

**ST. BERNARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2006**

The regular meeting of the St. Bernard City Council was held Thursday, October 5, 2006 in Council Chambers.

President of Council, Mr. Curtis Walden – The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed that six members were present; Ms. Hausfeld, Mr. Asbach, Mr. Burkhardt, Mrs. Brickweg, Mr. Meier, Mr. Zix. Mr. Schildmeyer was absent.

Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes Mr. Asbach seconded the motion. Council agreed 6-0.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

MAYOR, Mr. Estep – ODOT held a public meeting on September 28, 2006, in the main level of the Municipal Building concerning the I-75 Mill Creek Expressway Study. The purpose of the meeting was to show the alternatives currently under consideration for improvements to Interstate 75 between the Western Hills Viaduct and the Paddock Road interchange, plus the section of I-74 from I-75 to the Colerain/Beekman interchange. Currently, the primary goal at hand is to evaluate alternatives to reduce congestion, improve safety and correct substandard roadway condition that contribute to these problems. Some potential improvements include additional lanes on I-75 and interchange upgrades.

Concerning this matter, I would like to voice my support for Resolutions No. 4, 2006, urging the Ohio Department of Transportation to NOT SELECT the “St. Bernard Alignment Option” and seek an alternative which will have the least impact and minimal loss of property to the City of St. Bernard and its Ross Avenue Park Property.

ODOT will be accepting comments until October 12, 2006. I urge residents to direct their comments and concerns by mail to:

Hans Jindal  
ODOT, District 8  
505 South SR 741  
Lebanon, Ohio

Or emailed to - [hans.jindal@dot.state.oh.us](mailto:hans.jindal@dot.state.oh.us).

Don't forget the community Halloween party. It will be held on Tuesday, October 31. Children should gather at the pavilion for our annual costume contest at 5:30p.m. Costume judging will be at 5:45p.m. We'll have prizes for the costume winners and candy for all children. St. Bernard's Trick or Treat will be from 6 to 8p.m., and houses receiving children are asked to turn their porch light on at dusk.

Finally, I would like to be added to the COW agenda to discuss the development of Bertus Street Park.

AUDITOR, Mr. St. Clair – The September Auditor's reports are prepared for tonight's meeting. The receipts report and the report showing year-to-date revenue and expenses by fund are derived from the Auditor's report and they are given to Council and the Administration.

Payroll for the month of September (3 pay periods)	\$ 536,636.85
Payroll year to date:	3,837,287.44
Other expenditures for the Month of September:	\$ 719,923.67
Other expenditures as of September 30 <sup>th</sup> :	3,847,264.30
Total expenditures through the end of September:	\$7,684,551.74

Before Council tonight is Resolution No. 3, 2006. This resolution accepts the property tax rates and amounts, determined by the Hamilton County budget Commission and authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the County Auditor. The property tax rate for the City's General Fund is 10.68 mills which should generate gross levy proceeds of about \$1,945,000 for the City. The rate for the Police and Fire Pension Funds is .30 mills each which should yield about \$56,000 for each fund.

Also before Council tonight is ordinance No. 29, 2006. This Ordinance mainly adjusts certain wage appropriations. At the COW a question was raised about the wages of those elected and appointed officials who are tied to the wages of the County Commissioners and why those wages weren't more accurately shown on the appropriations at the beginning of the year. I did not have an answer for that question last week, so I went through the various editions of the proposed 2006 budget from last year. I missed the late October meeting of the Finance Committee, but on my November 4th printing of the 2006 budget, which showed no raises, 5% increases are handwritten on the edition for all non-contractual employees. Those changes were shown on the December 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the 2006 budget, which Mr. Stegman presented to Council at the December 8<sup>th</sup> COW. Apparently I misunderstood the intent of the Finance committee because in Mr. Stegman's report to Council on December 15<sup>th</sup> he stated that the 2006 budget contained 5% raises for all except those tied to the County Commissioners who would get the 3% that the Commissioners got. I did not get the figures changed before the appropriation Ordinance was passed in January. I apologize the Council for any inconvenience.

DIRECTOR OF LAW, Mr. Geiser – Before Council tonight, not already talked about, are one additional Resolution and two Ordinances. As the Mayor mentioned, Resolution No. 4, 2004 is before you. I want to thank whoever provided me the information from this brochure, because that is where I got the information for this Resolution. The discussion about what option, and they call it in here the "St. Bernard Alignment Option", so that's why I went with that description, and this particular Resolution, which makes sense if you don't know exactly what we're talking about in the Resolution. Ordinance No. 28, 2006 is for the sidewalk repair for Adleta. I have a copy of the contract if anyone wants to read it. We indicate a definite dollar amount in the Resolutions or Ordinances rather than just going out for bids and Council knows what the final product is going to be. Ordinance No. 30, 2006 is various changes to the St. Bernard Revised Code. This came out of the Laws, Contracts and Claims Committee per their recommendation.

Lastly, if many of you didn't already know, the trial against the City of St. Bernard by the employees and retirees has started. It began yesterday in court and has been continued in progress to Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30a.m.

TREASURER, Mr. Kathman – I have the receipts report for the month of September, 2006.

Receipts for the month of September:	\$ 954,064.86
Receipts for the year through September 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 8,155,313.92

SAFETY DIRECTOR, Mr. Stuchell – The St. Bernard Fire Dept. monthly report for September is: 15 Fire runs, 78 Emergency medical responses, and 7 Inspections.

The Fire Department will be starting their home fire/safety inspection program during Fire Prevention Week, October 8<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Firefighters will check your home for fire and safety hazards. If residents wish, they may call the fire department and schedule a date and time for their home to be inspected. As, always, smoke detectors and batteries for smoke detectors are available at the St. Bernard Fire Department.

SERVICE DIRECTOR, Mr. Kempe – I recommend adoption of Ordinance No. 28, 2006 accepting the bid for sidewalk repairs and authorizing the Service Director to enter into a contract with Adleta Construction in the amount of \$22,951.90.

The bids for Church St. repairs will be opened Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and I will try to have the information available for the next COW meeting. Finally, a new backstop at the Vine St. Park ball field is close to being completely installed. The old backstop was very old, rusted and dangerous and it was time for a new one.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE, Mr. Zix – The Finance Committee would like to recommend passage of Resolution No. 3, 2006 and Ordinance No. 29, 2006.

SAFETY, Mr. Burkhardt – No report.

SERVICE, Mr. Meier – The Service Dept. report for Sept., 2006, there were 30 trucks placed at residences, 16 dumpsters place at residences, 99 special pick ups, 223 tons of garbage taken to the landfill. For the recycling report, there was 22.75 tons of recycling material, 9.42 tons of cardboard, 405 lbs. of scrap aluminum, 14,500 lbs. of scrap metal.

The City received \$1,710.10 for recycling in August of 2006 and also the first report for the first 6 months of 2006, the City received \$4,729.86. That is for the curb side residential recycling.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, Mr. Asbach – No report.

LAWS, CONTRACTS AND CLAIMS, Ms. Hausfeld – My committee, Laws, Contracts & Claims, recommends passage of Ordinance No. 30, which deals with storage of vehicles in residential district, also, commercial vehicles parking and recreational vehicle parking.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION, Mrs. Brickweg – I would like to thank everyone that was able to attend last Thursday's public meeting to discuss the feasible alternatives to the I-75 Highway expansion project. For those that were not able to attend I picked up some extra information packets and comments sheets. It is very important that we send in as many comment

cards as we can. This will not guarantee that they will not use the St. Bernard Alignment Option, which would result in our City losing a large portion of Ross Park, but it will influence which option is chosen. Please contact me if you would like a comment card. I can be reached at [pbrickweg@yahoo.com](mailto:pbrickweg@yahoo.com) or at home at 242-5183.

As Chairperson of the Highways and Transportation Committee, I would like to recommend the passage of Resolution 4, 2006. I would like to thank Ed for creating it.

Mr. Burkhardt – The COW report has been submitted to the Clerk.

**Committee of the Whole**  
**Sept. 28, 2006**

1. Council approved the minutes of the Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting 6-0. Mr. Schildmeyer was absent.

2. Mr. Wiedman introduced the new HIP Inspector, Mr. Walt Moeller. Mr. Geiser then swore Mr. Moeller in.

3. Mayor, John Estep

A. John discussed the meeting on the I-75 expansion. Council agreed 6-0 to put a resolution on the table to send to ODOT saying that Council and the Administration prefers option A that would spare Ross Park.

4. Auditor, Walter St. Clair

A. Council voted 6-0 to put a resolution on the table to approve the tax rates set by the County.

B. Walt also informed Council that the C-9 trial is set for Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

C. Council voted 6-0 to put an adjustment ord. on the table that adjusts certain salaries and the Service Dept.'s health plan.

5. Director of law, Edward Geiser

A. Ed informed Council and the Administration about what he had found so far on the City's ability to build on Bertus St. Park. He will look into the City's options and report later.

6. Safety Director, Jonathan Stuchell

A. Jonathan brought Council up to date on the hiring of new police officers. He will report back later when they are farther along with the process.

7. Service Director, Joe Kempe

A. Council voted 6-0 to put an ord. on the table accepting Adleta's bid for sidewalk repair. The bid was \$33,000.00.

B. Council voted 6-0 to go into Executive Session following the meeting to discuss contact negotiations.

8. Tax Commissioner, Sheri Williams, no report.

9. Laws, Contracts, & Claims, Patty Hausfeld

A. Council voted 6-0 to put an ord. on the table for revisions to the parking ord.

B. Council also agreed to move the ord. concerning the benefits for City hall employees to the Finance Committee.

10. Public Improvements, Steve Asbach, no report.

11. Business & Industry, Mike Schildmeyer, absent.

12. Safety, Bill Burkhardt, no report.

13. Highways & Transportation, Peggy Brickweg

A. Peggy reported that she attended the Cognis meeting and will report later on what was discussed.

14. Service, Kevin Meier, no report.

15. Finance, Greg Zix

A. Greg asked about the condition of the swing set area at Bertus St. Park. Joe said that the material had arrived and it would be taken care of this week.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Burkhardt  
President of Council, Pro-Tem

## COMMUNICATIONS

October 4, 2006

Dear Mayor Estep and Fellow Council Members,  
On behalf of St. Bernard PTA I would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of St. Bernard for allowing us use of the pavilion for our Fall Carnival  
Our Carnival was a huge success and the Service Department played a major role in making it the success that it was. We would like to thank them for the outstanding job they did on preplanning and set-up. Mr. Kempe, Mr. Estep and Mr. Evans were very helpful in planning our event and Mr. Middendorf went the extra mile to assure we had everything to make this event successful. We truly appreciate their hard work and dedication. Lastly, we would like to thank the St. Bernard Service Department Association for the financial contribution they made to our Carnival. Their kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.  
It is wonderful to see all that can be accomplished by forming successful partnerships. We greatly appreciate all of the support and contributions from the City of St. Bernard and its constituents.

Sincerely,

Pam Carroll  
PTA President

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to receive and file the communication and send a copy to the Service Dept. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Meier to read this evening's Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2006. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Zix to suspend with the second and third of Resolution No. 3, 2006. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Zix to adopt Resolution No. 3, 2006 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2006. RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH THE INTERSTATE 75 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO NOT SELECT THE 'ST. BERNARD ALIGNMENT OPTION' AND SELECT AN ALTERNATIVE WHICH HAS THE LEAST IMPACT AND MINIMAL LOSS OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF ST. OF ST. BERNARD AND ITS ROSS AVENUE PARK PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to suspend with the second and third reading of Resolution No. 4, 2006. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Brickweg, seconded by Mr. Asbach to adopt Resolution No. 4, 2006 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2006. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ADLETA, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Meier to suspend with the second and third reading of Ord. No 28, 2006. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to adopt Ordinance No. 28, 2006 as read. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2006. AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO ADJUST CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Zix to suspend with the second and third reading of Ordinance No. 29, 2006.

## **REMARKS**

Mrs. Brickweg – I just wanted to thank Walt for getting the answers to the question on the differences in the budget.

Motion to suspend passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Zix to adopt Ordinance No. 29, 2006. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Geiser – Before you read Ordinance No. 30, 2006, I'd like to make a suggestion to Council, an amendment. On the very first page, before you go into Section 351.15 right above it, it says, "shall be amended to remove sub-sections e) and f) read as follows:" if you could just remove the section, it should read: "shall be amended to read as follows". Move the language, remove sub-section e) and f). It was set up, but it makes more sense to take that out of there. Carol called me this afternoon about that and I didn't have that in front of me so I didn't know what to do and we made some changes and after reading it I realize it should not be in there like that. I would like to ask Council to make a motion to amend it as I just suggested.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Mrs. Brickweg to amend Ordinance No. 30, 2006 as specified by Mr. Geiser. Motion passed 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 30, 2006. AMENDING AND/OR REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 351, PARKING, OF ST. BERNARD'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Ms. Hausfeld, seconded by Mr. Burkhardt to allow Ordinance No. 30, 2006 as amended to take its regular course.

## **REMARKS**

Mr. Geiser – I just want to thank the Laws, Contracts & Claims Committee for putting this together. It was a lot of work to do on this. And, just for the residents, when they review this, if they get a chance to, this refers to residential parking, it doesn't revert to parking in non-residential areas of the City.

Mr. Brickweg – I was just going to recommend that the residents do look over it, it's going to go it's normal course so they can come to meeting and ask questions or voice their concerns.

Motion for Ordinance No. 30, 2006 as amended to take its regular course passed 6-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Hausfeld – I would like to be put on the COW agenda for next week to get and update on the sale of what's going on with 618 E. Ross. I had a couple of residents ask me about that. Also, they were also asking me about updates on the CRA, Kevin, if we could just bring that to the COW again so that we know where we are as far as those two items.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Brickweg – I attended the Cognis Community Advisory Paned on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We were given a plant update and were informed that the steel worker's strike is over and that Cognis is being fined over \$400,000 by

the EPA for spills in the Millcreek. Cognis is working with the EPA so they can have the fines go to charitable organizations. We were also informed that Cognis is still waiting on approval for a permit to start up their new boiler. You may remember I mentioned the new boiler months back when there was a big smoke cloud in the air because of a problem with an older boiler. Cognis is working with Hamilton County and answering all of their questions in hopes of getting the permit soon. The new boiler cost \$22,000,000 and will benefit both Cognis and the residents around the plant. It was suggested that it may help if people write the County on behalf of Cognis. The CAP panel was told that there are many advantages to the new boiler system, such as, it will operate at 90% efficiency instead of the current boilers that have a 70% efficiency rating. The new boiler will be run on natural gas and gas alternatives instead of coal. This is a huge plus because it will burn cleaner, which will help keep the air surrounding Cognis cleaner and it will benefit the company because the new boiler will run on half the energy, therefore costing less to operate and that will help Cognis stay competitive with other companies. At the meeting there was a guest speaker on behalf of the Cincinnati Public Schools and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Shelter in Place Program. I am currently working with Firefighter Troy Mirick to learn more about our Shelter in Place program in St. Bernard.

Mr. Zix – I would like to be put on the COW agenda to review our sign ordinance.

Ms. Hausfeld – This probably actually goes under Old Business but I forgot. Last week at COW my committee did recommend for the health benefits for the City Hall employees to be placed in the Finance Committee's Committee instead of mine. So I just wanted the public to know that that is in the Finance Committee's hands now.

Mrs. Brickweg – I received a letter today and I just wanted to read it in case other people in the Administration or Council are interested in going to this.

Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, is having a class called "Community Choices, "Where Do We Grow From Here?" It is October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:00p.m., Springfield Township Senior Community Center, 9158 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio. What this is, it says; A partnership with County Planning Agencies, OKI Ass., series of eight meetings, one in each of our Counties. Each meeting will feature growth, trend information for the region and the host County. We'll introduce tools for land use and transportation planning. The Community Choice's effort is meant to provide a local government with tools to establish and express a vision for their future and practical ways to accomplish those visions. These tools include a guide for writing an effective comprehensive plan and sample Ordinances for variety of topics. They are intended to provide choices for communities to use, modify, or ignore as they see fit. County and local planning and zoning staff and commissioners may be interested because effective local planning is one of the factors considered by OKI in evaluating requests for this board transportation project. If anyone has any questions they can call OKI, 621-6300 and ask for Bill Miller, Larissa Finn or Jane Whitkey.

#### **AUDIENCE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Norm Miller, 219 Washington – I wasn't going to say anything but the more I sit here the more bummed I get. We got another one of these here 30 minute Council meetings, all the things that are bad about the City that we hear about everybody got no report Mr. President, no report Mr. President. You know, if you got weak kidneys and you come here and you have to go to the bathroom you're going to miss a meeting. There has to be something going on in a committee that somebody has to tell us. Mr. Asbach, he's Public Improvements, and the last three or four meetings, no report Mr. President. Something has got to be going on that he can tell the public about. I want to say something to the Service Director too when he read his report the last time from the Library. This fellow mentioned to you that this is not a regional Library. They also mentioned to you that it included Avondale, I think it was Roselawn, as far as I'm concerned, St. Bernard ends at the end of St. Bernard, Roselawn is not St. Bernard and Avondale and Bond Hill which he mentioned to you, that's not St. Bernard. Funny, pulling the wool over our eyes, saying it's not regional, the thing he mentioned, we're not going to close Elmwood, so that makes it not regional? I think we need to understand what some of these people are telling us. But again I think, all the things that are going on in the City, you hear all these things, this is bad, that's bad, Vine St., we don't hear anything about Vine St. we've been talking about, something's gotta be going on instead of "no report" Mr. President.

Doug Roll, 155 Church St. – I also was down at the highway improvement thing that they had over here last week. The way I understand, if we're going to push to not take some of Ross Park then they're definitely going to go into Oak St. and take all the businesses down there. I'm not so sure that we don't find another route to get into Ross Park instead of losing income from the businesses down there so I guess, are we doing anything, or is the Administration doing anything, to relocate the two businesses that are down there. Maybe to the Nu-Maid property or anywhere in the City or are we just going to lose them? I'm not really sure but I think that I would rather keep the money in town and lose some of the park. But I really don't want them to come to the park either, so its kind of a "Catch 22" situation.

Mrs. Brickweg – In response to Mr. Roll's comment, I asked that question a few weeks back and basically the answer I got is, Gerry Wiedman has contacted the businesses just to speak to them and tell them what is going on, but from the Administrations' point of view and maybe its changed, they've decided not to contact the businesses about moving until the final option is chosen. I basically recommended that we should start looking at it now, come up with some options now, especially before we would fill up Nu-Maid, but that's what was discussed, it probably was about a month or two ago, but if something has changed maybe they could inform you on that.

Mr. Kempe – I think you're correct, Peggy, but what was meant if it wasn't specified that way, is like you said, Gerry has been talking to these two companies down there, but for them to make plans to make a move, they're not going to know what they're going to get from the State or the Federal Govt. or whoever is going to making the payments until 2008 or 2009. We can offer them something, but they're not going to make a commitment until they know what they're going to get as far as revenue is concerned and the

buyout of their property. That's really not going to happen until another year and a half or two years from now.

Mr. Estep – I'm going to support that as well. I agree we should be looking closer at this. I will have to agree with Doug, no I'll have to disagree with Doug, we may lose some revenue and we may have a better chance to relocate those two businesses. We lose Ross Park, we're landlocked, we can't say we'll clean another area or level some piece of property and we'll relocate our park. I think our park is a vital part of our community and it serves both the high schools. Roger Bacon plays down there, St. Bernard/Elmwood Place plays down there, there's picnics, both girls softball teams, Bacon's girls might play at Vine St., St. Bernard/Elmwood Place plays down there. We've a lot of soccer games for our youth down there, Knothole baseball, where are we going to send all those people? What's the future going to be for our kids in this community? I totally disagree with taking any part of Ross Park.

Mrs. Brickweg – I agree with keeping the park but not exactly what you said, John, we're land locked so if we don't start looking for land right now for those businesses and we just ignore it until we find out more, then we're going to have a problem there. Basically, hearing what you're saying is, we better start thinking about either option right now and start coming up with some plans basically because we are land locked so either option we're going to have to be doing some work in here and I do not want to lose the businesses and I think, I'll be very honest, it doesn't look like Nu-Maid is attracting a whole lot right now and I'm not saying its not going to, but we need to be thinking about that, if there's anyway we can incorporate the new businesses into going into there, in case that option is done but we cannot just keep sitting around waiting, we might not follow through with one of these but we better have Plan A and Plan B for when the State says this is what's going on instead of waiting for them tell us our plan, then we go, oh we better think of something.

Mr. Estep – I agree with that, Peggy, like we said, we can't shove something down the CIC's throat, we were approached a couple of weeks ago, the guy wanted to buy that and I said it's in the CIC's hand. The more I found out about it, Gerry had already known part of that story and what this guy wanted to do down there wouldn't have been good for our community, having tractor trailers in and out and going through St. Bernard all day. I think, I'd like to have something down there tomorrow, but I'm going to have to defend the CIC a little bit, I'm glad they are picky, but there comes a point in time, I wish we'd be able to make a call down there. I'm not going to blame or throw stones at the CIC, I think they have a tough job and I'm sure that they would love to have something down there tomorrow. Gerry has contacts that he has made, contacts with both those places down there but he can only move so far and so fast until the next part of this puzzle comes to fruition.

Doug Roll, 155 Church St. – I agree with you John that Ross Park is a vital asset to the community and I don't want to lose it either and actually when I went down there last week I was totally against them taking any of Ross Park, but then the alternative was to lose the businesses and I looked into it and asked a few questions and it looks to me like if they do come into Ross

Park, they're just going to take the driveway portion, its not even going to cut into the ball field. All I'm saying is ..... Oh it will?

Mr. Kempe – Doug, its going to take, if you know where Shelter 1 is, its going to take all that area, most of Shelter 2, part of that track. It takes almost the entire bottom parking lot and it actually goes into the hill of Left Field of the upper Ross field.

Doug Roll, 155 Church St. – I must not have seen it correctly then, but I agree with you, I don't want them to take Ross Park, I just don't want to lose any more businesses either.

Mr. Asbach – One other comment on that, Doug, at COW meeting a couple of weeks ago we were also told that the most farther north business on Oak St. is gone no matter which option we went with. Option 1 or Option 2. That business is gone regardless. Option 2 saved the second business plus the Service Garage, so for the record, that one was gone either Option.

Mr. Meier – It's not time to take shots at the CIC. There is a company, a gentleman, that I had a business meeting with about two weeks ago that is in the process of looking to move his company. He has expressed an interest in out cite. He hasn't had a chance to come down and talk to the CIC yet, but this business would generate significantly more income to the City than either of the businesses that we would be losing. Please don't think that people are sitting back and doing nothing. People are out actively looking, until these people actually come in front of us and talk, there is not a report to be made, but to go ahead and put something in there just for the sake of saying you're doing something is the wrong course of action to take. We're land locked, it's a valuable piece of property that we have, we have to treat it with care and do the right thing with it and not make it a political hot potato.

Mrs. Brickweg – I don't know who was taking the shots at the CIC, I wasn't, I don't think anybody else was, I don't know what that's all about, I just basically said that with the Nu-Maid property where we do have some land that we need to think and what I wanted to add to that, first of all, I think every business is important and I really think, I would hope that we would try to retain businesses that have dedicated their business here in St. Bernard. The other thing to take into consideration is not just the Nu-Maid property, and this is something we can think about now, the Service Dept. building. We really need to think about where that is going to go, at the meeting I asked about the Fire Dept. again and they do think its going to stay but they're not 100% positive on that one either, so, its just something that we need to think about. I went to the CIC meeting, I thought they were doing a great job, so if anybody thought I was taking shot, I absolutely wasn't. I was just saying that we need to think and look at all the options and plan ahead instead of waiting.

Mr. Estep – And Kevin, the same for me, I'm not taking a shot at the CIC, I think you're in a tough spot, that whole Committee's put in a lot of long hours trying to do the best they can down there. To expound a little bit on this meeting last week, you know there in a tough spot there, they can't, they can only move so far West because of the railroad tracks down there and actually we don't want them to come too far East because of Ross Park, so

in that quandary right there, you're going to lose one business for sure, like Mr. Asbach stated, possibly, probably two, and to relocate the Service Dept. should be a big issue since we have some land down there. I surely don't want to see a knee jerk reaction, I don't want to alarm any residents to think that this is the end of the world and the worst things are going to happen, maybe we can turn this into a positive and I really feel that we can and everybody is working together and I like to see that and we're going to make more progress if we keep on working together.

Norm Miller, 219 Washington Ave. – This is what I'm trying to get after you guys. In the last five or ten minutes, we've got some reports about what's going on in the City. This is what we want. You people are up there representing us, tell us what is going on. Your CIC report, now, that should be a public report so all the people in St. Bernard knows what's going on instead of the rumors. Nu-Maid's sitting there, Nu-Maid's sitting there, tell us why it's sitting there, tell them you've got contacts, make it a Council Meeting for goodness sake, instead of "no report" everybody. I think in the last ten minutes I've learned more what's going on in the City than I have in the last four Council Meetings. You got to let the people informed, if you got meetings, tell us what the meetings were about, inform the City for goodness sake, whatever happened to the this here Dr., we have for Vine St., surely he didn't die. What's going on with his report? Tell us something, that's all we want to know.

Ms. Hausfeld – On another note, I just personally want to welcome aboard our new HIP Inspector which was sworn in last Thursday at the COW and since it wasn't on TV the public might not know. His name is Walt Moeller, he has lived in St. Bernard, his childhood, he just recently moved back, about a year or so ago, so I just wanted to let the public know that we do have a new HIP Inspector.

Mrs. Brickweg – I would like to answer Mr. Miller's question. On Dr. Romanos, I do know that UC just started up a couple of weeks ago and he was going to be doing that plan this quarter, it is also in the CIC that he is going to be reporting to them, so I'm not sure what is going on but I can drop him an email and find out for you but I knew that it just started up.

Motion by Mr. Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Hausfeld to excuse the absent member. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Burkhardt - The next COW will be held on Thursday, October 12 @ 7:30p.m.

Motion by Mr. Zix, seconded by Mr. Asbach to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.