A Regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin McKeehan on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. Those members present were Bob Blackburn, Richard Keebler, Mike Smith, Kate Rousmaniere and Steve Snyder. Edna Southard arrived at 7:16 p.m..

Staff members present: Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. Bob Holzworth, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director; Ms. Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director; Mr. Steve McHugh, Law Director and Ms. Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Blackburn moved to adjourn to Executive Session immediately in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (1) and (3) for the purpose of discussing Appointments to Boards and Commissions and pending litigation. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mayor McKeehan (6)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Blackburn moved to return from Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McKeehan requested the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Snyder moved to amend the agenda by striking the words 'and declaring an emergency' from agenda item 6.B.1. noting it was an error in printing the agenda. Ms. Southard seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Snyder moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PROCLAMATION
'CAROLINE SCOTT HARRISON DAY'

Mayor McKeehan read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Kathleen Fox.

Ms. Kathleen Fox, 65 Autumn Drive, noted this was the third annual Caroline Scott Harrison Day in Oxford and invited everyone to attend the celebratory event on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at the Oxford Community Arts Center. Ms. Fox advised a drawing would be held at the event for a dinner to be held at the Statehouse on December 19, 2015 sponsored by Senator Coley's wife Carolyn. Ms. Fox thanked Mayor McKeehan and Council for the Proclamation.

APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Keebler moved to appoint Janie Robinson to fill a vacant resident position on the Student Community Relations Commission for a term ending in 2018 and Mr. Thomas McQuiston to the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees filling the unexpired term until 2016 of Mr. Tom Speh who resigned.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public or from Council and there were none.

Mr. Snyder seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 15, 2015 City Council Meeting. (Mary Ann Eaton, Clerk of Council)

REPORTS

Report regarding the September 2, 2015 Environmental Commission Meeting. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Report regarding the September 8, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Report regarding the September 23, 2015 Civil Service Commission Meeting. (Candi Turpin, Human Resources Director)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
SALVAGED VEHICLES

A Resolution No. 4930 authorizing the sale of salvaged, junk and/or abandoned motor vehicles. (Bob Holzworth, Police Chief)

RESOLUTION
SURPLUS PROPERTY

A Resolution No. 4931 declaring a 1999 Spaulding asphalt box and a 1970's Hobart Welder Model GR303 as surplus City property no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the sale of said items to the highest bidder utilizing GovDeals, Inc. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
HOWELL RESCUE SYSTEMS, INC.

A Resolution No. 4932 accepting the bid submitted by Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. for the purchase of hydraulic rescue tools at a cost not to exceed $34,620.00 which reflects a credit of $2,220.00 for trade-in of existing tools. (John Detherage, Fire Chief)

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
TRI LEASE

A Resolution No. 4933 granting the Talawanda Recreation, Inc. (TRI) a two (2) year lease and authorizing the City Manager to execute the new lease. (Gail Brahier, Parks and Recreation Director)

Ms. Brahier noted this was the standard two year lease and each year there would be a slight increase of 3%. Ms. Brahier advised all of the monies generated from the lease payments went to improving the TRI grounds.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public or from Council and there were none.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4933. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
NOISE ABATEMENT

A Resolution No. 4934 authorizing the temporary abatement of the noise Ordinance No. 2550, Section 509.09, on Thursday, October 29, 2015 starting at 11:00 p.m. to Friday, October 30, 2015 at 1:00 a.m. in the Uptown Parks for the Miami Basketball Midnight Madness event. (Alan Kyger, Economic Development Director)

Mr. Kyger advised Miami University Sports Marketing requested the use of Main Street and East and West Park Place for a basketball midnight madness event. Mr. Kyger noted a temporary basketball court would be set up on Main Street between the two parks which the applicant had an approved right-of-way permit for. Mr. Kyger advised before Council was a noise abatement request to have a DJ play music during the event and the noise Ordinance was in force at 11:00 p.m. Mr. Kyger noted Anthony Azama and Megan Henderson from the Miami University Athletics Department were in attendance to answer any questions.

Ms. Megan Henderson, formally requested the noise abatement noting the DJ would play background music for the event. Ms. Henderson advised the main event would showcase basketball skills and generate excitement for student athletes in the men and women's basketball programs. Ms. Henderson noted there would be 'giveaways' and 'enter to win' types of games to generate excitement around those programs.

Mr. Anthony Azama, reiterated the DJ would accent the event and people would mostly hear the basketball coaches talking about various drills and various skills and in between, the DJ would play music. Mr. Azama noted they wanted people to know this was an event and not just random students shooting hoops Uptown.

Ms. Emily Murphree, 601 S. Main Street, advised when noise abatement situations occurred it felt like the DJ was in her bedroom with her. Ms. Murphree noted it was amazing how the noise bounced off of buildings and traveled down S. Main Street and up North Main Street. Ms. Murphree noted she was all for good, clean fun and inquired why it had to be midnight madness. Ms. Murphree stated there were consequences to the noise abatements and the residents in the mile square felt beleaguered.

Ryan, 100 N. Patterson Avenue, agreed with the comments by Ms. Murphree and also inquired why the event had to take place at midnight. Ryan noted the Uptown Parks belonged to everyone, people lived nearby and the residents should be taken care of. Ryan advised students were already Uptown creating nuisances for the public.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted on Thursdays between 11:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. there were already some people Uptown behaving badly and inquired how the two groups would interact. Ms. Rousmaniere inquired why the event would be held Uptown instead of the Millett parking lot or elsewhere on campus.

Mr. Azama advised there was a football game the same night. Mr. Azama noted the genesis of the idea was to bring the excitement close to where the students would be. Mr. Azama advised having it Uptown may deter underage students from other activities.

Mr. Azama noted he was an advocate for student athletes and if he could generate any excitement by doing something creative and innovative one time out of 365 days a year he was going to push for it. Mr. Azama advised it was no different than what had been done for hockey and football in the way of pep rallies.

Mr. Keebler inquired if the DJ would be just as effective from 10:00 p.m. to midnight as opposed to 1:00 a.m. Mr. Azama advised he felt that would work noting the event would be 60-90 minutes and they added extra time for set-up and tear-down.

Mr. Keebler moved to approve the Noise Abatement from 10:00 p.m. until midnight. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4934 as amended. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
CONTRACT WITH
JACK DOHENY COMPANIES

A Resolution No. 4935 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jack Doheny Companies for the purchase of a 2016 Freightliner 114SD cab and chassis with Vactor Combination Sewer equipment (Model 2110-824P) through the National Joint Purchasing Alliance Contract # 022014-FSC at a cost not to exceed $335,882.00 which reflects a $20,000.00 credit for trade-in of the existing vehicle. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach noted the Capital Equipment budget included $390,000.00 to replace the Waste Water Collection Division's jet truck. Mr. Dreisbach advised the jet truck was a critical piece of equipment that was used everyday to clear blockages from the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Dreisbach noted the existing machine was in fair condition but nearing the end of its useful life. Mr. Dreisbach advised the existing vehicle had a trade-in value of $20,000.00 in its current condition. Mr. Dreisbach noted in addition to the purchase of a new machine staff was asking for Council's approval to trade-in the old jet truck. Mr. Dreisbach advised the new machine was a next generation vacuum machine and noted the existing machine could only jet a blockage and send materials further down stream. Mr. Dreisbach advised the new machine would be able to vacuum materials from a man-hole and remove the problem rather than shifting it down stream. Mr. Dreisbach noted staff examined 4 different manufacturer's machines and the proposed machine was clearly the best machine for the City's needs and several of them were used in municipalities in the southwest Ohio region. Mr. Dreisbach advised the City had been doing business with Jack Doheny companies for decades and they provided excellent training and service. Mr. Dreisbach noted a picture of the machine was shown on page 58 of the agenda and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Keebler asked Mr. Dreisbach to explain what the National Joint Purchasing Alliance was. Mr. Dreisbach advised this was a private group that contracted with municipalities, and local and county governments to the same standards the City would use for public advertising and public bids.

Mr. Dreisbach noted the National Joint Purchasing Alliance offered discounts off of list price although the key was to get the proper machine for the City's needs. Mr. Dreisbach advised without the purchasing power the City's price would likely be higher. Mr. Keebler noted he was pleased the budgeted amount was $390,000 and the City was spending $335,000. Ms. Rousmaniere noted she was pleased the City would receive a $20,000 credit for the trade-in.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Snyder moved to adopt Resolution No. 4935. Mr. Keebler seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

RESOLUTION
2016 CDBG

A Resolution No. 4936 authorizing the City Manager to submit eligible projects to the Butler County Board of Commissioners for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) year application. (Mike Dreisbach, Service Director)

Mr. Dreisbach advised the City expected approximately $113,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds in 2016 and the application was due at the county in 2 weeks. Mr. Dreisbach noted a Resolution of support from Council was needed for the proposed project. Mr. Dreisbach advised $96,000 would be used for the improvements and $17,000 would be used for administration costs. Mr. Dreisbach referred to pages 61 and 62 of the agenda and noted Exhibit "A" detailed the continuation of alley resurfacing and Exhibit "B" detailed the continuation of the handicap ramp replacement program with the focus being along Campus Avenue and Church Street.

Ms. Rousmaniere inquired where the City was in terms of the handicap accessible ramps and Mr. Dreisbach advised 1/3 of the way to completion.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Resolution No. 4936. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES
SECOND READING

ORDINANCE
PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance No. 3329 Accepting The Planning Commission's Recommendation For Preliminary Approval Of A Planned Development On Thirty Seven (37) Acres Of Vacant Land On Southpointe Parkway To Allow A Development For Residential Use With Conditions. (Jung-Han Chen, Community Development Director)

Mr. Chen advised the proposed legislation contained 12 conditions for approval as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Chen noted he would like Council to consider another condition which would vacate the two stub streets so the entire project would be on private property. Mr. McHugh advised if approved by Council there was a process for vacating this right-of-way.

Mr. Keebler advised the existing stub streets off of Southpointe Parkway feeding the new development should be vacated by the City to be taken over by the developer.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

Mr. Snyder read the following into the record: 'I'd like to provide some context for tonight's vote on this Ordinance. Prior to 2004 and before annexation by the City of Oxford, the Southpointe area, consisting of approximately 175 acres, was zoned an Agricultural District by Butler County. In 2004, the Butler County Planning Commission, the Butler County Rural Zoning Commission, and the Butler County Commissioners agreed to the 4 Leaf Development request to rezone the property to a combination of Business Planned Unit Development for commercial, office and research use and Residential Planned Unit Development for single family and multifamily housing. In 2007, the Southpointe area was annexed into the City of Oxford. Its zoning included Office and Light Industrial, General Business, R2A, R3, and R4 multifamily housing. My point is, 11 years ago this area was rezoned by the County and the City for commercial, business, Office and multifamily housing uses. Decisions were made a decade ago to eliminate this area south of Oxford for consideration as green space only or banning any type of development. Once these decisions were made, it was only a matter of time before development would occur. Incidentally, directly across the road (US 27) from Southpointe is a large area of property zoned for Office and Light Industry that is also within the City limits. In the spring of 2014, 39 acres of the Southpointe property zoned Office and Light Industry were rezoned to R2A. During deliberations City Council was assured that rezoning would not result in additional student housing. Many of us on Council were hoping for the opportunity to pursue adult or senior housing. Well, that didn't work out. I regret my voting for the rezoning. I'd like a do-over, but that isn't going to happen. However, I do not regret my negative vote earlier this year for a proposed subdivision in this area. I felt it was a mediocre project, at best. Council's denial of the subdivision led to a lawsuit, which in turn led to Court-sponsored mediation sessions, and ultimately a compromise agreed to by the parties involved. I think the compromise is a better project than the subdivision proposal because it's a Planned Development and the City has a more significant role in its final development. I'm aware not everyone agrees with my assessment, but that's part of the political process and the legal system. Participants and observers of the process have the opportunity to agree to disagree. Or not. Personally, I don't think this community needs additional student housing. I also think we don't need vape stores and hookah bars and that we have an overabundance of niche restaurants. But that's not up to me (or any Councilor). That's decided by our free market system. It allows business owners and entrepreneurs to succeed or fail in their endeavors, regardless of whether they live in the City or are "outsiders" whom a segment of our community tends to malign. I have one last comment. There has been quite a bit of angst expressed about the role of our legal system during this process. Comments about shoving this compromise down our throats and insults directed to our professional staff have been made. This behavior ignores one of the concepts that underlie our legal system. Everyone involved in a disagreement or issue has rights protected by our laws, whether you agree with those involved in the dispute or not. I would hope we all could agree with that premise, and would act accordingly.'

Ms. Etta Reed, Bayer Becker, noted Bayer Backer sent a formal request to Mr. Dreisbach regarding the vacation of the stub streets and they fully supported the condition to vacate the stub streets in the proposed development.

Mayor McKeehan noted Ms. Southard asked Mr. McHugh to review a memorandum he sent to Council earlier in the year.

Mr. McHugh noted Council previously denied the Trinitas Preliminary Subdivision Application and the denial was appealed to the Butler County Common Pleas Court in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 2506 which was the administrative appeal process. Mr. McHugh advised it was stated that the City should have sought dismissal on the basis the appeal was premature. Mr. McHugh noted when Council denied the Preliminary Subdivision Application that was the end of the City's review, there was no further appeal within the City. Mr. McHugh advised at that point Trinitas as the applicant and the property owner combined had the right to appeal. Mr. McHugh noted Ohio Revised Code Section 2506 allowed for appeals to court of a final order by Council and it defined "final order" if it determines the rights of the parties. Mr. McHugh advised the applicant could not proceed with the project and they had the right to appeal.

Ms. Rousmaniere referred to a recent article in the Journal News and noted the City of Fairfield had a multifamily unit proposed in the City that the citizens objected to vehemently and City Council voted it down. Ms. Rousmaniere advised the applicant sued the City calling the decision arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and unconstitutional. Ms. Rousmaniere noted Fairfield City Council changed their decision and voted for it. Ms. Rousmaniere advised the multifamily unit proposed in Fairfield was a senior citizens housing unit which was something that some in Oxford begged for. Ms. Rousmaniere noted zoning was the law and when it stated a certain use was permitted within a zoning code it didn't matter if people liked it or not. Ms. Rousmaniere advised Council followed legal advice when needed and that was what they did in the Trinitas matter.

Ms. Southard noted Council learned they could only work and vote within certain parameters. Ms. Southard advised Council could not turn back the clock and as they looked to the future they would review with City staff the zoning code taking into account the various possible scenarios. Ms. Southard noted she felt all Council members endorsed this idea and she hoped the citizens knew Council was working for everyone's benefit. Ms. Southard advised the question today was whether or not the proposed development fit in the proposed zoning district.

Mr. Keebler noted Mr. Snyder stated the background of the property in question very well and in more detail than Mr. Keebler was able to put together as to why the Planned Development should be approved. Mr. Keebler noted he wished Council could have a do-over regarding the rezoning but Council didn't get that chance. Mr. Keebler advised once the zones were set the developments pretty much had to be allowed within the confines of the Ordinances governing Planned Developments. Mr. Keebler noted he felt the mediation process in this case worked in the City's favor as the proposed development was better than the previously submitted proposals. Mr. Keebler noted he felt there was give and take on the developers part and on the City's part to make this a better development than what was proposed to begin with. Mr. Keebler advised Council would continue to work with the zoning code and make changes and improvements but it would never be 100% satisfactory to everyone.

Mr. Keebler noted Council did the best job they could based on the current zoning code. Mr. Keebler advised this project demanded Council's approval this evening.

Mr. Blackburn noted he along with Mr. Snyder voted the Preliminary Subdivision plan down and through mediation he felt the City gained a lot. Mr. Blackburn advised the streets would be wider, there would be more green space and there would be 2 and 3 story buildings as opposed to 1 story buildings. Mr. Blackburn noted Bayer Becker did a great job re-drawing the plan submitted by the City in mediation and he felt the project would be good for the City.

Mayor McKeehan noted he too wished Council could revisit the zoning change from OI to R2A in 2014 of the subject property but that could not be done. Mayor McKeehan advised for those who continued to say the City did not need more rentals, the market said the City did need more rentals. Mayor McKeehan noted the City did not have developers clamoring to build single-family or senior housing. Mayor McKeehan advised realtors in town who dealt with this on a daily basis would say there's not enough demand here for most developers to build single-family or senior housing. Mayor McKeehan noted the City was close to being out of buildable lots on existing streets. Mayor McKeehan advised there were a number of properties that could be developed and it wasn't occurring. Mayor McKeehan noted the free market did generally work although it wasn't always perfect.

Mr. Keebler moved to amend the proposed Ordinance by adding condition "m" vacating the two stub streets. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3329 as amended. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Mr. Smith, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Southard, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

An Ordinance No. 3330 Amending Ordinance No. 3286. Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 6 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2015. (Joe Newlin, Finance Director)

Mr. Newlin advised he had nothing further to add since the first reading of the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor McKeehan inquired if there were any comments from the public or from Council and there were none.

Ms. Rousmaniere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3330. Mr. Blackburn seconded. The Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call:

AYE: Ms. Southard, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keebler, Ms. Rousmaniere, Mr. Smith Mayor McKeehan (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABS: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Elliott thanked Council for their careful deliberation of the Preliminary Planned Development application for the Fields of Southpointe this evening and for their thoughtful comments. Mr. Elliott noted Council members were on City Council to make decisions and it was a somewhat easier task to criticize those decisions.

Mr. Elliott reminded everyone the 2016 Budget Work Session would take place Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Mr. Elliott invited everyone to attend the Fire Department's Open House on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 1-4:00 p.m. to see the new Fire Station addition, equipment purchased over the last few years and to visit with staff.

Mr. Elliott advised the City received reimbursement from the Attorney General's Office in the amount of $5,501 for the purchase of salt.

Mr. Elliott noted the contractor was making significant progress on the U.S. 27 South improvement project and the project was on schedule.

Mayor McKeehan inquired when the leaf pick-up program would begin in the City and Mr. Dreisbach advised the 3rd week of October.

Ms. Brahier noted several events taking place in October including the Luna Cares 5K and 1K at the Community Park on October 11th, October 17th 200 Boy Scouts would be in town working with the Visitors Bureau and the Parks and Recreation staff to freshen the Dog Park, October 24th the Coalition for a Healthy Community would sponsor a Walk, Play, Plant event and plant red tulips in the Uptown area, October 28th was the Lions Club Parade at 7:00 p.m. and other activities would take place Uptown from 5-8 p.m. including Trick or Treat at businesses from 5-7 p.m. Ms. Brahier noted the Oxford Community Arts Center would also have activities that evening and it would be a great night for people to come Uptown.

Mr. Kyger noted he attended a Miami University Senate meeting this evening as they invited him to speak about taxi cab service in Oxford. Mr. Kyger advised it was a nice informational session.

Mr. Kyger noted he attended the Fiji House re-dedication and commended them for the marvelous job they did renovating the structure after a fire devastated the house.

Mr. McHugh expressed his respect for Council, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Chen for their professionalism in handling a certain issue.

Mr. Snyder noted for the record that the Planning Commission did a wonderful job the past two years on the issue Council dealt with this evening.

Mr. Snyder advised Trick or Treat in Oxford was October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Rousmaniere encouraged everyone to visit the new public library at Bishop Square noting it was a beautiful facility.

Ms. Rousmaniere noted the Oxford League of Women Voters voter guide was available and advised November 3rd was election day. Ms. Rousmaniere noted there were 3 Statewide Issues and 1 Butler County Issue which was the Senior Citizens renewal levy. Ms. Rousmaniere advised 3 people were running for 3 positions on Oxford City Council, 5 people were running for 3 positions on the school board and several people were running for township trustee positions. Ms. Rousmaniere encouraged everyone to get a voters guide noting it was very helpful and they were available in public places throughout the City.

Mr. Keebler noted a few people thought from a planning viewpoint Council did not always do the right thing. Mr. Keebler encouraged people to look at the successes noting the Uptown looked great and Council was told that frequently by visitors. Mr. Keebler noted the City only got that reinvestment through changes made in the zoning code. Mr. Keebler advised the development at the former Wal-Mart site was fantastic and the public/private partnership made that possible. Mr. Keebler urged everyone to visit the new library noting is was fantastic. Mr. Keebler noted many councilors attended the open house at the Fiji House on Saturday and he had the opportunity to speak with the head of the House Corporation who talked about the fire not being a good thing but the end result was absolutely gorgeous. Mr. Keebler advised the house was much safer now that it was fully sprinkled and built to modern standards. Mr. Keebler noted the head of the House Corporation was pleased with the HAPC and the BZA who both worked to make the project happen. Mr. Keebler advised it had been a nice couple of weeks to see these new facilities in the community.

Ms. Southard noted in addition to the new facilities, there had been a number of fantastic festivals in the Uptown Parks including the Latin/Unidiversity Festival, the Chinese Festival and the Harvest Moon Festival. Ms. Southard advised there were a lot of events and a lot of things happening in the Uptown District and it continued to be the vibrant community everyone wanted it to be.

Mayor McKeehan urged everyone to visit the new library and to look at the newly renovated Fiji House. Mayor McKeehan thanked the Fiji members for their hard work and for raising a large sum of money for the restoration which cost over 4 million dollars. Mayor McKeehan advised he attended the dinner held by Fiji members at the Shriver Center on Saturday evening and from the dais they thanked the City staff across the board for their assistance and help with the project.

ADJOURN

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Ms. Rousmaniere seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.