MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

June 27, 2011  7:00 p.m.

The Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pucci: "JoAnn, will you call the roll please?"

Clerk Haig: "Colleen Gallagher."  Councilwoman Gallagher: "Here."
"Joe Magrey."

President Pucci: "Mr. Magrey is excused this evening, he's on vacation."

Clerk Haig: "Kevin Tanski."  Councilman Tanski: "Here."
"Tom Murphy."  Councilman Murphy: "Here."
"Kathleen Pucci."  Councilwoman Pucci: "Here."
"Tony DeMarco."

President Pucci: "And Mr. DeMarco is excused this evening, he's out of town."

Clerk Haig: "John Patta."  Councilman Patta: "Here."

President Pucci: "Next we'll have reading of the agenda. Approval of minutes of March 28, 2011; presentation to Police Department; public session; reports of committees, commissions and boards; Council reports; Mayor's report; directors' reports; public participation for legislative items on agenda only; Resolution 2011-5, Adopting the Tax Budget for the fiscal year 2012; other matters that may come before Council; and adjournment. We need a motion to approve the minutes of our march 28, 2011 meeting."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to approve."

Councilman Patta: "Second."

Clerk Haig: "To approve the minutes of March 28th, Colleen Gallagher."  Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
"Kevin Tanski."  Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
"Tom Murphy."  Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
"Kathleen Pucci."  Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
"John Patta."  Councilman Patta: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Thank you. At this time I'd like to recognize Mr. Frank Gruntkowski, who is going to step to the podium for a presentation to our detectives."

Frank Gruntkowski: "Thank you. Good evening. My name's Frank Gruntkowski, I live at 899 Old Rockside Road in Parma, Ohio. I would like to thank you, and the entire body, for giving us the opportunity to speak with you tonight. I thought it was important that, even though you have many important things to do, that I tell you about my experiences with your Police Department. My uncle, Edward Gruntkowski, lived on Rockland Drive over here, maybe three blocks from here. On July 5th of last year we received a call from his friend and neighbor, he was expressing concern that he had not seen my uncle for a couple of days. When we arrived his house was open, and his van was gone. We actually thought to call the police at that point, but decided to check the garage before we called. There I found my uncle's body. And I immediately called the Police Department. A response team consisting of police and firefighters arrived in minutes, and immediately determined that it was a crime scene. Two detectives, Joe Tenhunfeld and Cindy Eschweiler, took control, not only of the scene, but the entire investigation. They, along with the entire response team, were very efficient, very professional. They immediately moved me and my family away from the scene. Quite frankly, we were quite bewildered and confused. And I must confess, I wasn't immediately taken with the two detectives. What we didn't know at the time was that my uncle had been brutally beaten, and I'm sure they were probably looking at us as potential suspects. By Thursday of that week, Joe and Cindy had all three suspects in custody, and had found my uncle's van. As of today, two of the three have been convicted, and the third will be shortly. If this was all they accomplished, I believe these two detectives should receive accommodations for their stellar performance; but quite frankly, on behalf of my entire family, I came here
to speak to you about other things that they did, way above and beyond the call of duty. My uncle was the last remaining sibling of a family of eight brothers and one sister. There are 14 nephews and nieces, along with our spouses and our children, and we were all in love with my uncle. Therefore, we were constantly looking for answers as to why this happened, and how this could have happened. Joe and Cindy patiently answered any and all of our questions during this incredibly, incredibly painful journey. There was never anything too small that they would do, and they were kind at every turn. Just as an example, we couldn't even get my uncle buried because the house was a crime scene. So we couldn't even get in the house. But that didn't deter them. We gave Joe and Cindy a list of the clothes he wanted, which was very important, because my uncle was a very simple man. He had one suit, one blue blazer, one blue shirt, a pair of grey slacks, and that was pretty much it. They went in, got it, and gave it to us the next day. There were also the hearings at Juvenile Court, meetings with the Prosecutors; and finally, the sentencing proceedings, and they were both there, every step of the way, to help and support us. I pray this never happens to another family. But if it does, I hope they have their own Cindy and Joe. I have no idea how we would have gotten through this without them. People are always ready to think the worst about the Police Department, but in Joe and Cindy, every person in this room, every person in this community, should be proud. They not only did their jobs with utmost ability, they also had a sincerity and an empathy that will forever endear them to my family. We could never thank you enough.

Mayor Balbier: "Let's have the two detectives stand up so everybody could see what you look like."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we have our public session. If anyone has anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn, please step up to the podium, state your name and address for the record, and please recognize our five minute time limit."

Mary Lee Bowen: "Good evening everyone. My name is Mary Lee Bowen, I live at 4783 Tiedeman Road. Tomorrow is slated to be the last meeting of the Charter Review Commission until 2018. Even if Council holds a special meeting to get possible changes on the November ballot, nothing will really change. It appears that the office holders who appointed most of the members of the Commission want to maintain the status quo. Well, the status quo in Brooklyn is that services have been cut, employees have been cut, and our largest employer is leaving town in 2014. You may remember me from the efforts in 2009. The status quo then was that the city was pursuing an income tax increase and a dangerous, costly interchange, and some of the Mayor's actions were questionable. That was not a good status quo, and I took action, spreading information against the tax increase and leading petition campaigns to get the others on the ballot for you to decide. This city cannot afford the status quo now either. Consequently, today, I filed as a candidate for the office of Mayor of Brooklyn. I look forward to talking with each and every one of you about what we will do to fix this city. In the meantime, you can contact me at 216-941-7562 or at maryleebowen@earthlink.net. Thank you."

Rob Slattery: "Rob Slattery, 4396 W. 62nd Street. I'm not running for Mayor, but I have a couple questions. I was going to address them to Dane, but obviously he's not here again, so I guess I'll ask you Mayor. I'd like to know what the job description of the Rec Center Manager is and what kind of work hours he has. And I did a public records request on his timesheets, and he takes off a ton of time. Several hundred hours he's taken off. But somehow he's been able to rack up almost 100 hours of overtime. He doesn't work on any machines, he couldn't repair anything there if his life depended on him. He makes over $72,000 a year, so that puts the overtime, roughly, just over $50 an hour. On his timesheets, May 23rd he punched in at 8:49 a.m., out at 5:45 p.m., back in at 5:45 to 9:16, and then back in at 9:16 till 7:55 the next morning. Now, either we had a terrible emergency up there, or I would assume that somebody's punching his timecards, and I'd like to know if there's a camera by the time clock. I mean, it's unbelievable. I've gone up there several times asking questions, he's never there. I've called up there, he's never there. But somehow, the vehicle that's assigned to the Rec Center is always parked by a house over on Brookside Avenue on the Cleveland side. So I'd like to know why."

Bob Kinney: "Bob Kinney, 4208 Springcrest Drive. I didn't put a title to this, but there should be something to the effect of, no one is accountable. City income tax. Why not 10% or 15%? City and Council wanted 25%. No one held accountable. Board of Education, this is back to '08. Why not 10% or 15%? Approved by the Council was 25%. Kathy Pucci thought it was good that our tax levy would be an equal to Westlake, No. Royalton, Broadview Hts., and a couple of more other communities. Of the 191 employees, you have 33 that are making in excess, this is their benefits as well, in excess of $100,000. You have 15 of the
191 making over $90,000. And that 33 or 15 represents about 25%. No one is held accountable. County corruption. Brooklyn corruption. 8300 Memphis Avenue, Jerome Petro. The city offered approximately three times the value, or 335,000 for his property. Mr. Petro and his then attorney, Patrick O'Malley, wanted four times the value, 500,000. Well the city refused. So we then had to change the fire station, as far as location and how close to the street, at an additional cost of 100-$200,000 more. Then the city paid Petro 335,000 for his property. Again, that's almost three times the county's value. No one is held accountable. Landfill. It went from 20 to seven to five to zero years. No one is accountable. The city now has to pay Cleveland to dump our rubbish and garbage. No one held accountable. Lawsuit, City of Brooklyn and the Fire Department. Settlement, $275,000. No one accountable. Now Councilpeople, Mr. Demarco's not here tonight, but he contends that whoever made those remarks, which was me, get his facts straight. Well let me tell you, that which I questioned last time, he now has had it changed. So he's not collecting the tax benefit on the second property. Now Mr. Tanski, he has been cheating on his taxes for approximately 10 years. And that's costing the taxpayers thousands of dollars. He claims all five properties are his personal residence. I have the facts. If anyone wants them, be glad to provide them. I want the general public to be aware that the people here want to be re-elected. I would hope that somebody, besides myself, could address them in being accountable for what they have done in the past. I don't know how they can fix the future when they created the past. Thank you."

**Paula Ritter:** "Mayor Balbier, Council President Pucci, members of Councils, directors and friends. More than a year ago I was here regarding my property..."

President Pucci: "Mrs. Ritter, could you state your name and address for the record."

Mrs. Ritter: "Oh I'm sorry. Paula Ritter, 8974 Boxwood Circle, Brooklyn, Ohio. More than a year ago I was here addressing property problems. They were mainly side lawn problems at that time, that were left to escalate until they became zoning problems. I want to thank Councilperson Tom Murphy, who came to my house when they were side lawn problems, Council President Mrs. Pucci, when she corrected the zoning problems, and I want to ask Mr. Ockington to please come and do the final inspection on that property and let me know if it's okay. I'm not assured that it is yet. And on a pleasant note, an honor to me as an ex-Councilmember, a great honor, I want to thank Frank Gruntkowski. In many years on Council I never saw people thanked in such a heartfelt way as you thanked these officers. And I'm sure many have deserved that. How very kind of you. How heartfelt, how emotional. God bless you and your family for doing that. I don't know the young officer, but I ran into the female, and I'm sure she's tired of hearing it. A Police Chief awhile ago told me that a good policeman... by the way, his name was Jack Murphy... is a peace officer, an officer of the peace. And I found that to be in the young woman. As an older woman, I was driving on Roadano one day and the senior van stopped. And like a school bus, I thought I had to remain behind it until it went on. And of course, many cars were honking behind me, but I wasn't going to pass that, 'cause I was afraid. And the young woman, being an officer of peace, came up, waved me ahead, didn't ticket me, and taught me the rule. I thank her, but mainly I commend both of them, and I commend the family that was so kind to thank them. Bye-bye, God bless us."

**Bill Anderson:** "My name's Bill Anderson, I live at 4338 Roadano Road. I've been up here many of times. And again, as Mr. Kinney said, I too have copies of those records that show that Mr. DeMarco didn't originally do the right thing as far as those taxes went, and he had it changed. And again, I have the record to show that Mr. Tanski has done the same thing, with a number of years of it, not paying the proper tax. I also want to say this, and make it perfectly clear, that I thought it was kind of a sham that we had that re-vote, and then with the same thing, decision, except for Mr. Tanski changed his vote. And the only reason I believe, this is my belief, and I've talked to others, they believe the same; the only reason it was, to take him out of the spotlight when I had confronted him about the way he went about telling people that he voted the first time for it, and he didn't. He lied about it to a union official. And like I have said, I brought in a copy of the letter that the gentleman signed saying he did lie, he was present when the lie happened, and there was someone else that would be willing to sign this one affidavit to that fact. I think it's time that we hold the Council accountable for their, not only their lies, but the way that they try to hide things. And it's not true. You know, they make out like, sometimes I've been attacked myself, as yous know, and accused of slander, which was a joke, they can't even prove that. They can't show the evidence, because it never happened. As the attorneys I had talked to, as long as I'm telling the truth, it cannot be slander. And they can't show any slander. And I had Miss Pucci tell it more than once. The Mayor did it in her behalf one time before, tried to stop me from talking, until I went to a lawyer. Why do people that's residents have to go to lawyers because
these people are incompetent, and they make statements and they try to stop you from talking, and we have to go hire a lawyer, or talk to a lawyer, to get our right under the amend, the Constitution. It’s a disgrace and it’s an outrage. And like it was brought up by somebody else, some of these people are running for office. Maybe it’s time you voted them out. You know, it’s ridiculous, it really is, and it’s outlandish. Mr. Tanski has twice now confronted the taxes, and he walked up to them and he says, why would you bring that up publicly and put, not to me, but to two other people, and they’re here, and say, why would you bring that up publicly, about his tax problem. Let me clue you in. If you’re an official, and you’re cheating on your taxes, it should be brought up. Thank God for the law. I just wish they’d enforce it. Thank you."

Kit Krause: "Good evening. I’m Kit Krause, 4764 Heather Lane. Today I am here to represent the Brooklyn City School District Board of Education. I’ll thank the Council and the Mayor for this time tonight. I’ll have a few more thank yous and congratulations. At this time of the year, of course, the senior class of 2011, congratulations to all. There’s a few more things as far as thank yous. The School District, for those who don’t know, are part of a pilot project that was put together recently, and that is with a school district out of China. That being said, with the past two years gone by, with free classes that were available to Brooklyn City School District for our students, to, for those who could learn and would take Chinese classes, out of the seven school districts, the six of us that did, were part of this, through Polaris, the Brooklyn City School District did have more students than any of the other districts that did apply for this, free, these free classes. But in the future, for this pilot program, I’ll thank at this time Mayor Balbier and President Kathy Pucci, who did represent, and help represent, the City of Brooklyn, that we did make welcome to administrators that came from China, and we met in a Brooklyn restaurant, what was it, three weeks ago, along with past and present, Chamber of Commerce, I’ll thank them also. It was a wonderful evening, and again, we did accomplish a number of things, as far as the future goes and being part of this pilot project. So again, we’re very happy to be part of that at this time. Chinese, some people say, well why? Well, if you look back, and this is my way of looking at it, when I was in school, or some of us were in school, go back 30-40-50 plus years, and there was Latin and German, excuse me, French, Spanish, etc., we can go right down; at this point you don’t see much more in any other school district, and many other school districts other than Spanish, but the Spanish has taken over quite a few, and a lot of people do need to know that language at this time. Here we are in the 21st Century; well let me tell you, go future in the 21st Century and our future students are going to have to know Chinese. So I’m very proud and happy to be part of this project, to teach our future students about this particular language. Speaking of pilot projects, the Board of Education has just received information, this was last week, about a grant that we put in for earlier this year, and that grant has come through for Race to the Top funds. Myself, the president of the union, and the Superintendent will go this coming Wednesday to Columbus to receive this check for $108,000. As far as grant funding goes, in the past three to four years I’ve never seen, on the eight years on the School Board, and the eight years I was part of the school administrative team through volunteer work, I’ve never seen anything like the recent grant funding that has come through for us in the past four years. I’ll say thank you to the administrative team that put in for this and came through with this money, which helps tremendously. And speaking of money and finances, with that, and we’ve all heard the way things are being cut from the state, through all districts, not just the Brooklyn City School District, but we did announce this, multiple times now in the past three to four months, that we are, in the next 12-24 months, going to lose over $2 million that’s being cut. So at that time what’s this got to do with pilot projects and other grants and funding? The way that I’ll thank all employees now, because we went through our classified and certified contracts that were agreed to in the past 30-60 days..."

President Pucci: "30 seconds Mr. Krause."

Mr. Krause: "Thank you. Thank you President. The final note here, we went through and asked the administrative team to take a pay freeze, and they did, for the next year, minimum two years, it could be, and also step cuts, which step cuts were agreed to. It went right down the line to the certified and classified employees. So we are going to make up and adjust those funds without having to come to you to make up some money, or come after money. I can guarantee you then in the next year or two we won’t come after tax dollars, that the state is taking away from us. Thank you very much."

President Pucci: "Does anyone else have anything they’d like to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn? Okay, we’ll move forward to reports of committees, commissions and boards. We begin with the Finance Committee, and in Mr. DeMarco’s absence I will read a report from him. And these are his words. 'As was mentioned by Mayor Balbier at our last Council meeting, there has been progress in terms of..."
economic development opportunities as it relates to the American Greetings property. Although there are no new details to provide at this time, I can tell you that significant progress has been made in the past few weeks, and I would anticipate an announcement in the next several weeks that will have a positive impact on the City of Brooklyn. With that in mind, I am of the opinion that we still need to have a dedicated full-time economic development director that should have very specific goals and objectives. The Mayor should meet with this individual on a regular basis, and this individual should also provide monthly updates at a minimum to the Economic Development Committee, Finance Committee, and City Council, as to progress being made as it relates to economic development. We cannot continue to wait and do nothing, hoping that something positive will happen in our city as a result of the efforts of other people. Rather, we need to proactively pursue an economic development strategy that communicates very clearly to the marketplace that the City of Brooklyn is a very attractive option for businesses to locate in. In addition, we are a great community where families should want to live, raise and educate their children, and become active members of our close-knit community. This is our last regularly scheduled Council meeting before the summer recess. I would ask each and every resident to consider one extremely important item over the next few months, and that is the concept of leadership. I cannot stress enough the importance of that characteristic as our city undergoes monumental changes in terms of our economic makeup, our stature within the county, etc. Leadership is the necessary component for our city to thrive over the next 100 years. What we accomplish as a community in the next few years will dictate who we are, and how we are perceived, both locally and nationally. Finally, I would like to wish each and every resident and all of our employees a very safe and relaxing summer.' That concludes his written remarks.

I will just, I am also a member of the Finance Committee, so I'll just give a couple brief updates. First, our Finance Committee earlier this evening was cancelled due to lack of a quorum because of Mr. DeMarco and Mr. Magrey's absence. We received an update on the income tax revenue collections through May 2011 from our Finance Director Mr. Kennedy. Total income tax revenue by period in 2011 through May is $6,099,970. Collections for the same time period in 2010 were $6,749,241. The drop in total collections is estimated at 9.6%. Total withholding tax collections through May 2011 are $5,134,335. Total withholding for the same period last year were $6,004,854. That decline is estimated at -14.5%. The decrease is primarily attributable to large withholdings on bonus payments that we received last May. Collections in May 2011 for withholding were $1.37 million. Last year similar May withholding collections were 1.84 million. Net profit collections through May 2011 are $431,275 – which is 37% greater than collections we had posted by the same period through May 2010. Individual collections through May 2011 are $543,360 – which is 24% greater than similar collections through May of 2010. Based on the most current information, we expect total income tax collections by period for 2011 to total approximately $14 million by year end. If that projection holds true, the decline from 2010 collections will amount to a reduction of $1.15 million, or -8.5%.'

We also received information from Mr. Kennedy that the final copy of the city's 2010 CAFR, which is our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, was filed on Friday, June 24th, ahead of the June 30th deadline. The report has been approved by the Auditor of State and contains the unqualified opinion on our 2010 financial statements. The hard copies will be printed and it will also be available on the city’s website. Next we would normally have the Public Works Committee, which we will skip this evening because Mr. Magrey's absent. Then Public Safety we'll be skipping because Mr. DeMarco's absent. So we'll move onto Legislative Update, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Diversion, Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. The Domestic Violence Committee worked with Parma Community Hospital to create a temporary safe room over seven years ago for victims of domestic violence who reside in the City of Brooklyn. Last week our Committee met with Dawn Belgin, the director of the Emergency and Critical Care Services with Parma Community Hospital, to ensure that the safe room was still in operation and is helping victims. The safe rooms allows victims of domestic violence the opportunity to stay at the hospital while considering available options to meet their individual needs in securing and awaiting placement in a shelter or another home environment. Victims of domestic abuse will be provided a safe room within the hospital for a period of time not to exceed 24 hours. Operation supervisor and/or emergency department social worker will review the safe room contract, outlining guidelines for the use of the room with the victims and families. Victims sign a contract in acknowledgement of the terms and telephone access numbers for shelters and help lines, and resource materials are given to the victims by the operations supervisor and the emergency department social worker. When victims and family are ready to leave, the operation supervisor and social worker would offer the victim choices of a cab voucher, security, or a police escort. The hospital always provides the victims the appropriate resources before leaving. Our
Committee would like to extend our thanks to Parma Community Hospital for keeping their commitment to the City of Brooklyn and the victims of domestic violence. And that concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we have the Planning Commission; our representative to that Commission is Mr. Patta."

Councilman Patta: "Thank you, good evening. The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 14th at 6:00 in the Mayor's Court. It is one week later than normal due to the Fourth of July holiday. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. The June Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was held on Thursday, June 16th in Brooklyn Mayor's Court to hear the following: A request from David Brandt for a variance to install a solid privacy fence located at 7412 Woodhaven Avenue, which was deferred for 30 days after discussion. The second item was a request from Ruth Hinz for a variance to install a solid privacy fence located at 4764 Fairway Drive, which was approved after discussion. Request from Arthur Gary for 141 square foot rear yard lot coverage variance to construct a patio room addition located at 4567 Forest Edge Drive, which was approved. And a request from Arthur Gary to construct a 200 square foot patio room addition to the addition existing 400 square foot garage without frost protection footer for the foundation located at 4567 Forest Edge Drive, which was approved. And a request from Francis P. Spera for a variance to install a solid privacy fence located at 9633 Melody Lane, which was approved. And a request from Arthur Gary to construct a 200 square foot patio room addition to the addition existing 400 square foot garage without frost protection footer for the foundation located at 4567 Forest Edge Drive, which was approved. And a request from Francis P. Spera for a variance to install a solid privacy fence located at 9633 Melody Lane, which was approved after discussion. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Recreation Board, Mr. Tanski."

Councilman Tanski: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. The only thing that I have, and Dane Hammond isn't here, so I'm going to go over to Mrs. McGinty. On the Silver Sneakers that I worked hard, and I know both of yous have worked hard on this, to get Silver Sneakers to put in place at the Rec Center, how far are we with the process? I know Dane gave us a little update. Are we any farther or close of getting them?"

Asst. Mgr. McGinty: "As of Wednesday we will have a webinar where the people of the administration, people that need to be trained on how to work everything, will be on Wednesday at 10 a.m. It's about a two hour webinar where you learn about that. They're in the process of shipping their equipment that we have to learn how to scan with. So it could be another couple weeks before we're up and running. But it should be before the end of the summer."

Councilman Tanski: "Thank you. And also, maybe you can explain to the public a little bit, on this Silver Sneakers, that insurance companies themselves, and I believe I think it covers Medicare, and I believe maybe some private insurers, maybe some companies that get involved, to have this preventive care, because that's what it is, how far will it reach out?"

Asst. Mgr. McGinty: "That is part of the training session, we will learn about it. There's only four companies I believe that does pay for the insurance. There's four different insurance companies for the seniors. I am not, I don't want to tell you which ones they are because I'm not sure which ones they are yet. We will learn everything on Wednesday; so I don't want to give you any misinformation."

Councilman Tanski: "Very good. And that concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. School Board liaison, Mr. Murphy."

Councilman Murphy: "Thank you. The next School Board meeting will be July 19th at 6 p.m. The following Board meeting will be August 10th at 6 p.m. A special note of that date should be made, and consult with the Board website, because the date is the second Wednesday of the month. Isn't that correct, Mr. Krause? So that's a different date in August. That's all I have."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we move onto Council reports, and this evening we begin with Mr. Tanski."
**Councilman Kevin Tanski:** "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I want to address this tax issue, and hopefully put it to rest. The last couple meetings this tax issue has been brought up. I was in the process of correcting paperwork with the county, and I wasn't going to read this lengthy letter, but I guess I will read it, and hopefully, hopefully it'll correct everybody's mind and move on. The letter is from Director Brian O'Malley. 'Dear sir. An inquiry was forwarded to this office concerning the above listed properties, which according to our records, are owned by Kevin Tanski. The inquiry suggested that they are rental properties and illegitimately receiving 2.5% owner occupied tax credit, which is granted through an application process prescribed in ORC 323.153. The 2.5% reduction is available to any owner of a homestead regardless of age, provided the dwelling is occupied as a home by a person who is domiciled in Ohio. However, a person is only entitled to a claim residence as a principal place of residence as it pertains to this credit. Applications must be submitted by the first Monday in June; however there is a late application available, which has allowed the credit to be awarded for the previous year. According to our records, your permanent address is on Vandalia Avenue, Brooklyn, Ohio. I researched our records in our real estate data base. You are in fact receiving 2.5 on the above referenced parcels. And our office also receipt of residential rental disclosure forms that you have submitted for each of these parcels dated June 14, 2011, I am attaching a more detailed analysis for properties in question, describing the manner in which each initially required the credit. In response to this inquiry, our office has removed a credit from each of the above referenced properties, and mailed new bills for these properties representing the adjusted tax due. Once payment has been posted on the adjusted bills, our office will consider this matter closed. As of the tax year 2011 and forward, the properties will be in compliance as it pertains to the owner occupied tax credit and residential rental disclosure statutes. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely, Director Brian O'Malley.' I have sent in the paperwork, I have corrected the discrepancy. As Director O'Malley stated in his letter, it was corrected in the computer, in the paperwork, and he considers this matter closed.

Now to move on to Senate Bill 5. I have brought this Resolution to the floor the second time for a vote, to show the public I am totally against Senate Bill 5. I’ve been against Senate Bill 5 from day one. The minutes will reflect my last vote. And that concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Mr. Murphy."

**Councilman Tom Murphy:** "Thank you. The only response I would have to those that spoke tonight was, just to add on to Mr. Krause, that I know that Officer Eschweiler is a Spanish speaking officer, and I'm sure is a great benefit to this city. So you are correct, we do have bilingual officers. Or at least one. The Race for the Cure was a success, and I applaud the brave souls that stood fast through the weather. I was asked why the city did not provide tables and chairs for their effort in the tent where they were serving food. I have no answer why the city did not supply tables and chairs, as they have in the past. I hope you have a safe summer, and remember our birthday on July 4th.

I, along with other Councilmembers and the Mayor, received a memo from Miss Pucci last Friday the 24th. The memo was a rambling about my contacting a potential business that may want to look at all or part of the American Greetings property. One of her points is that it should go through Council. I guess like the production company contact did, or rather did not go through Council. It's important, I believe, that we look at my effort as an option. Miss Pucci stated that the last thing we need in Brooklyn is another retail zone. I disagree. The last thing we need in Brooklyn is a big empty. Miss Pucci went on to suggest some legal advice about my personal e-mail. What her fixation is on my e-mail I don't know, but then that's her problem. Legal advice she suggested isn't part correct, and does lend credibility to the phrase that a little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing. My public response to the memo is the person who gave the advice should reflect on her past decisions of the diverging diamond, the income tax increase, the purchase of property for business, future business park, that is what we paid for it. And I should also mention sitting here for years while the landfill went into violation. In my opinion, those things alone should be a reminder to her every day that she's a part of the problem. Miss Pucci’s drivel went on for six paragraphs. I would also note that my suggestion was turned over to the appropriate person at the last Council meeting. I have been contacted this week by another corporation. Now remember, Miss Pucci, I said they contacted me. And I will again turn that over to the appropriate person. I could suppose just give it to you so you could make another of your stellar decisions; but I really don't want to do that, because, again, I really do feel, and have pointed out, that I believe you are part of the problem. I suggest to you, Miss Pucci, that you should be open to suggestions, and think about this as options, and competition. Thank you, that's all I have."
President Pucci: "Thank you. Next is Mr. Patta."

**Councilman John Patta:** "Thank you. I’d like to congratulate the detectives on their outstanding work. It’s good to see the positive impact that they were able to make in this tragic situation. Thank you. I spoke in the past about the business of the month. I will be working with the Mayor over the next month or so to finalize some of the details. Then I am hopeful that we will begin to honor some of our businesses starting in September.

With regard to the Charter Review Commission, as they are finishing their work on the Charter, I wanted to thank the members of the Charter Review Commission. They put a substantial amount of time into their work, and working on the review. I especially want to thank my appointee to the Charter Review Commission, Mary Lee Bowen. Mary Lee has worked hard in coming up with what I think are some great ideas, some new and innovative ideas for our city. She has proposed some cost saving ideas for the city, as well as proposed creating wards in our city so that our citizens have more of a feel that they have a representative on Council; and it would also create more accountability for the Councilpeople, as well as creating a more efficient Council. I hope that as the Charter Review Commission finishes their work, they will decide to consider some of her ideas. For those of you who are unsure how the Charter Review Commission works, they will give their recommendations to Council at least 90 days before the November elections, which will be no later than sometime in early August. Council will then see that these recommendations are put on the ballot to be voted upon by the residents of our city. Just because there is a recommendation does not mean that it will become law. It still needs to be voted on in early November by the, in the November election by our residents. Since any proposed changes will need to be voted on by the residents, I hope the Charter Review Commission will be liberal in considering putting all good ideas on the ballot, even if those ideas are not necessarily ones they would agree with. It is up to the residents of our city to make the final determination if any proposed Charter changes take effect. Finally, I’d like to wish everyone a happy and a safe summer. That concludes my report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Mrs. Gallagher."

**Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher:** "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Good evening. Since we have a short agenda I will try to keep my comments brief. Mr. Ockington, a resident contacted me about a resident who had a garage sale every day for the last three weeks. She said there is a permanent orange sign on the corner of her street, and she believes that the person is making this a business. Because of these daily garage sales there is many shady characters driving through the neighborhood. I did talk with Chief Tenaglia before the meeting and he was going to look into this problem. But just a reminder about the regulations of a garage sale. 'No garage sale shall be conducted by the same resident or a member of the family of such resident on the premises of such residence more than three times each calendar year. A garage sale, as used herein, means a period of three days or less in any one calendar week. No person shall conduct a home sale or garage sale except between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. No garage sale shall last more than three consecutive days. No person shall offer any merchandise for sale that has been purchased by and for, made a gift to, or for consideration placed with, the resident for purpose of re-sale at such garage sale. After the expiration of each day of the sale, all merchandise offered for sale shall be placed inside the premises, and not within the view of the general public. Permits cannot be voided once they’re issued and/or re-issued for different dates. Ordinance 1991-88, Section 1129.03(G)(4) Garage Sale Signs. Residents posting signs in conjunction with garage sale, which term shall include yard sale, porch sale, house sale, toy sale, or similar terms in a house, garage or yard, may post a maximum of three signs which shall not be displayed more than two days in advance of the sale. All signs must be removed on the last day of the sale.'

And congratulations to Detective Cindy Eschweiler and Joe Tenhunfeld. You both are wonderful individuals who I admire a lot. As a resident and public official, I’d like to extend my sincere thanks to Chief Tenaglia and the Brooklyn Police Department. Our thanks for putting your life on the line every day for this community. I’d like to wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer. And that concludes my report."

**President Kathy Pucci:** "Thank you. Over the weekend I had the opportunity to attend the Relay for Life, and it was very successful. I’d like to thank everyone who helped organize it, especially Sharon Kovach, who was the coordinator this year. I also attended the St. Thomas More festival. It was a very nice afternoon. And I think the most popular item there was Father Bill’s famous lemonade."
A couple weeks ago I had the honor to present the scholarship winners with their scholarships from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. So I’d like to recognize the three winners. The first one is actually from Rhodes. Simon Sanders is a 2011 graduate of James Ford Rhodes High School, graduating fifth in his class with an accumulative grade point average of 4.0. He has been enrolled in college level classes through his participation in High Tech Academy, which means he attends Tri-C half days, and is earning dual credits for high school and college, while still receiving high honor roll at Rhodes. Simon is a member of the Rhodes chapter of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa at Tri-C Metro Campus. Simon is a two times OHSSA Track and Field Indoor State Meet Qualifier in the 4x4 relay and is the captain of the cross country and track team. He is also a Breylon Edwards Advanced 100 Scholarship Program scholar. He will be attending Marietta College in the fall and plans to study petroleum engineering. Our two students from Brooklyn High School. Gar Wai Guan is a 2011 graduate of Brooklyn High School, graduating first in his class with an accumulative grade point average of over 4.2. During his four years of high school he participated in varsity track and soccer, stage crew, National Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council. Gar excelled in honors chemistry and acted as a peer tutor to other students. He has participated in community service through volunteering his time and efforts at a community Christmas dinner, Oktoberfest, blood drive, and concession stands. Gar will be attending the Ohio State University in the fall to study chemical engineering. Shaun Christie is a 2011 graduate of Brooklyn High School, graduating third in his class with an accumulative grade point average of over 4.1. While attending Brooklyn High School he was a member of the varsity soccer and varsity track and field teams. He was also a member of the state crew for Little Shop of Horrors. Sean received a diploma with honors, along with the Sal Segal Scholarship from Olympic Steel. He is currently a sales associate at F.Y.E. in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Sean will be attending Akron University in the fall. His major is undecided at this time. Congratulations to these outstanding students.

And also thank you to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce for providing scholarships for our young people. This year the scholarship committee consisted of David Nodge from the Brooklyn Adult Activity Center, as the chairperson, Ann Guess from Key Bank, David Hill from Dollar Bank, and Fran Migliorino from the City of Brooklyn. Also from the Chamber, just a reminder, that they are having a golf outing Thursday, July 28th at Cherokee Hills.

I was able to attend the last Charter Review Commission a few weeks ago. There will be several items that they will be sending to Council to place on the ballot in November. And this Commission operates independently of Council, and I’m not aware of any pressure exerted on the Commission by any members of Council, and frankly I’d be quite surprised if that was the case. They go through the Charter section by section, and have a discussion, and then a majority then makes a decision whether they’re going to make any changes. And I too would like to thank them for their work on this important project.

Mrs. McGinty, could you make sure… I know that we’ve started our partnership with the Parma Hts. residents, and could you pass along to Mr. Hammond that we receive monthly reports on the numbers, both in how many people are participating and the dollars that come in, so that we will be able to track how well this program is working.


President Pucci: "Thank you very much. The Brooklyn Animal Shelter will be having their annual Nautica fundraiser July 14-17th. They are in need of volunteers for all positions. You can call Mr. Kit Krause at 216-398-7283. Just to respond briefly about some of the comments that were made. I guess you can tell that this is an election year. First of all, just so nobody is confused, our municipal income tax is 2.5% not 10 or 15%. Mr. Tanski addressed his issue with the property tax situation. Mr. DeMarco at the last meeting did read from the county that he was in compliance. Right on the county website I think there’s a disclaimer on there, not to be used for legal purposes, or something like that. I think we certainly have to take Mr. DeMarco at his word that he was in compliance, that because... Excuse me, was in compliance with the paperwork he filled out when he purchased his home, and because the property taxes are in arrears, that's why the county explained to him that it was still noted that there was a residential owner occupied credit still on that property. So hopefully that'll be the end of that issue.
Regarding my e-mail to Mr. Murphy, I will just read it and let it speak for itself. 'Tom, I read your e-mail that you passed along to Mary-Jo relative to your inquiry of Bass Pro Shops. I am puzzled as to why you believe that a retail business would be desirable to the city for the American Greetings location. Retail jobs are typically low paying, and generally part-time, which are not the type of jobs we need to replace the revenue that will be lost when American Greetings moves. There are of course other concerns, since the zoning for that property prohibits retail, and any such change would have to go on the ballot for the residents to approve. While we value the retail businesses in our community, and are appreciative of the role they play in contributing to a diverse tax base, the last thing our community needs is to establish another retail area in our city. I know earlier in the year you suggested Cabella’s might be a good fit; however I thought it was explained that retail was not in our best interest, and this location did not match their business model. If we had an available retail location that would be appropriate for the businesses you have contacted, I of course would be supportive. I believe it would be more productive if you have ideas that you discuss them with the Mayor, the rest of Council, and Fran, to ensure that ideas are properly vetted, prior to businesses being contacted. Council and the administration should be on the same page so that a proper official correspondence could be sent to prospective businesses on city letterhead. I am also concerned that you have used your personal e-mail to conduct official city business. I do not know what your intention was; however, it gives the appearance that you’re trying to circumvent the public records laws. You should be aware that because you have used your personal e-mail for city business, your personal e-mail is now subject to public records requests as they pertain to city business. You might want to contact Scott to clarify the situation. Planning for our city’s future after American Greetings leaves is too important an issue to politicize. I hope that we can all work collaboratively to bring a desirable business to that location. I’m open to discussing any other suggestions you may have.

This is our last regularly scheduled Council meeting. That does not mean Council goes on vacation. We continue to get calls, e-mails from residents, we handle complaints, concerns and questions from residents. So if anybody has any problem, don’t hesitate to call us. We do anticipate at least one special meeting this summer, and when we do have a date and a time that will be posted. And I also anticipate a work session. We have a couple projects that we want to get moving on this summer. The automated garbage collection, and also upgrading our recording system for the Council Chambers.

And I’d like to end on a positive note and sincerely thank Mr. Gruntkowski and Mrs. Gruntkowski for contacting me. Thank you so much for taking the time to express your heartfelt gratitude to our detectives. And to our wonderful detectives who did such an outstanding job, thank you. We are all proud of you, and we’re very proud of the way you represent our community. Thank you again. Now we’ll move onto the Mayor’s report. Mayor Balbier.”

**Mayor Rich Balbier:** "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Mr. Gruntkowski, that was a very good talk. I know you get nervous getting up there, you did very, very well. And I’m well aware of our Detective Bureau. I was going to give them awards, but I’m waiting until the third suspect’s behind bars also. That'll probably be this fall. Our Police Department is very well trained, they’re very professional. And this arrest made the newspapers because it was a homicide. They make arrests constantly that the newspaper never even picks up. We have an excellent Police Department, and I’m well aware of it. But I just want to tell you you did an excellent job when you got up there.

With our Economic Development Director, I intend to make her full time. I’ve asked her already, and she said that she would accept the position full time. She’s got a lot of work. We’ve been getting a lot, not a lot, but we’ve been getting inquiries about American Greetings property, besides the Cleveland Film Commission. However, it’s not our property. So I instructed to contact American Greetings and see how much information they want us to give out, how much they want us to promote it, or if they just want us to turn the names over to them. So she’s working on it. And she just told me the other day she’s going down to Columbus this week to work on grant money to get that overpass over those railroad tracks over by American Greeting. That’ll make that property more desirable. So she has a lot of work to do, but I’m going to try to make her full time. Now I have some paperwork to work out with the Finance Director when he gets back, and then hopefully she’ll become full time.

We had our Post-Audit on June 15th, and the Auditors were very pleased with Brooklyn and how much we’ve improved over a year. And there were no major problems. Even the landfill met all their Auditors, all their tests. We approached this landfill, we take all the aerial photographs they need, we file all the documents,
just like it's open. So whenever they contact us we're going to have this final meeting, whenever this is going to be; but they can't say we didn't do this or that. We keep it up to date, and the Auditors noted that.

NOPEC notified me that the gas rate of 5.98 per mcf will run for the city through October. That's a pretty good rate, 5.98. They are watching the market, and before they sign anything after October, they're going to wait for the best deal. I just hope they don't wait too long. So it's 5.98 through October.

The Historical Society sent me a flyer they wanted me to read because this our last meeting. It says, 'The Brooklyn Historical Society Shunpike shop sale will be September 24th and 25th. The quilt show at the Brooklyn Community Center will be September 23, 24, 25th. And the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Fall Fest at Kiddie Park will be September 23, 24, 25th.' That's from the Historical Society.

We received a report from the Solid Waste Management District for the year 2010. And Brooklyn had 3,759.31 tons of solid waste. Of that amount, 1,624.36 tons were recycled. So our recycling rate is now 30.17. In 2009 it was 26.8. The average for the county is 27. So we're above the average. But I think this year will be way beyond that, because we'll have a full year of composting. So all that counts for recycling.

And I have some good news. The city belongs to RITA, the Regional Income Tax Agency, and it was one of the better moves we made in the last few years, joining them. They collected $15,249,350 for the City of Brooklyn for our taxes. What they do is they take 3% of that to cover administration fees. Then at the end of the year they see exactly how much it was, and if you owe something you'll have to pay beyond that. In our case, we're going to get a refund. The cost of the collection was only 1.43%. So the retainer, by taking that 3%, was $458,361. So this week we should get a refund check from RITA for $241,230. So we can certainly use that.

On Wednesday night I had that open house that I advertised to come in and see the Mayor. Eight people showed up. And it took up almost the whole two hours. Some of them wanted to meet with me privately. And it worked out very well. The people whose questions I couldn't answer, I found out the next day and called them back with the answers. And one resident had a suggestion about garage sales. She said that, in one city that she saw, they have so many garage sales that the city decided to have a weekend where the city sponsored the garage sales, and each person who wanted to be in it contributed like $5, the city put it on their website, and the city took out an advertisement in the paper, along with a map showing where all these garage sales are at. So if there's enough interest in this, maybe we can do that next year. So if anybody thinks they'd like to do that, just call City Hall, and we'll keep a record, and if it looks like there's enough people, maybe we'll do something like that.

Tiedeman Road is moving along very well. They're two weeks ahead of schedule. That's because they haven't hit any major problems yet. And I've even gotten a few compliments, from people that don't live in Brooklyn but pass through, telling me what a great job they're doing. So usually all you get is complaints when they're doing construction, but we start with a few good comments. Another good thing is the Community Development, we received a Community Development grant that we applied for. This grant is for $93,312. And we're going to use this money to repair and bring up to date the four restrooms at the Senior Center. So they're all thrilled we got this. When it's all done, the city pays for it, but we get 100% reimbursement.

And the sanitary sewer, I received a news release. It says, 'During the weeks of June 27th, that's today, and July 4th, the county lining contractor, In-Waters Pollution Control, will be working on lining certain sanitary sewers along Brookpark in the City of Parma at Ridge Road, and also on Ridge Road. The work will occur during the evening to reduce inconveniences to property owners and the traveling public. So they're going to do this at night time. And what they do, is they take another thing and go through the sanitary pipe, then they heat it and it puts like a coating on it. They don't have to dig up the street, they can go through the sewers that are there now. So that must be some new technology. And I believe that's all I have Mrs. Pucci.'

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we'll move onto reports of directors, Chiefs and department heads, and we'll begin with the Service Director, Mr. Verba."
Dir. Verba: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Just to give everybody an update on our auction, that we took our vehicles to the Greater Cleveland Auction, we made over $40,000 and we got rid of 18 vehicles. And that's all I have. Thank you."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Building Department, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "No report."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Police Department, Chief Tenaglia."

Chief Tenaglia: "Yes, I'd like to thank the Gruntkowski for coming here tonight. I'm sure it was very hard. And I'd like to the way you recognized the two detectives from our department. Cindy and Joe are a great asset to the department; they put a lot of extra time in behind the scenes on a lot of things that they do. They do a lot of stuff that's not called upon, but they take it out of their own time to do it. And I'm very proud of the work that they do, and all the other members of the Police Department. The public only sees what they read in the paper. They don't see behind the scenes what these officers do on a daily basis, and the crap that they put up with from the public when the public gets a traffic citation, or they get arrested for being an idiot. Our men and women of the Police Department, and all police departments, should be commended for the work that they do on a daily basis. Thank you, enjoy your summer."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Fire Department, Chief Zemek."

Chief Zemek: "Thank you President Pucci. With the upcoming 4th of July, I printed out some copies for safe holiday and a safe summer, some fire tips, fire safety tips, not fire tips. And I put them on the counter out there. Just remember that fireworks are illegal in the State of Ohio. The only permitted type of fire crackers, or whatever you want to call them, are the trick and modeling devices. They include the items like smoke bombs, sparklers, snap little poppers, and those little snake things, if you like. But they still burn very, very hot. So supervision has to be done. And we want to have a safe Fourth in Brooklyn, and I certainly don't want to see any children be injured by fireworks. And that's my report, thank you."

President Pucci: "Thank you very much. Recreation Department, Mrs. McGinty."

Asst. Mgr. McGinty: "Our second session morning learn to swim program will have registration on July 2nd for residents from 8-11, nonresidents will be July 9th from 11-1 p.m., and the Parma Hts. residents can also sign up July 9th from 11-1. And classes will start July 18th. If you have any other questions you can call 216-351-6781. That's it."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Safety Director, Director Chessar."

Dir. Chessar: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. I have no report this evening. But I also would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for a job well done to our two police Detectives. Thank you, you did a great job."

President Pucci: "Thank you. And our Finance Director is excuse this evening; so finally we come to our Law Director, Mr. Claussen."

Dir. Claussen: "No report. Have a nice summer."

President Pucci: "Thank you. Next we'll have the public participation for legislative items on our agenda this evening. If anyone has any comments or questions about any legislation on our agenda this evening, please step forward to the podium, state your name and address for the record, and recognize the three minute time limit. Okay. Our first item is RESOLUTION 2011-5, which we will be passing by emergency measure this evening because we have a deadline to meet with the county. This is Adopting the Tax Budget for fiscal year 2012. I did read the details at our previous meeting when it was on first reading, but I will go over it again. This is for the property taxes, and it represents no increase in property taxes. For 2012 we will remain at the 5.9 mills. So we need a motion to suspend the rules please."

Councilman Murphy: "Motion to suspend the rules."
Councilman Tanski: "Second."

President Pucci: "JoAnn, call the roll please."

Clerk Haig: "To suspend the rules, Colleen Gallagher."
"Kevin Tanski."
"Tom Murphy."
"Kathleen Pucci."
"John Patta."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
Councilman Patta: "Yes."

Clerk Haig: "Then is there a motion to adopt?"

President Pucci: "Then we need a motion to adopt."

Councilman Patta: "Motion to adopt."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to adopt."

Councilman Tanski: "Second."

Clerk Haig: "To adopt, Colleen Gallagher."
"Kevin Tanski."
"Tom Murphy."
"Kathleen Pucci."
"John Patta."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
Councilman Patta: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Okay, we do have a memo from our Law Director, Mr. Claussen, regarding an Ordinance that we have tabled. 'It is my recommendation that Council move forward in amending the City of Brooklyn's Codified Ordinance 539.12 titled Firearms. This amendment has been tabled for quite some time, and I'd like to get this passed prior to Council recessing for the summer. I have spoken to Chief Tenaglia, Prosecutor Goldberg, and Director Chessar, and they are recommending that Council pass this legislation as introduced. Please feel free to call me over the weekend or on Monday with any questions or concerns, etc.' So if everyone will recall, we have this Ordinance, and Mr. Patta had some concerns that he communicated with Mr. Claussen. I don't know, Mr. Patta, if you have anything further you'd like to state."

Councilman Patta: "Well if you do... I don't have a problem if you want to vote on this today. I do have concerns the way it was written. I do believe it does take some tools away from the Police Department, as well as the Prosecutor. So..."

President Pucci: "It's my understanding that your objection is that the way it's worded we can't charge in multiple ways?"

Councilman Patta: "Correct."

President Pucci: "Or under multiple offenses."

Councilman Patta: "Correct."

President Pucci: "Okay. Does anyone else have any comments or questions? This is ORDINANCE 2011-29. I'm going to read the title, and then if we want it to get off the table and then pass it this evening, we'll have that option. It's Amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn by amending Section 539.12(A) entitled Firearms of Chapter 539 Parks and Playgrounds. What is Council's pleasure?"

Councilman Murphy: "I'll make a motion to take off the table."

President Pucci: "Is there a second?"
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

President Pucci: "Okay, then we'll vote on that to take it off the table."

Clerk Haig: "To remove from the table, Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
"Kevin Tanski." Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
"Tom Murphy." Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
"Kathleen Pucci." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
"John Patta." Councilman Patta: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Okay, then we would need... And Mr. Claussen, you'll have to refresh my memory where we are. Do we need a suspension of the rules?"

Dir. Claussen: "Yes."

President Pucci: "Okay, so we need a suspension of the rules. And just to remind the public, we had a local ordinance that prohibited firearms in our parks. That has been ruled null and void by, was it the Supreme Court...?"

Dir. Claussen: "Yes."

President Pucci: "...of the State of Ohio. So even though, to most of us makes no sense, we really don't want people being able to carry firearms in our park, we have to be in compliance with state law. So it would need a motion..."

Councilman Patta: "Excuse me, may I be recognized?"

President Pucci: "Yes."

Councilman Patta: "I just want to clarify, Mr. Claussen, if you can clarify this as well. It is not carrying firearms. The only exception is if you have a concealed carry permit. I have no problem with following the State of Ohio Supreme Court decision in this."

President Pucci: "Yes."

Councilman Patta: "But I do have a problem with people carrying firearms who do not have a concealed carry permit in our city parks."

President Pucci: "I understand. And thank you for that clarification, I appreciate that. Any other comments or questions? So we would need a motion to suspend the rules."

Councilman Murphy: "Motion to suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Haig: "To suspend the rules for Ordinance 2011-29, Colleen Gallagher."
"Kevin Tanski." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
"Tom Murphy." Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
"Kathleen Pucci." Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
"John Patta." Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."

President Pucci: "And then we need a motion to adopt."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Move to adopt."

Councilman Murphy: "Motion to adopt."
Councilman Tanski: "Second."

Clerk Haig: "To adopt Ordinance 2011-29, Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
"Kevin Tanski."
"Tom Murphy."
"Kathleen Pucci."
"John Patta."

Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
Councilman Patta: "No."

President Pucci: "Okay, does the Mayor or any other Councilmembers have anything else they'd like to say?"

Mayor Balbier: "I'd just like to wish everybody, that they have a safe and enjoyable summer."

President Pucci: "Yes, and I echo those comments. And please be careful when you're driving. Our children are out riding their bikes, they're not always paying attention. So please use a little bit of extra caution as you're driving through our city streets. We need a motion to adjourn."

Councilman Tanski: "Motion to adjourn."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Haig: "To adjourn, Colleen Gallagher."
"Kevin Tanski."
"Tom Murphy."
"Kathleen Pucci."
"John Patta."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yes."
Councilman Tanski: "Yes."
Councilman Murphy: "Yes."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes."
Councilman Patta: "Yes."

Meeting adjourned.