

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 24 2014 – 7:30 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the November 24, 2014 Budget Work Session of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Dr. Howard Ferguson, Gregory Fraser, Samuel Harvey, Richard Kolcharno, and John Lewis. James A. Zavinski, Sr. was absent. Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Hildebrand, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, Ms. Nau, Mrs. Risinger, and Chief Zydonik of City staff were also in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors.

WARREN AREA STUDENT UNION (WASU) REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Brian Johnson, co-president of WASU, and other members addressed Council and asked that a contribution be made to the organization in 2015. The youth provided information on the various activities provided at WASU as well as its fundraising efforts. Zach Dickerson, former youth member and current WASU Board member noted that the organization is predominantly student run and offers opportunities to develop social and leadership skills in an environment where there are no labels and bullying is not tolerated. Mr. Dickerson also noted the high cost of maintaining the aging facility.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

Mrs. Pauline Steinmeyer addressed Council regarding public participation in the budget process and suggested that budget documents be provided to the public at an earlier time. Mayor Cashman noted that development of the 2015 budget had been slowed by the delayed receipt of quotes for healthcare premiums, ongoing labor negotiations, and parking matters.

BUDGET DISCUSSION