal.

Councilman Baxter said that the Recreation Advisory Board met last week and because we are not having Community Fest this year, they are trying to enhance Trunk or Treat this year by bringing out some food trucks and try to make it a more community environment. He further stated that Ted Forst is in talks with our Superintendent and our Athletic Director at the High School about possible uses of the turf field. Pools are fully open every day and family memberships have grown and he invited all to attend. Administrator McManimon said that Community Fest was cancelled this year primarily due to the construction going on at the College where we held the Fest. Also, the Ewing Kiwanis were soliciting some of the same vendors for handicapped equipment for our playground at the Ewing Senior and Community Days.

Councilman Schroth gave his report on the Drug and Alcohol Municipal Alliance Committee. He said that a good part of the meeting was talking about the after prom activities which went off without a hitch and there were no drug or alcohol related incidents or problems.

President Keyes-Maloney said that a good time was had by all at the Employee Picnic and she wanted it noted that Councilwoman Steward makes great cookies!!

NEW BUSINESS

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ron Prkanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) talked about item #7, areas in need of redevelopment, and suggested that Council look at the area at the end of Olden, at Parkway and Lexington. He looks at that area as the Gateway into the General Motors Area. He thinks that it is an area in need of rehab. He further said that the gas station has been vacant for a good twenty years now. IHOP was just rehabbed because of a fire, but he would ask that the Planner look at that entire area. President Keyes-Maloney said that the good news is that they are looking at this area and she will relay his concerns to the Planner. Mr. Prkanowski said that Green Lane looks good re-paved but his problem is with the parking at the VFW on Green Lane. He said at night when they have an event, it is hard to see people at their cars and it should be looked at as far as traffic control and Council should look to limit the parking on that street for public safety and to avoid a disaster. President Keyes-Maloney said she will hand it over to Administration to take it back to the Engineer for due consideration and she thanked him for his concern.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Keyes-Maloney asked for a motion to adjourn from the agenda session with a stipulation to begin our regular session at 8:15 p.m. Councilman Baxter so moved seconded by Councilman Schroth. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

David Schroth, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk