



(c) Approval of Minutes – Work Session – December 17, 2012.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting as submitted was moved by Meadows, seconded by Mucciolo.

**Roll Call:** 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

(d) Proclamation – Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

A proclamation in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day was read by Councilors Meadows, Peterson and Broadwell. It was further noted that the proclamation would be read again during the “annual “Rededication of the Dream” event at MLK Park on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 12:15 p.m. City Manager Norenberg further remarked that the third annual event of the MLK Jr. Community Event will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5 p.m. in Finney Chapel. The theme of this community event will be “Voices of the Movement”. The public will hear from people in Oberlin who were actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1960s. He invited members of the community to attend the events at Finney Chapel on Sunday and at MLK Jr. Park on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PROCLAMATION  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King had special personal and professional ties to Oberlin, and visited here on several occasions, and became an honorary alumnus of Oberlin College in 1965 when he was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree; and

**WHEREAS**, he was assassinated and died on April 4, 1968; in the end, he gave his life for the cause of true justice in our land, and for his “dream” that all people of all colors and conditions could live in peace and in harmony, and could treat each other, and all others, with respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council under the leadership of Bob Thomas observed a holiday in the City of Oberlin in association with Dr. King’s birthday for the first time in 1971, and the United States Congress ultimately passed legislation to establish the third Monday in January as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day federal holiday, and it was first observed in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, we therefore pause every January to reflect on the life and work of our nation’s greatest champion of civil rights and human dignity; whose powerful words, whether written on smudged fragments of newsprint smuggled out of a narrow jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama, or echoing eloquently from the steps of a great memorial in Washington, D.C., calmed fears and solidified resolve among people of good will of every race, class, gender, and circumstance; and

**WHEREAS**, the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a continuing inspiration and ideal for many young people in Oberlin and all over the world; and

**WHEREAS**, each year Oberlinians gather together before a monument, to him, in a public park and civic space named for him, and read what he said, and rededicate themselves to his “dream” of a society transformed, a “person-oriented” rather than “thing-oriented” society, the good society realized in America such that Martin Luther King, Jr., would no longer truly take pride in remaining “maladjusted” to it; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now our generation’s responsibility to honor the life and memory of Dr. King by answering his powerful calls to action and by continuing to fight for his legacy of equality for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Rimbart, Mayor of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, on behalf of Oberlin City Council, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 as “Martin Luther King Jr. Day”, and commend all persons who have joined in the community celebration and communal witness of this historic occasion in the City of Oberlin.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, to be affixed hereto this 7th day of January 2013.

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**Ronnie J. Rimbart  
Mayor/President of Council**







- Broadwell announced the need to appoint an eleven (11) member Charter Review Committee by the second meeting in January.
- Meadows commented on a newspaper article where the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority has a solar firm.
- Burgess commented on a public meeting that he attended in Pittsfield Township at Country Skate land regarding Quasar's (of North Ridgeville) intention to store waste sludge from a bio gas digester process (used to generate carbon neutral electricity or storage) in an above ground lagoon in a farm field in Pittsfield Township, a process which Pittsfield residents are opposed to. It was noted that this debate would continue tonight. Burgess commented that although this is not occurring in Oberlin's jurisdiction, it is occurring in their watershed. The creek that flows by the field flows through Oberlin. Burgess considered writing a letter of support in accordance with Pittsfield Township to not allow Quasar to have a lagoon in their township. He felt the township had it under control but thought that Council might want to consider offering some support depending on how the townships meeting played out tonight. Members of Council concurred with concerns raised by Burgess and supported the request to draft a letter in support of Pittsfield Township.

#### **7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Norenberg announced that he had nothing further.

#### **8. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Finance Director Talarico:

- Provided an update on HB 601 the income tax bill which died and will be reintroduced later in the month to the Ohio General Assembly.
- Stated that legislation will be discussed in agenda session concerning Council raises. He recapped the discussion concerning Council raises at the December 17th work session and asked that members of Council provide him with feedback concerning which option presented at the work session should be including in the ordinance. Mucciolo reaffirmed his stance that Council should not be considering raises at this time due to the current economic state that the City is faced with.

#### **9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Council addressed a number of questions asked by David Ashenhurst related to the release of notice to the public regarding Charter Review Committee vacancies, amendments made to the 2013 Oberlin City Council Calendar, and the comprehensive review of Liquor permits in the City of Oberlin. In addition members also heard additional comments from Ashenhurst related to the lagoon storage issue impacting Pittsfield Township.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Being that there was no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Attest:**

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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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RONNIE J. RIMBERT  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: 01/22/2013

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