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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 4, 2019, MEETING

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Transcript of Proceedings of the Special Meeting
of the North Canton City Council, taken by me, the
undersigned, Laurie Maryl Jonas, a Registered Merit
Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio,
at North Canton City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North
Canton, Ohio, on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 7:40 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

3 Doug Foltz, Vice President, Ward 1

4 Mark Cerreta, At Large

5 Daryl Revoldt, At Large

6 Marcia Kiesling, At Large

7 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

8 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

9 Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration

10 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

11 Laura E. Brown, Director of Finance

12 Robert G. Graham, P.E., Engineering Services

13 David J. Held, Mayor

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1 MR. PETERS: And I will call to order the
2 special council meeting Monday, March 4, 2019,
3 7:40 p.m.

4 Mark, would you like to lead us in prayer?

5 MR. CERRETA: Sure.

6 Please rise.

7 Lord, thank you for bringing us here this
8 evening. There are wonderful bodies and minds that
9 you have given us here. Help us to, in life, do your
10 work, watch over our community, help us to encourage
11 the young and teach us how to assist the needy. Help
12 us to understand the needs of retired and elderly and
13 help us to think positive in those times that are
14 negative. Give us the strength to -- well, we first
15 want to thank you for the wonderful community you
16 have given us. Give us the strength to keep it as
17 good as you would like to have it and even better as
18 we move into the future. In God's name, we pray.
19 Amen.

20 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

21 MR. PETERS: All right. Tim, will you call
22 the roll, please?

23 MR. FOX: Yes, sir.

24 Member Foltz?

25 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

1 MR. FOX: Member Werren?

2 MRS. WERREN: Here.

3 MR. FOX: Member Cerreta?

4 MR. CERRETA: Here.

5 MR. FOX: Member Fonte?

6 MR. FONTE: Here.

7 MR. FOX: Member Kiesling?

8 MS. KIESLING: Here.

9 MR. FOX: Member Peters?

10 MR. PETERS: Here.

11 MR. FOX: And Member Revoldt?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

13 MR. FOX: Seven present, sir.

14 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Before we get into
15 it, I want to turn it over to Mayor Held. He's got
16 an announcement.

17 MR. HELD: Yes. In the City of North Canton
18 we have what's called the Building and Board of
19 Standards Appeals. So that board, what they do is
20 they will hear any appeal that is if somebody is
21 going to apply to the planning commission or they
22 want to appeal an ordinance in the city or a
23 particular building standard, like, for example, if
24 they wanted to build a garage but they would need a
25 variance, then they would have to take that variance

1 before the -- what we call the board of zoning
2 appeals. And so we have volunteers that serve on
3 that board, and they meet the fourth Tuesday of every
4 month. And we had a vacancy on the board, so we
5 needed somebody to serve on that and we asked BJ
6 Boyajian, who is in the back of the room. BJ, if you
7 wouldn't mind standing up. And BJ has her husband
8 Dustin, her son Jacob. Jake, who goes to Orchard
9 Hill. Fifth grade; right? All right. And so we
10 appreciate your service on that, BJ, and it's really
11 important.

12 That planning commission and the board of
13 zoning appeals is really a very important position
14 because, you know, they're making the final
15 decisions, really, as far as the interpretation of
16 the policies and the legislation the council sets.
17 So thank you for serving, BJ.

18 MR. PETERS: Thank you, BJ.

19 MS. BOYAJIAN: Thank you.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. Get into it.

21 For your consideration, having a motion and a
22 second to approve, as presented, the city council
23 committee of the whole meeting minutes February 4,
24 2019, city council meeting minutes February 11, 2019.

25 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

1 MR. CERRETA: Second.

2 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

5 All right. At this time, if you wish to
6 address council, please step forward, state your name
7 and address for the Record, please.

8 MS. ROLL: Good evening. Melanie J. Roll.
9 308 Portage, Northwest, North Canton.

10 Tonight I want to speak on the topic of
11 audits. About end of last year, I talked to
12 Ms. Brown about audits, and she was able to give me
13 some information and clarify some questions that I
14 had, and I appreciate that. She probably will have
15 to clarify some of this -- these comments as well.

16 It was my understanding that the city no
17 longer has the state do a complete audit. And she
18 verified that. I'm not sure whether 2014 was the
19 last year that the state did an audit or the first
20 year that it was outsourced to another entity. When
21 that is outsourced, the audit is only of the
22 financial side of the city. I think there's also
23 been a performance audit done some time ago, and what
24 I'm proposing is a legislative audit that would look
25 at the legislative side, what could be improved. We

1 could also keep the financial audit with -- I think
2 you said it had two more years on that contract.

3 If we look at the last four or five years,
4 there's been a lot of changes in personnel in the
5 city. The permit office, that clerical person;
6 planning, that clerical person, they are no longer
7 with the city. There's been a lot of changes in the
8 administrative assistants in this building. The
9 clerk's position has changed twice. So I think
10 there's been a lot of institutional memory that has
11 been lost. That could be good or bad. For me, it's
12 usually not good. So what I'm proposing is, in
13 addition to what you have the contract for the
14 financial side of the audit, do a legislative audit.
15 This would perhaps be a good time. We have
16 SafeBuilt, which is just under contract. We will
17 probably have a new clerk, and some other new
18 positions that have been established. Why not start
19 with best practices. I think it would be
20 advantageous. So I'm recommending a legislative
21 audit, and I would be interested to hear what you
22 folks have to say about that. Thank you.

23 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Melanie. That's it?
24 Come on up, Larry.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You didn't ask for more.

1 Speak up, man. You're going to get it.

2 MR. TRIPP: Larry Tripp. 1127 East Maple,
3 North Canton.

4 Tonight I speak before this city council with
5 the likes of about 75 years of government experience.
6 One would expect to see in here a well-oiled
7 legislative side of the city government. No. What
8 we're getting is exactly what the future held when
9 the law director-controlled council form of
10 government was established. A machine right now just
11 barely running, as far as council goes, yet you
12 remain silent, clueless, and, in the past, even
13 praising the works and actions of the law director
14 and council president regardless of how crude their
15 words or actions may have been.

16 Council, your failures in the past do not
17 nullify your purpose in the future. Let that sink in
18 for a second.

19 Folks, look at the agendas for the city
20 council meeting on January 28 and the canceled
21 meeting of February 25. Both contained glaring
22 errors, with the February 25th agenda particularly
23 troublesome. Does the law director not know city
24 council meetings are held the second and fourth
25 Monday of each month and committee meetings of the

1 whole the first and third Mondays of each month?

2 Certainly not the works of a professional.

3 Look at Ordinance 3-2019, Main Street
4 Business. I recognize I know very little about the
5 ordinance process. However, I would question how
6 does an ordinance leave the chambers of a meeting of
7 the whole on January 14 in one manner and then appear
8 on the January 28 council meeting agenda and voted
9 upon with entirely different language? Believe this
10 law director still believes there is an Everhard Road
11 in North Canton, Ohio. Everhard Road, Northwest.

12 Yes, I've heard some rumblings about that
13 this ordinance may be scrapped and reworked by an
14 outside -- by an outside service. Now at what cost
15 to the city? Is someone finally beginning to
16 recognize the law director's shoddy work? Why do I
17 watch a video of the February 6 planning commission
18 meeting with regards to 1266 South Main Street,
19 Ferrall Pools and Spas? Twice during this meeting I
20 heard commission members express that this matter was
21 being reviewed in accordance with the new Main Street
22 legislation. I believe the question was also raised
23 during this meeting as to whether, again, this was
24 reviewed in accordance with Main Street Business
25 legislation. Then you heard an affirmative yes. Why

1 would the law director in attendance as a legal
2 advisor not advise the planning commission that this
3 ordinance had not been yet finalized? Were the
4 planning commission members victimized by lack of
5 legal advice?

6 Why the problem of filling the vacancy of the
7 city clerk -- or the council clerk's position? Is it
8 perhaps the word is out that working on the
9 legislative side of North Canton government there is
10 only one way to do something and that is the law
11 director's way? I feel quite sorry for the new
12 council clerk inheriting which what may be a real
13 mess with its many unknowns and working in close
14 proximity with the law director.

15 Mr. Mayor, I don't know where to direct this
16 question, but there have been -- has there been any
17 consideration as to an audit of council records,
18 legislation, et cetera? Surely there has to be some
19 questions in this area. I could see three very
20 definite benefits by an audit. A, if a good or
21 outstanding audit grade is met there may be many
22 critics, including myself, silenced. If poor
23 performance is indicated, well, one-half of the
24 problem has already been terminated, leaving no
25 alternative but to terminate the other half. C, a

1 good training tool for any new clerk in establishing
2 priorities in his or her learning process.

3 Mark Twain once said the secret of getting
4 ahead is getting started. It appears the
5 administrative side of North Canton government is
6 well on its way to productivity. Now let's jump the
7 legislative side with an audit. Thanks.

8 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

9 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Larry.

10 Chuck? You're up.

11 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne. 307 Fairview
12 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

13 I'm going to pick up where the mayor left off
14 here regarding the ZBA. You're three months late,
15 Mayor. Mr. Griffith told me way back in December at
16 the last meeting he was gone.

17 MR. DEORIO: He did not submit a letter of
18 resignation until just recently.

19 MR. OSBORNE: People should be communicating.
20 He told me he was getting married and leaving the
21 city.

22 MR. PETERS: He doesn't care.

23 MR. DEORIO: I always want it on.

24 MR. OSBORNE: As a result, the last ZBA
25 meeting had to be canceled because we didn't even

1 have a quorum. Only two of the five members showed
2 up. This also happened a year ago. We had five
3 applicants, attorneys; this room was full. And we
4 didn't have a quorum and we had to cancel. Again, we
5 don't have timely appointments.

6 Now, your own staff member suggested to me
7 what other communities do. They have alternates,
8 number one. And number two, they give them a little
9 stipend for showing up for the meeting.

10 In addition to these two meetings where there
11 was no quorum, we've had numerous meetings when you
12 have just the minimum show up. So the applicant
13 needs to know that they have to convince a hundred
14 percent of the membership before they get approval.
15 So I, again, lay this all back on you. We need to
16 have people who are incentivized, I guess, to use
17 Mr. Cerreta's word he likes to use. You're going to
18 show up, they're going to get at least a meal out of
19 it. So I'll leave that. We've had that problem.

20 My main focus tonight is on city council
21 minutes, and I've talked about them before. For the
22 last four and a half years, we have not been putting
23 the minutes on antacid archival paper. On numbered
24 paper. We're not putting them in the minute books.
25 We've actually got three different kinds of formats

1 going on now. We've got the former clerk's way, to
2 just stick them in Pendaflex file folders, and now we
3 have this new way with the court reporter. The city
4 charter says the clerk of council shall keep an
5 accurate and complete journal of all proceedings of
6 council authenticated by the clerk of council's
7 signature and have custody of all laws, ordinances,
8 resolutions by council, and on and on and on. The
9 last sentence there says during the absence or
10 disability of clerk of council, council has to
11 appoint someone to perform all the duties of that
12 office. I haven't heard that formally happened. We
13 just let it fall to the law director. And the law
14 director, I guess, should be signing what the court
15 reporter transcribes. We have no city official
16 attesting to this, just a court reporter. So we're
17 not creating a permanent record here that's going to
18 be around 50, a hundred, 150 years. So that's that.

19 Regarding minutes, again, we have numerous
20 minutes that are not posted on the city's website. I
21 just happened to pick March 4 of 2014 just to go back
22 and create a connection here for you. Compare. This
23 is the minutes of that meeting five years ago.
24 Mrs. Kiesling was shaking her head out here a few
25 weeks ago saying, oh, no, I did not -- my first act

1 as president of council was not resigning. So I'll
2 hand this out to council. She did, in fact, resign.
3 And here's another interesting fact. Here's the
4 minutes of this March 4, 2014, meeting. Council has
5 never approved this. I've gone through six months
6 after the meeting; you guys have never approved this
7 meeting. And here's what's interesting. Five months
8 after this meeting, a council clerk that we hired is
9 attesting that she's reviewed it, but I think her
10 language is I have listened to the audio to compare
11 these minutes for the accuracy. She doesn't follow
12 up and say they are accurate.

13 MR. PETERS: You've got 30 seconds, Chuck.

14 MR. OSBORNE: I know you don't want to hear.
15 You never do want to hear.

16 MR. PETERS: You only get five minutes.
17 Everybody does. Just letting you know.

18 MR. OSBORNE: Then lastly, I'll send it
19 around to you, a little nasty-gram I got from the law
20 director when I asked for minutes. And are we
21 actually paying this gentleman almost a six-figure
22 income to write this kind of garbage just to harass
23 people? Unbelievable. So I'll stop there.

24 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne. I
25 appreciate your comments.

1 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

2 MR. OSBORNE: Here's the minutes that have
3 never been approved from five years ago.

4 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne. Your
5 time is up.

6 MR. OSBORNE: Here's an example of an
7 appropriation of our --

8 MR. PETERS: Mr. Osborne, please take your
9 seat.

10 MR. OSBORNE: I'm working on it. I'm working
11 on it.

12 MR. PETERS: Please take your seat,
13 Mr. Osborne.

14 MR. OSBORNE: Here's the nasty-gram.

15 MR. PETERS: Mr. Osborne, I can have you
16 removed or you can take your seat right now.

17 Mr. Osborne, I will respond to your last
18 point of your public comment. I was copied on that
19 e-mail. And that e-mail response to your public
20 records request was professional and it cited case
21 law. I felt very informed for you. And I think
22 he -- if I'm not mistaken, he even told you what you
23 needed to do to make it right, Chuck.

24 MR. OSBORNE: I'm sorry?

25 MR. PETERS: I thought it was very

1 professional and informative.

2 MR. OSBORNE: There was no reason for it.

3 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Thank you,
4 Mr. Osborne.

5 Anyone else wish to address council, please
6 step forward. State your names and addresses for the
7 Record. Last chance.

8 Okay. We will move on to old business. All
9 right. May I have a motion and a second to read by
10 title Ordinance No. 2-19.

11 MR. FOLTZ: So move.

12 MR. CERRETA: Second.

13 MR. PETERS: All those in favor?

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

16 MR. FOX: An ordinance amending Chapter 139,
17 Department of Engineering of the City of North
18 Canton's Codified Ordinances, specifically Section
19 139.03, Division of Permit and Inspection, to
20 describe the restructuring of the Department of
21 Engineering.

22 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Revoldt.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

24 As we discussed in previous readings, this
25 particular amendment to the section aligns the --

1 aligns the codified ordinances with our current
2 management structure with the director of
3 administration overseeing our building department.
4 Are there any questions?

5 MR. PETERS: I do not.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Any other amendments? Seeing
7 none, can we have a vote? I move that we adopt the
8 third reading of Ordinance 2-19.

9 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?

10 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries for
14 Ordinance 2-19.

15 All right. That concludes the legislative.
16 We'll move to reports. We'll start with Engineer
17 Graham.

18 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President.

19 First, some good news to report on the grant
20 front. Last November we had applied for a community
21 development block grant to help pay for Seventh
22 Street, Northeast, from North Main east to Dogwood.
23 And Patrick and I were down at the regional planning
24 meeting on Thursday morning last week and found out
25 that we were successful. \$249,500 for that. Which

1 will pay for about half the project.

2 MR. PETERS: Very nice. Well done, Rob.
3 Nice job.

4 MR. GRAHAM: So pretty good. We have that in
5 the budget, we have our matching fund there, too, so
6 we'll be in real good shape. So we'll look forward
7 to that project. Much needed in that area. Very
8 similar to the Weber project. It will be a complete
9 rebuild, curbs and gutters.

10 MR. DEORIO: What's the percentage on that?

11 MR. GRAHAM: It's roughly 50/50. It's
12 \$249,500. If the bid price is \$10 over that or 1 1/2
13 million, there no percentage tie-in like some of the
14 grants.

15 MR. HELD: Very good.

16 MR. PETERS: We're really looking forward to
17 that project down there.

18 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. It's a dead area. A lot
19 of potholes and whatnot, failed subbase. It's a
20 highly traveled area with the high school and the
21 public parks.

22 MR. FONTE: Would that be the polymer one on
23 Seventh Street since it's school buses?

24 MR. GRAHAM: That's a good question. We
25 didn't have in the preliminary plans, but we can look

1 at that.

2 MR. FONTE: Just because of the baseball
3 fields, future park activity. That would be one.

4 MR. GRAHAM: I'll take a look at the average
5 daily traffic we have there. See if it needs the
6 extra expense.

7 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

8 MR. PETERS: Okay.

9 MR. GRAHAM: In addition to the generator
10 bids we talked about in the last meeting, the couple
11 that we opened Friday we had three more bidders. One
12 was -- we had seven bidders for the Watkins-Lorrell
13 waterline that we talked about. We had allocated
14 half a million dollars for that. And we had seven
15 bids. We had seven bidders and low bid was 405,500,
16 so well under budget. Glad to see that. And our
17 high bid was up over 600,000.

18 MR. FONTE: Nice. Nice.

19 MR. GRAHAM: A low bid where we hoped to see
20 it.

21 Another one we opened that morning was Price
22 Park Path Phase II. If you recall, we allocated
23 \$108,000 plus the Stockard Fund and the park fund.
24 We had \$108,000, and our low bid -- again seven
25 bidders, 87,600 was our low bid there, the high up

1 around 142, so again, a nice range of high to low.
2 Or low to high.

3 And then lastly, a bit of a surprise was our
4 2019 paving program. We had just four bidders, which
5 is about average. We had put together a program, the
6 good mix of streets and a lot of alleys. But a
7 half-million-dollar program. Our low bid was
8 actually 617,000, so it wasn't real close. So I did
9 a little dissecting of what happened, and basically
10 it was all the alley work. Last -- two years ago we
11 did Aden's Way and another small alley. Last year we
12 just did two. This year we were doing quite a bit
13 more to kind of tidy up the area near the Water Tank
14 I and St. Paul's and the other church there. And
15 just that confined space really drove up the price.
16 So no bowling puns intended, thanks to Mr. DeOrion, I
17 think we'll strike the alleys. I'd like to recommend
18 that we just pull the alleys out of the program.
19 That gets us down to our allocation of 500,000, or
20 real close, a bit under, and proceed that way with
21 just doing the residential streets.

22 And I talked to our contractor. He's more
23 than willing to hold all the other non-alley-related
24 unit prices so we can get that in and just go ahead
25 with it in that format without doing the alleys.

1 MR. FONTE: Thank you, Rob. Good idea.

2 MR. DEORIO: Strike the alleys. We have
3 nothing to spare. I guess we're not going to get
4 into those gutters.

5 MR. FONTE: I really like the bowling
6 analogy.

7 MR. GRAHAM: I guess with that, I'm done.

8 MR. PETERS: You can't top that. Thanks.

9 MR. GRAHAM: I don't know if you noticed, we
10 did get all the signage we talked about at previous
11 meetings at South Main and Everhard.

12 MRS. WERREN: Yes. Oh, yes.

13 MR. PETERS: The folks down there thank you.

14 MRS. WERREN: We can't miss it.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Rob.

16 Mr. Mayor?

17 MR. HELD: Now we've had -- I would like to
18 introduce Pastor Steve Cope. He's actually the new
19 pastor right down the road here on East Maple Street.
20 Pastor, if you don't mind standing up. You can just
21 let people know that he's at the Baptist church,
22 Trinity Baptist Church, right at the corner of
23 Marquardt and East Maple. He's been a parishioner
24 there for years and recently became the pastor six
25 months ago. Right?

1 So he met with myself and also our council
2 president, Jeff Peters, just looking to see what type
3 of services the church can provide, because they have
4 a lot of members of the church that want to serve the
5 community. So we were just talking about different
6 aspects that people can serve the community in the
7 church. Which is really nice. So we're glad to have
8 you here.

9 PASTOR COPE: Thank you.

10 MR. CERRETA: Get him on the list to come up
11 and do the prayer.

12 MR. PETERS: Absolutely.

13 MR. CERRETA: We'll get you on the list,
14 Steve.

15 MR. HELD: Yes. Thank you. Very good.
16 That's all I have.

17 MR. PETERS: That's it? All right.
18 Director of Administration.

19 MR. DEORIO: Thank you.

20 I'd like to acknowledge that we've reached an
21 agreement between the North Canton Area Chamber of
22 Commerce and the City of North Canton in working with
23 the mayor on what it is that we really would like to
24 see accomplished between the chamber's efforts and
25 what we can't do here at the city and try to make

1 that work a little bit better and can give us a
2 little bit more bang for that buck.

3 We worked with Councilman Kiesling on this as
4 well, and in essence, what we're able to strike is
5 that, when I look at it, and it's something that I
6 looked at with Dave's guidance over the last, you
7 know, years that I've been here, but then also went
8 back when I served on council with Dave, that one of
9 the functions that the city just finds difficult to
10 do, because of the amount of manpower it would take,
11 would be to get out and actually make contact on a
12 regularly sustained basis with all the businesses in
13 the city, regardless of whether they're members of
14 the chamber or not, and provide that contact and that
15 feedback as our agent. What can the city do for you?
16 What are your issues? And to staff up to the level
17 that they have for the volunteers that serve in that
18 capacity and a couple of the paid staff. We couldn't
19 begin to address that on our own. It would cost us
20 way too much money.

21 But, you know, they have a paid staff. They
22 have a board of directors, you know, 15 people, and a
23 number of other activists in that organization that
24 all can act in that capacity. So we put together
25 some deliverables as it related to that and how many

1 contacts do we want. In addition to contacting a
2 thousand existing businesses, either visited,
3 contacted or assisted in some way. New businesses
4 contacted. You have ones that are outside the area
5 to try to get them to come in. Facilitate the
6 networking and marketing events that are opened to
7 nonmembers. Some educational sessions that would be
8 held in collaboration with the City of North Canton
9 and other meetings that might be facilitated or
10 participated on the city's behalf.

11 So all of these are measurable numbers that
12 we have put in. And there has to be a report every
13 month as to where we are in that and we would know
14 one month might not be exactly 1/12 of the number but
15 they would make it up the next month, but we get
16 those reports then every month. We worked with
17 Christina Weyrick, who is the incoming chairman of
18 the board of the chamber, and she has some
19 outstanding vision for the chamber, and this fits
20 kind of into the direction that she was trying to
21 take the chamber. So I think all around -- all
22 around that, you know, everything aligned just
23 perfectly for us to do this.

24 So the mayor and president of the chamber
25 signed this agreement just a couple days ago. So

1 we've concluded that. It's for an amount that
2 doesn't require council action. Money's already been
3 budgeted, so I just wanted to make everybody aware of
4 the work that the mayor and Marcia and I have been
5 working on.

6 MR. HELD: And also, the other point, too, I
7 don't know if you mentioned this, Patrick, that we're
8 going to have the city administrator, Patrick, serve
9 on the board. Which we thought was an important, you
10 know, a really important aspect of the contract
11 because it will really open up the communication
12 between the city and the chamber because, as
13 Christina had mentioned, she's the new chair for the
14 chamber. There's so much of what the chamber does
15 involves the city. And so back, gosh, when I was the
16 administrator, which was back in 2001, I had served
17 on the chamber board, and then that for some reason
18 it just, you know, that position was -- was no longer
19 in place with the city administrator. So that will
20 work out really well. It will be a big help to open
21 up the lines of communication.

22 MR. FOLTZ: I have one followup. When you
23 say "contact," is it going to be phone or is it going
24 to be in person or is it going to be a combination?
25 I don't know if I caught that or you discussed it.

1 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. It could be an existing
2 visitation, it could be an in-person contact, and
3 what we've asked for in the reporting on that is to
4 give us the dates, who was contacted, who did the
5 contacting, and they are allowing for some notes in
6 there as to what the nature of the conversation was.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. Thank you. Okay.

8 MR. DEORIO: Okay. There was another meeting
9 that I held here concerning North Canton AEP station
10 beautification. We had put together a committee.
11 Some of the members are here in the audience, and we
12 came in to talk about the landscaping phase of where
13 they're at right now. So they had, initially when we
14 presented this at the special meeting that we held
15 for your ward, Member Peters, some rough ideas of
16 what they wanted to do. Now we're at the point where
17 we're actually picking stuff out. So I asked the
18 North Canton Garden Club as well to participate in
19 this and help us discern what it is we want there.
20 And principally it would be along Sutton Avenue and
21 Maple Street. And so they brought up some
22 interesting choices of -- of foliage and whatnot that
23 our garden club is doing some research on, figure out
24 if that's something that -- that would work for us
25 and for our community. So just giving you an update

1 that that's moving along.

2 On the night -- I think that you'll do it
3 before we leave, but I'll give you the backdrop now
4 so we don't have to explain it later about the CRA
5 housing council. Just explain that.

6 So the CRA housing council handles the CRAs
7 for the residential program that we -- that was in
8 existence. We still have two CRA contracts in
9 effect. But every so often those terms of people who
10 serve on the CRA housing council expire. We're at
11 that point. So two of the members that are on the
12 council are appointed by the mayor, two are appointed
13 by the legislative authority; that would be you.
14 Your current two picks are Member Foltz and Member
15 Cerreta. Then one member is appointed by the
16 planning commission, and then from those five
17 individuals they choose two residents to be appointed
18 to the commission. The commission is going to meet
19 March 14. We have to approve or at least vote on the
20 matters that are there and submit that prior to the
21 deadline of March 31. So I would like two of your
22 members, whoever they're going to be, to be appointed
23 to be able to attend that meeting of March 14 at
24 6 p.m. So we thought in the evening might be more
25 helpful to those of you who aren't able to get away

1 during the week. So when you get to that point,
2 Mr. President, you understand the backdrop of that.

3 Announcements. Saturday, June 1, 2019,
4 there is a celebration Mass of thanksgiving for
5 Richard Jusseaume, who is retiring as president of
6 Walsh. All are invited, if you want to respond
7 directly.

8 The mayor had received a letter from the
9 Meals on Wheels for Northeast Ohio. Meals on Wheels
10 week is March 18 through the 22d. Those of you that
11 would be interested in participating in that can see
12 me. I can give the contact information.

13 We agreed with the Stark County -- I'm sorry,
14 not the Stark County -- Canton Regional Chamber of
15 Commerce and the Pro Football Hall of Fame committee
16 to participate with them in the balloon launching in
17 the event they may use one of our fields at the park
18 for that. We've signed -- put that together.

19 Someone had asked me a little while ago about
20 that one big massive snowstorm we had in the one
21 weekend and how much does that kind of cost the city
22 to deal with that. That snow emergency. We had put
23 a parking ban out. So I wanted to report back that
24 in working with the finance department to kind of
25 work out the costs for the man hours and then working

1 with Mike Battershell, the superintendent, on the
2 cost of materials and gasoline and all that kind of
3 stuff, the man hours turned out to be about \$24,000.
4 And the cost for materials and salt and everything
5 that went along with it was approximately another
6 26,000. So that particular event cost the city
7 \$50,000.

8 We would like to thank Law Director Fox for
9 putting together something on our radar for some
10 initial training for police and fire and EMS. This
11 is being sponsored by the law firm of Baker Dublikar
12 and it will be held Thursday, March 14, at 9 a.m. in
13 the city council chambers.

14 Silent one. I was waiting for you,
15 Stephanie.

16 The Stark County Health Department will have
17 its annual meeting Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. I'll
18 be attending, but anyone who would like to go, I'll
19 spread the joy.

20 The Stark County Council of Governments is
21 meeting tomorrow morning at -- I'm sorry -- tomorrow
22 afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Canton City council
23 chambers. I'll be attending that.

24 Also received some drawings for landscaping
25 around the Akron Children's facility, so if council

1 members from that area that have had some inquiries
2 in the past want to see me about that, I'll be happy
3 to share that with you. Thank you.

4 MR. PETERS: That was a lot. Thank you,
5 Patrick.

6 MR. FONTE: How about the BIA? Do you want
7 to touch on that real quick?

8 MR. DEORIO: Yes. Thank you.

9 Marty Van Gundy, who is our chief building
10 official, through SafeBuilt, organized a meeting with
11 the BIA, Building Industry Association, and the
12 purpose of which was to guiding and gain their input
13 on the processes that we use for certain types of
14 applications. Help with the permitting, the forms
15 that are used, how we can -- what information is
16 relevant, what isn't. And they had about a two- or
17 three-hour working session that was fully packed.
18 Over at their -- their main office. And the result
19 of it was a lot of good feedback on how we can make
20 things even a little bit more efficient in that and
21 it gave them a lot of insight into the problems that
22 occurred in the past that they need to deal with.

23 MR. PETERS: Good.

24 MR. DEORIO: Dominic attended that as well.

25 MR. PETERS: Okay.

1 MR. FONTE: I represented council.

2 MR. PETERS: Mr. Mayor.

3 MR. HELD: If I can just point out, too, you
4 know, when we look at -- as we're trying to put
5 together our permits department, so we've contracted
6 with SafeBuilt, which has really worked out very well
7 for us so far, and but the City of Canton, you know,
8 they're running into the same challenges. So for
9 their permit superintendent they had contracted with
10 John Dodovich, who had served as our assistant chief
11 building official, so they contracted with him
12 part-time, and also with Guido Alvarez, who was our
13 building -- chief building official. So, you know,
14 you have to be an architect or you have to be an
15 engineer in order to serve in that position and
16 there's just not -- you know, there's not a whole lot
17 of qualified or large pool of candidates to serve in
18 those positions so the cities are resorting to, you
19 know, either contracting part-time or contracting
20 like we did with SafeBuilt. So we're moving in the
21 right direction as far as the city goes in that area.

22 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mayor.

23 Director of Finance.

24 MS. BROWN: First I just wanted to follow up
25 on some of Melanie's comments about audits. It's

1 near and dear to my heart.

2 Regardless of whether the state auditor does
3 the audit or an outside firm, the state auditor has
4 jurisdiction over our final annual audit. So they're
5 actually the ones that are contracting with the firm.
6 If the auditor's office chooses to have their own
7 office do it, that's their discretion, or if they
8 don't have enough space in their own schedule they
9 contract it out. It's always the same financial
10 statement audit. Each team may do things a little
11 bit differently, but it's always an audit of --
12 primarily of the financial statements. They may do
13 some compliance-based testing, but it's a financial
14 audit.

15 As far as a legislative-specific audit, I've
16 never heard of anyone having that narrow of a scope
17 on an audit. I'm not saying it's not out there, but
18 I don't know at this point who would -- would do
19 something like that. I've never heard of state
20 auditor's officials doing a specific audit, just
21 legislative process.

22 MR. FOX: I can attest that two years ago,
23 and years prior to that, these stately auditors
24 sitting in my office with specific questions about
25 legislation, public meetings, public records.

1 Absolutely they look at those things when they
2 believe it's an issue that they need to ask some
3 questions, and each one of those they came back with
4 no findings.

5 MS. BROWN: And it's because, again, it
6 relates back to the financial statements. Because as
7 you see tonight on the committee, so many pieces of
8 legislation have financial information in them.
9 There's dollars in almost everything that you guys
10 do. So that's where it ties right in. So just to
11 follow up on that. Any questions on that before I --

12 MR. FOLTZ: So what we're saying is the
13 financial audit drives the legislation audit?

14 MS. BROWN: They do touch on it, yes. But
15 it's not -- you know, it's not just singular focus on
16 legislative process.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. Is there a way to look to
18 see if there is such an audit?

19 MS. BROWN: I can certainly put some feelers
20 out and see what I can find.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Only because the residents have
22 asked for it. I mean, I don't anticipate any
23 problems, but sometimes it's good to have some -- a
24 third party involved. That way it's clear cut as far
25 as, hey, we're doing a good job; hey, you know, we

1 can improve on things. There's always something to
2 improve on. So I would support that. If you can do
3 some background on that, I would appreciate it.

4 MS. BROWN: I could look into it. And one
5 thing you run into, too, every city that's a charter
6 city is slightly different.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Sure.

8 MS. BROWN: We all have our own charter
9 rules.

10 MR. FOLTZ: We all have our own charter rules
11 and regulations.

12 MS. BROWN: And anybody that would come in
13 would audit to what our rules are, not to, you know,
14 statutory or other rules. Anything else on that?

15 Okay. The only other thing I have is just
16 kind of a utilities billing update. As we've been
17 talking about, we went to a new software system last
18 week while I was out of town. My staff really held
19 strong, even though they were short a day of the week
20 due to the windstorm. And got the bills out on our
21 new system. And a new look to the bills. Some of
22 you got your bills in the mail in the last couple of
23 days.

24 We had a couple glitches with it.
25 Specifically the one big one has been our senior

1 residents and disabled residents who are on our
2 homestead or rate reduction program. That discount
3 didn't get applied this month. We're still going to
4 honor that. We're working right now to credit all
5 those accounts, but we've had a lot of phone calls on
6 people saying, oh, my bill is higher than it normally
7 is, but we will get that corrected within the next
8 few days. So if you hear from any residents that
9 have questions on their bill, please have them call,
10 come in or send us an e-mail at
11 utility@northcantondohio.gov.

12 You may also have seen in your water bill a
13 flyer that we put together with our nice water staff
14 model, Gabe, and this is just to let residents know
15 that the automated meter reading program is coming
16 and staff is out in the field and has been for the
17 past several months installing those reader boxes on
18 the outside of homes. Most of the time they won't
19 need to come in your house, they'll just pop that on
20 outside your house and be on their way. But just so
21 residents know and are aware there are people working
22 close to your home. Nothing wrong with that. They
23 are service department employees. They can provide
24 identification if you ask them to do that, and that's
25 all part of that system that will start to roll out

1 over the summer.

2 MR. DEORIO: If I might add just a note of
3 how thorough the finance director is on this, I
4 thought one day I had a great idea, I ran over to
5 tell Laura about it and she had already thought about
6 it and put it in place and it was already done. And
7 it was just from our side of the building, we sort
8 the mail and we get -- you know, we get water bills.
9 When they come in, it's a lot. And you had to look
10 at every envelope to see if it's for utilities, for
11 utilities, so Laura went ahead and changed it, the
12 color of the envelopes.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah, they're red.

14 MR. DEORIO: So there's a special envelope
15 that's red. And now we just know by color sortings
16 these are all going to utilities. It's speeding it
17 up much faster, so thank you.

18 MR. CERRETA: Well done. Well done.

19 MS. BROWN: That's all I have. Thank you.

20 MR. PETERS: And Laura, thank you for showing
21 us that flyer. I saw that a couple days ago. That
22 is another example of a great way that we communicate
23 with -- with our constituents and the taxpayers. And
24 kind of segues into a comment I wanted to make that
25 Chuck brought up in his comments regarding meeting

1 minutes.

2 I thought a lot about this and, you know, I
3 look back on what we've done and I think we are the
4 forefront in the county, if not the state, as far as
5 administration and council in communicating and being
6 open with our procedures. We live stream meetings.
7 You know, we audiotape our meetings. We do the
8 verbatim minutes. We have a newsletter that we put
9 out I think four times a year. We communicate
10 through the water bill. We do a lot of it. And it
11 got me thinking regarding verbatim minutes. You
12 brought up, you know, you went back and looked at
13 specific words that were spoken by whoever. I can't
14 remember who you were talking about. You know, all
15 of our neighbors, we are the last ones to do verbatim
16 minutes. And there is an extreme cost to that as
17 well. And I know this is not going to make you
18 happy, but it is my intention to introduce
19 legislation to move to a summary minute format and
20 bring us into the 21st century. I know you're not
21 going to like it. I know some of the older folks
22 that are used to the way they were done back in the
23 '60s and '70s aren't going to like that. But
24 everyone's doing it.

25 And, you know, if folks want to be able to go

1 back and look at a meeting, they're archived on
2 video. If they want specific, we can go back to the
3 audio. If there was something that was specific that
4 was -- you know, if there was a legal question or
5 whatever, something absolutely had to be transcribed,
6 we have the audio. But we've got to bring us up to
7 the 21st century. And by doing that, it's going to
8 save a tremendous amount of money.

9 I know you're shaking your head. I know you
10 don't like it. I know it's change and you really
11 don't like to change. But I have -- we have a
12 fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers and the
13 City of North Canton, and to spend 30,000 plus, and
14 I'm not just talking council, I'm talking planning
15 commission and zoning board of appeals. I mean, it's
16 tens of thousands of dollars. Laura and I've had
17 some conversation about that. We haven't really put
18 a specific dollar amount on it, but it is -- it's a
19 sizeable amount. It's a road. It's a road we can
20 pave every year by taking that out and you're still
21 not losing anything.

22 You can go back to video archive and watch
23 it. You can watch what we say. You can go back to
24 the audio and listen to it. Okay. So I know it's
25 not what you want to hear after the comments you made

1 in public speaks, but I thought in fairness I would
2 mention that to you that is my intent.

3 MR. OSBORNE: I knew it was coming.

4 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne. You had
5 your time. Now I've had my time.

6 And to Pat's point, we need to appoint two
7 council members to the CRA housing council. I
8 believe you are on your way out and your term is
9 expiring. That's correct?

10 MR. FOX: Yes. Mr. President.

11 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir?

12 MR. FOX: Unfortunately, because you are in
13 the special meeting you have to remain on the agenda.
14 I'd hate to let you go through this and then have
15 someone point out that --

16 MR. PETERS: You're right. I can't amend it.

17 MR. FOX: You can't amend this subject.

18 MR. PETERS: I should have done it.

19 MR. REVOLDT: You can appoint them next week
20 if you have some volunteers.

21 MR. PETERS: We're going to have to do it
22 next week. I'm sorry, Patrick.

23 MR. DEORIO: As long as we know who they are.

24 MR. REVOLDT: It will be three days before
25 your meeting.

1 MR. DEORIO: Are you coming? Mark, are you
2 going to do it again? I'm just asking.

3 MR. PETERS: We'll talk about that later.

4 MR. DEORIO: Daryl, you'll do it?

5 MR. REVOLDT: We'll look at schedules.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. Well, those are my
7 comments.

8 MR. DEORIO: I'll make a motion that Mark and
9 Daryl do it next week, plus I don't work over there
10 anymore.

11 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Member Foltz.

12 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Thank you.

13 Just to piggyback on the utility billing, I
14 think that is a very professional statement that we
15 sent out. We go back to the postcards that I
16 remember, and now you have a way to communicate with
17 your constituents, our residents, for anything going
18 on in the city and it's first class and it looks
19 great. And I did notice the red lettering on the
20 envelope. So job well done. It does offer a format
21 for us to communicate special things that are going
22 on or that we need to address with our water users.
23 So I think that's very important.

24 That's all I have. Thank you.

25 MR. PETERS: Member Cerreta.

1 MR. CERRETA: A couple things.

2 First of all, good work with the chamber. I
3 think it's very important that we work very closely
4 with the chamber. The chamber is important that
5 we're both going in the same direction. And to have
6 incentives -- right, Mister -- Mr. Chuck? incentives
7 in paying, you know, for performance is very
8 important, and I think they're in the same boat
9 there, too, so I'm really looking forward to that
10 change and them being right in line and us right in
11 line with them.

12 Also, Pat and I met today with Walsh about
13 our meeting on April 1, and that is set for April 1.
14 And --

15 MR. PETERS: Walsh. Okay.

16 MR. HELD: Excellent.

17 MR. CERRETA: And a couple different things.
18 We have a meeting of the whole that we will have this
19 time. Last time we were there we had a regular
20 council meeting, so we will be doing a meeting of the
21 whole. They would like to present some things ahead
22 of time to show what Walsh is doing. They even have
23 a couple of students, possibly exchange students,
24 that want to say their experience in North Canton.
25 And so it's kind of neat to see people coming, so

1 many young folks, and President Jusseaume, of course,
2 will be there. And then in return, we may want to
3 just -- we have a few things that we would probably
4 explain, you know, how council meetings run,
5 something like that ahead of time. So just a couple
6 things ahead, and then we'll do our meeting.

7 So things seem to be in good -- good format;
8 that they have live streaming there so we won't need
9 to bring in, you know, the school. And plus, it's
10 the day after everyone gets back from spring break,
11 as far as the school is concerned, so that probably
12 would have been a tough call anyways. So I just
13 wanted to update you on that. It seems to be going
14 forward.

15 MR. HELD: That's excellent.

16 MR. CERRETA: As far as the water bill thing
17 and the insert, that was great. Are we going to put
18 that on the internet, possibly?

19 MR. HELD: Possibly also.

20 MS. BROWN: We can, sure.

21 MR. CERRETA: That way not everybody looks at
22 their bills. Because some of them, you know, get it
23 already paid, automatically paid.

24 And as far as the minutes are concerned, I'm
25 in favor of just going to what everyone else does.

1 The amount of money that we spend on something
2 that --

3 MR. PETERS: Oh, yeah.

4 MR. CERRETA: -- is double and triple already
5 looked at. Anybody can go -- and I know change is
6 not easy. I mean, the only thing that really likes
7 change is a baby and his diaper. So change is not --
8 but in for the most part there's some growing pains
9 but people get used to it and it just moves forward.
10 And we can save that amount of money and still have,
11 you know, a place where people can go -- several
12 places where people can go to see what happened at
13 meetings, I see no reason to triple repeat something.
14 So that's all I have.

15 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

16 Mr. Revoldt.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Let me respond to Chuck's
18 comment. I think we all know, who sit around this
19 table, and those who sit in the audience know that we
20 have some serious issues in the clerk's office. I
21 think, in my private comments to many of you, I've
22 indicated that during this interim period we would
23 have -- we would be unable to address many of these
24 issues while we search for a clerk, and that search
25 is underway. I think all of us, to varying degrees,

1 appreciate how critically important that position is
2 to our operation. So to those who are in the room
3 and who may be watching us online, I think it's
4 important that they understand that we believe this
5 is an important job. We have had citizens who have
6 pointed out the deficiencies, expressed concerns.
7 Many of those are held by people in this room and
8 around this dais. So it's not something that we
9 take -- the criticism is not something we take
10 lightly and we hope that we will address.

11 Let me just, since you have raised the issue
12 of minutes, I will approach this with an open mind.
13 But I can tell you that I'm not confident that our
14 minutes in the future will conform to the
15 requirements of law. Yes, we can go back. We can
16 listen to it and we can see it. That assumes you can
17 find it. And I think all of us have to admit that
18 this place is not run like a fine Swiss watch. Our
19 minutes right now, for example, aren't even
20 journalized. They're a file. God only knows if
21 they're complete and correct. So as we contemplate
22 where we want to head in the future, let's all
23 remember that we had a planning commission that
24 couldn't even kick the minutes out and make them
25 legal, and that was just months ago.

1 Not too long ago I had the -- I had Mr. Fox
2 run down something from, what? 2003? I needed to
3 find out exactly what was said. We went to the
4 journal for it. It was important to our
5 understanding of what was done with the Main Street
6 Business District. Took him a couple minutes. We
7 got it. Actually, Tim e-mailed it to me. It was
8 critical for part of our discussion in my thinking on
9 where it was going to go. Does that happen often?
10 As I mentioned to Stephanie, no, it doesn't. But
11 sometimes when you really need it, you need it.

12 There are costs of doing business. I would
13 only encourage this body to not be penny wise and
14 pound foolish when we look at how we record what we
15 do. We went back in that case 16 years. Because we
16 had the journal. I would hate to see us -- I would
17 hate to see us not provide that resource for future
18 councils. So, again, I will approach this with an
19 open mind, but as someone who is a historian, who's
20 been around, I like something on paper. Because it's
21 not subject to technological change. We're not
22 watching videos on 8-track cassettes or listening
23 to -- it's gone. I don't think anybody's got a
24 cassette player for movies anymore. You get them on
25 disks.

1 And what happens when disks go away?
2 Remember, we're keeping something that has to
3 stand -- stand the test of time. I think that's what
4 we missed the last time we went around and we walked
5 off from the transcripts for our planning commission
6 and zoning board of appeals. We weren't legal. They
7 weren't getting done, they weren't legal. So I would
8 say, you know, I know this is costly, I know it's
9 expensive. I'll approach it with an open mind, but
10 let's be really careful about what we do. And I
11 think part of that assessment is to really understand
12 how -- how well this place actually operates.

13 I think we're going to have to take off our
14 clothes and stand in front of the mirror and be
15 really candid. I know that's an ugly picture, but I
16 think we really have to look at it and we have to
17 think about how future councils are going to work and
18 function. I mean, are we providing the supervision?
19 What are we doing? You know, I think it takes us to
20 a whole range of issues. So again, I'll approach it
21 with an open mind, but short of water boarding -- not
22 water board -- water boarding.

23 MR. DEORIO: I've been on those committees.

24 MR. REVOLDT: We're in pun to the end. I
25 think we need to be very cautious.

1 MS. KIESLING: All right.

2 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

3 Member Kiesling.

4 MS. KIESLING: I want to say "thank you" to
5 Patrick for his work on the chamber agreement. I
6 think you did a great job, and we'll move forward.

7 MR. DEORIO: Thank you for your leadership.

8 MS. KIESLING: You're welcome. That's it.

9 MR. PETERS: Wow. That was quick.

10 Member Werren.

11 MRS. WERREN: I just -- you like the word
12 "incentivized," I like the word "collaboration."
13 There you go. So I heard a lot with collaboration
14 tonight. Everything from Rob and all the different
15 grants and who we're working with, to the YMCA and
16 working on that with Patrick and Laura, and then the
17 chamber. And I do think that's important. I work
18 with the chamber downtown and I know they have a
19 great partnership with the City of Canton and have
20 done a lot collaboratively in really moving the city
21 forward, the innovation district, just the different
22 CRAs and a lot of things. That's why I think that's
23 a good partnership. And we can't all be experts in
24 everything we do, so we can move away and let someone
25 else do it.

1 And then the flags. I mean, the partnerships
2 you have created with just having that initiative is
3 really -- it's a big deal. So thank you for -- for
4 doing that.

5 In looking at -- oh, this was me too. I was
6 at the Y on Sunday and they were having a pickleball
7 clinic. So many people came. I can't even tell you.
8 All ages. People who had -- high school to college,
9 my age, older. And so -- and they listed all the
10 places and I said, hey, we're going to have one in
11 North Canton. And people were really, really
12 excited. So when you talk about economic development
13 and those people staying and playing and they were
14 really excited. There's a lot of restaurants around.
15 So that got me excited about our area.

16 When I think about recordings, too, and we've
17 been here before. I think you sat in the audience at
18 that point, Daryl, and we've gone over this to see
19 what's efficient and not, and it's been difficult
20 with looking. We've been on the committee looking at
21 somebody to hire for that position because our clerks
22 spent -- I don't think I'm exaggerating -- three days
23 to do those verbatim minutes. You are probably the
24 only one that goes back and looks at those verbatim
25 minutes in historical formality. And you even said

1 in the time that you've been here you looked at them
2 once. I think Mark asked you that. And you said,
3 "But I wanted to have those." But the difference
4 with you looking at them in 2003 versus now is
5 there's an audio and a visual.

6 So you may say, well, I believe what is in
7 that red book, I hope somebody copied them and
8 listened to the verbatim minutes and got them right.
9 But you believe that is law; right? I would rather
10 see that visually and say, oh, that is actually what
11 they said and this is how they said it, this is how
12 it sounded, this is what the interpretation was. So
13 it's personal preference. And when you talk about
14 how, you know, going from 8-track to disk, I am
15 confident that we are keeping up with technology and
16 keep changing the formats as we've continued to do,
17 and as other entities have done.

18 And I guess, you know, I do know a lot of
19 other people in other areas and no one's taking off
20 their clothes, let's just be clear about that, but we
21 are doing a really good job here and we do get a lot
22 of accommodations. We are picky about what we do,
23 and that's great. I don't think anybody else holds
24 their council to the degree of attention -- the
25 degree of perfection that other people hold us to as

1 any other entities and I think we do a really good
2 job trying to get there. And we're always going to
3 strive for better work and that's what we're doing.
4 And we're managing that. And I think we have to do a
5 better job of putting in all the great things that we
6 are doing.

7 But to look at that and look at the expense
8 and who we want to hire, and we talked about this,
9 Daryl, is we can't get the kind of worker that we
10 want as a clerk, who's going to be thoughtful in
11 their discussions, maybe be creative in their
12 approach, have research ability, have a voice where
13 we actually say, So what do you think? if they are
14 doing verbatim minutes for three solid days a week.
15 That's a lot. And that's a lot of money. And Laura,
16 you ran some numbers. Just for us to have the
17 verbatim minutes it was 30,000 plus just for council.
18 Right?

19 MS. BROWN: To have the court reporter here.

20 MRS. WERREN: Have the court reporter.

21 MS. BROWN: For every council and committee
22 meeting for a year.

23 MRS. WERREN: That didn't include zoning or
24 planning.

25 MS. BROWN: Correct. That was 20- to 25,000,

1 roughly.

2 MR. DEORIO: And board of control and water
3 board.

4 MRS. WERREN: I guess I wonder, like you
5 said, like, how could we -- how could we get it
6 right. Well, how do all the other entities get it
7 right? I hold us to a higher standard than many
8 other places, so I believe we could get it right with
9 summary minutes and could make it effective as well
10 as having the live streaming and the video and audio.

11 That's it.

12 MR. FONTE: That was a lot of stuff to talk
13 about. Thank you.

14 MR. PETERS: Mr. Fonte.

15 MRS. WERREN: I believe in collaborations.

16 MR. FONTE: We were collaborating.

17 Okay. So I think with what everybody talked
18 about with the recordings, I have always looked
19 forward thinking. Just like the spaceship just to
20 autonomously land to the satellite. I mean, without
21 even a person in it. It's pretty impressive.

22 But anyhow, I would say I'm sure there's
23 experts out there that could tell us, yeah, looking
24 forward, you know, 50 or a hundred years is the book
25 format the best way or is there another way. So I

1 would say let's get their opinion and go with it.
2 I'm open-minded.

3 But what I wanted to talk about real quick is
4 since we were working on the flags and finding
5 donors, I had an opportunity to speak at the Lions
6 Club, speak with the chamber and Rotary, so I had a
7 chance -- I ran into Mark the other day, they had a
8 mixer at Main Street and it was sort of like a new
9 membership-type thing. And Paul is going to be the
10 new president. Paul Beinlich. Or how do you
11 pronounce his name?

12 MR. FOLTZ: Beinlich.

13 MR. FONTE: Beinlich. So anyhow, he was
14 saying, after we had a conversation about some of the
15 things going on in the city and it always comes back
16 to the communication, you know. The chamber, the
17 churches, the Boy Scouts, Walsh University, Lions
18 Club, Rotary, they all -- they all want to be part of
19 our community. They all want to do something. And I
20 think it's important for us to make sure we're
21 communicating to the constituents.

22 And I think as a council we should have a
23 membership to Rotary, if we don't, and just rotate
24 the different meetings with some of us periodically,
25 so it's not a burden on anybody, because they were so

1 grateful to hear some of the things going on with
2 Hoover, the Main Street Business District and some of
3 the businesses that were -- we have lots of business
4 contacts now that want to come take a look at North
5 Canton. So now we're putting the cart before the
6 horse, or vice versa.

7 We're trying to figure out, you know, from a
8 business standpoint how to update our codes and do
9 these things that are necessary so that we're in a
10 position to attract those new businesses. And one of
11 the big things is like with the chamber going out
12 talking to the small businesses, that's their job.
13 That's what they should be doing. The chamber and
14 Rotary, you know, I'm just suggesting we probably
15 should get a membership. I don't mind going a couple
16 times. You know, we rotate it out and we let them
17 know, because they want to be part of our community.
18 They have a lot of money. They want to spend money
19 in the community where they live, work and play. And
20 so I think we are missing a golden opportunity.

21 So I just say we continue pounding this
22 communication, because again, even to people out
23 here, if you think about what they're complaining
24 about, it's because they don't really know what we're
25 doing all the time. So we need to expose that more

1 and maybe they would be happier to understand what's
2 really going on. I mean, I know when I sat out there
3 I really second guessed what was going on up here,
4 too. But now I see the direction we're going. We're
5 trying to massively get so many things up to speed
6 and I think it just needs to be communicated better.

7 That's all I have.

8 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

9 And, Tim, just one thing. If we could put a
10 special notation on next week's meeting, appointment
11 of two CRA housing council members. Council members.

12 MR. FOX: Yes, sir.

13 MR. PETERS: Okay. And then our remaining
14 March meeting schedule, next Monday, March 11, we'll
15 have our city council, regular city council meeting.
16 The following Monday, the 18th, will be a committee
17 of the whole. March 25 will be the public hearing.
18 We'll have public input regarding the Main Street
19 Business District. That will be 6:30 p.m. followed
20 by regular council meeting at 7:00.

21 And as Mark mentioned, we will go ahead into
22 April, April 1 will be the meeting at Walsh College.
23 The last one we had there was -- was really nice. I
24 recommend you, if you have the time to be there for
25 that. So that concludes the legislative agenda.

1 At this time may I have a motion and a second
2 to adjourn into executive session. This is to
3 consider the employment of a city employee and confer
4 with the law director concerning disputes involving
5 the city that are subject of imminent court action.

6 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

7 MRS. WERREN: Second.

8 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

9 MR. REVOLDT: You need roll call.

10 MR. PETERS: I'll call it.

11 Member Foltz?

12 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

13 MR. PETERS: Member Cerreta?

14 MR. CERRETA: Yes.

15 MR. PETERS: Member Revoldt?

16 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

17 MR. PETERS: Member Kiesling?

18 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

19 MR. PETERS: Member Werren?

20 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

21 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte?

22 MR. FONTE: Yes.

23 MR. PETERS: Member Peters? Yes. Seven
24 members, yes. We are adjourned into executive
25 session.

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(Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.)

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