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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF
MARCH 8, 2021, MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Transcript of Proceedings 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, Ohio, on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

- Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2
- Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large
- Doug Foltz, Ward 1
- Stephanie Werren, Ward 3
- Dominic Fonte, Ward 4
- Mark R. Cerreta, At Large
- Matthew Stroia, At Large
- Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of
Administration and Development
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services
- Martin Van Gundy IV, Chief Building Official
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Benjamin R. Young, Clerk

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1 MR. PETERS: I'd like to call to order the
2 North Canton City Council regular meeting March 8,
3 2021. The time is 7:01.

4 Mark, Dominic, want to lead us in prayer?

5 MR. CERRETA: Dom, if you're okay, I will,
6 but it's up to you.

7 MR. FONTE: Yeah, I'll go ahead and do it
8 this time.

9 MR. CERRETA: Go ahead.

10 MR. FONTE: Lord, thank you for letting us
11 all be together healthily and working through the
12 different angles that we have to do our business and
13 the betterment of our constituents, and we always try
14 to put the best foot forward and do the right thing.
15 We are human, so of course we're always looking for
16 guidance. Let us work in harmony and make sure that
17 we're all blessed and we watch out for one another
18 and our constituents and let's get the goals met of
19 the betterment of the city.

20 In God's name, we pray. Amen.

21 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dominic.

22 At this time, if you would please join me in
23 the Pledge of Allegiance.

24 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

25 MR. PETERS: All right. At this time, Ben,

1 would you please call the roll.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

3 MRS. WERREN: Here. Sorry.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

5 MR. FONTE: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.

11 MR. CERRETA: Here.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

13 MR. STROIA: Here.

14 MR. YOUNG: And Member Peters.

15 MR. PETERS: Here.

16 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

17 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

18 Next up for your consideration, a motion and
19 a second to approve as presented minutes from
20 February 17, 2021, committee of the whole; minutes
21 from February 22, '21, city council; Chapter 151,
22 Volunteer Firefighter Dependent Fund Board as created
23 by Ordinance 10-21; the liquor permit transfer
24 request, Howlin Bird, at 123 South Main Street, and
25 the February '21 monthly finance report.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz motions to approve as
2 presented.

3 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

4 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
7 carries.

8 All right. At this time, recognition of
9 visitors. We have two speakers tonight, Mr. Osborne
10 and Mr. Mulqueen. Just a friendly reminder, we have
11 a five-minute time limit and we ask that you keep
12 your comments brief and respectful.

13 Ben, at this time I'll let you take over.

14 MR. YOUNG: Okay. Mr. Osborne, are you
15 there?

16 MR. OSBORNE: I am here.

17 MR. YOUNG: When you're ready.

18 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview
19 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

20 I would like to address my comments to
21 Ordinance 23-2021, the very last one on your agenda
22 regarding sewer and water rates. The sewer increases
23 amount to a 75 percent increase over five years.
24 15 percent per year. Now, I do understand that this
25 is a pass-through that basically it's the City of

1 Canton, I guess, that's dictating our water rates, or
2 I mean our sewer rates, but I don't know whether
3 we've gotten behind on keeping up with them but this
4 is a pretty heavy increase.. We're paying eight oh
5 five a year now and in five years that's going to be
6 almost double. Over \$14. So that's a little -- a
7 little hard to swallow.

8 The water rates. 5 percent increase per
9 year, basically at the end of five years we're
10 looking at a 17 percent increase by the fifth year.
11 The question I'd like to ask, and I guess there's
12 some facts I should bring to the forefront now, I
13 guess it's going to practice -- I don't know when it
14 got started, how it got started, I question the
15 legality of this but I am aware that the city
16 administrator's salary, 50 percent of his salary is
17 coming out of the sewer fund and 50 percent out of
18 the water fund. And I can't imagine that our city
19 administrator spends a hundred percent of his time on
20 sewer and water issues. We do have supervisors for
21 the water and sewer. The city administrator is
22 basically a management oversight.

23 So given that the city administrator's
24 salary -- and I'd also like to ask, are there any
25 other non-sewer employees or non-water department

1 employees being paid out of these utilities? So I'd
2 like that answered here shortly at the meeting. And
3 I'd also like to ask, are these increases fueling the
4 rapid rise in salaries that we see going on at city
5 hall. I know just a year or so ago the city
6 administrator was up at 118,000 a year and I don't
7 know what the latest is, I think it's about 125,000 a
8 year, but these salary increases, I think you're
9 plundering the sewer fund and the water fund. I
10 don't know if the new council members realize that
11 these salaries are being poached out of the utility
12 funds. And I'd like this discussed and answered and
13 I just don't think this is on the up and up but it's
14 been -- I don't know whether this began when the
15 downsizing of The Hoover Company and the city was
16 looking for other sources of revenue and they just
17 jumped on the fact that, hey, here's free money, it's
18 kind of hidden, we can fund these salaries and
19 nobody's the wiser.

20 So with that, I'll keep it short. That's all
21 I have. Thank you.

22 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

23 MR. YOUNG: All right. Mr. Mulqueen, are you
24 there?

25 MR. MULQUEEN: Hello. How are you doing.

1 MR. YOUNG: When you're ready, sir.

2 MR. MULQUEEN: All right. My name is Joseph
3 Mulqueen. I'm a proud disabled recovering alcoholic
4 at 716 Park Avenue, Northeast.

5 And what brings me to another meeting again
6 tonight is just to help encourage and let our city
7 government know that we at Dogwood, we may not have
8 every single ramp but we have the best skate park in
9 Stark County because whenever you go to Dogwood Skate
10 Park you won't catch anybody drinking alcohol there
11 like you might at Ninth Street and Akron and the
12 other surrounding areas in Stark County and I'm just
13 here to thank the city for letting me have something
14 that I could have as a kid that I could enjoy, you
15 know, to -- you know, we saw Tom Brady school Patrick
16 Mahomes here in the Super Bowl and I plan on
17 skateboarding till I'm 50 like Gordie Howe did in
18 hockey. And I hope one day I could see an
19 18-year-old skateboarder at Dogwood when I'm
20 skateboarding there at 50. And skateboarding now is
21 an Olympic sport and, you know, I come here
22 exhausted, I just bought six more skateboards to give
23 to the kids at the skate park and making sure all the
24 kids have a new board before they get in the game of
25 skate for a free board. First, second and third

1 place is going to take home a free board. My buddy
2 who's got a skate shop in Pennsylvania donated wheels
3 and bearings so now they're going to get wheels and
4 bearings, too.

5 And this retired pro skateboarder, now father
6 amongst many other job titles he has in this world,
7 he just wrote this book called "My First Skateboard"
8 and a fellow skateboard graphic illustrator did the
9 illustration. And I bought three of these books, I
10 want to give one -- I went to Claremont Elementary so
11 I need to donate there because it feels like
12 yesterday I was there, a kid reading the skateboard
13 books and, you know, I went to school there in 2000
14 and all the skateboarding books there was just, you
15 know, from the '70s and '80s so I'm just trying to
16 give back everything I've taken from skateboarding,
17 you know, by the city having this awesome idea of
18 building the skate park, you know what I mean?

19 You know, the skate park really helps keep
20 these kids out of trouble, so I'm just here to help
21 encourage our city council to let's get some type of
22 skate park that could be a semi-qualifying park for
23 maybe the Olympics or the street league and let's
24 bring the Olympics of skateboarding to North Canton
25 because I think that would be a really great thing

1 for the skateboarding scene here and it would be
2 great for the city, and, you know, I can't thank this
3 city enough for giving me somewhere I can go to down
4 the street, you know, whether I got to blow off some
5 steam or it's just a nice sunny day and, you know,
6 I'm just enjoying a day at the park with my friends,
7 I just want to make sure kids have that for the next
8 20 plus 20 plus 20 plus 20. Hopefully, you know what
9 I mean, if we can, now that skateboarding is in the
10 Olympics now, if we can help create the Olympic
11 skateboard standard in North Canton let's carry that
12 tradition for as long as we've seen the Olympics, you
13 know, have been around since, you know, walked this
14 planet. So I know it's not the first time a person
15 from North Canton has made it to the Olympics but I'm
16 just trying to do everything possible, now that I'm
17 getting older, to help give back everything I took
18 from skateboarding and help, you know, give that kid
19 the same kind of, you know, compassion that I get
20 from skateboarding.

21 You know, and I just can't thank this town
22 enough for that because this is the best way I know
23 of how to grieve the loss of my father who was a
24 cross guard for the town and, you know, we know we
25 lost him to cancer October 7 of 2019 and, you know, I

1 just, you know, come here to thank the town for
2 giving me 19 years of skateboarding and, you know,
3 God and Jesus as my witness, I hope to get to skate
4 until at least 50 like Gordie Howe did with hockey
5 and Gordie Howe is still out there and, you know, I
6 hope I get the same luck and I thank you for the time
7 and God bless.

8 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Joe.

9 All right, folks, let's move on to old
10 business. May I have a motion and a second to read
11 by title only Ordinance 7-21.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

14 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
18 carries.

19 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta and Fonte abstain.

20 MR. PETERS: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you.

21 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
22 appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton to
23 be appropriated for current expenses during the
24 fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

25 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

1 Chairman Werren.

2 MRS. WERREN: We have talked about this a
3 couple times in the other week, talked about the
4 different expenses, and this is one of the final ones
5 just to, I guess for completion, a little bit, of
6 Arrowhead and we have a lot of bookings happening and
7 so it will make it look very nice. And then the
8 3,000 for the civil service. If no other questions,
9 I move to adopt.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
14 carries.

15 MR. YOUNG: I think the Director of Finance
16 wanted to request an amendment.

17 MS. ALABACK: My apologies, yes.

18 We received a police donation that we would
19 like to add to the appropriations amendments from
20 Biris Jewelers for \$1,255.36, and Biris Jewelers is
21 purchasing for the police department 12 first
22 responder trauma kits and 26 CAT tourniquets for the
23 police to carry on themselves.

24 MR. PETERS: Yes. Thank you, Jina. I missed
25 that one.

1 May I have a motion and second to amend
2 Ordinance 7-21 to include donations.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will amend.

4 MR. PETERS: All right.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

6 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

9 MR. FONTE: Abstain.

10 MR. CERRETA: Abstain.

11 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte and Cerreta
12 abstain.

13 Okay. Now, may I have a motion and a second
14 to adopt the second reading of Ordinance 7-21 as
15 amended.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

17 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

18 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21 MR. FONTE: Abstain.

22 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta abstains.

23 MR. PETERS: Member Cerreta and Fonte
24 abstain.

25 All right. Moving on to new business.

1 May I have a motion and a second to read by title
2 only Ordinance 2-21.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

4 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

5 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

6 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

9 MR. FONTE: Abstain. Abstain, Dominic.

10 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains.

11 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing and
12 replacing Part 17, Housing Code, of the codified
13 ordinances of the City of North Canton.

14 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

15 Chairman Revoldt.

16 MR. REVOLDT: We have time tonight, I'd like
17 to read this page by page.

18 MR. PETERS: Daryl's got jokes.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Seriously, we discussed this at
20 great length last week. What we will be doing
21 tonight is offering this up on the first reading for
22 this and for all other related community and economic
23 development issues, and these would be Items 8.c
24 through .k, and just to save us a little time this
25 evening, 8.c, .d., and .e involve the management and

1 operational structure that will be used to implement
2 Ordinance 2-21, and then Items 8.f through .k
3 incorporate existing chapters of our codified
4 ordinance into this maintenance code. So as Ben
5 prepared that index last week, we're just literally
6 picking up from one location in our code and putting
7 it into -- into this housing code.

8 So does anyone have any questions about Item
9 8.a Ordinance 2-21? I'll take the silence as a "no
10 questions," so with that can we have a motion to
11 adopt? I move we adopt the first reading of
12 Ordinance 2-21.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

14 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

17 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

18 MR. PETERS: Fonte abstains.

19 Daryl, I'm assuming is it okay for me to just
20 go start moving through these?

21 MR. REVOLDT: Let's pick up, we're a little
22 out of order here. We've got the next item is the
23 zone change over at --

24 MR. PETERS: Okay.

25 MR. REVOLDT: -- the church. So let's do

1 this then we'll just run through these, just bang
2 through. They need no introduction.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay. Got you.

4 Okay. May I have a motion and a second to
5 read by title only Ordinance 3-21.

6 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

7 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

8 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 Ben.

12 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending the zoning
13 map of the City of North Canton to reclassify 309
14 Lindy Lane, Northwest, Stark County Parcel No.
15 9205115 as recommended by the planning commission in
16 accordance with the amendment procedure set forth in
17 Chapter 1181 of the Planning and Zoning Code from
18 Parks and Institutional to One-Family Residential,
19 Small, R-50, in order to bring the zoning district's
20 map and pertinent parcels in line with the current
21 uses, together with providing opportunities for
22 future residents and businesses.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

24 Chairman Revoldt.

25 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Peters.

1 For those who're not familiar with this
2 issue, the church had a manse which was located at
3 309 Lindy Lane. It no longer uses that house for its
4 parsonage, and it is now leasing that house and needs
5 to bring that house into compliance with our zoning.
6 So what we're going to do is move it, move that
7 parcel from P & I to R-50, which is the appropriate
8 designation. It's consistent with everything around
9 it in terms of zoning. We held a public hearing last
10 week and there were no objections to the zoning. Are
11 there any questions? If there are none, I move we
12 adopt the first reading of Ordinance 3-21.

13 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

14 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
17 carries.

18 All right. May I have a motion and a second
19 to read by title only Ordinance 11-21.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

22 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
25 carries.

1 Ben.

2 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance to establish the
3 Department of Development Services for the City of
4 North Canton.

5 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
6 and a second to adopt the first reading.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

8 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

9 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 May I have a motion and a second to read by
13 title only Ordinance 12-21.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

15 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

16 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
17 ("Aye" in unison.)

18 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

19 MR. FONTE: Abstain. Dominic.

20 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains.

21 Ben.

22 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance establishing the
23 Property Maintenance Review Board for the City of
24 North Canton.

25 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion

1 and a second to adopt the first reading.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

3 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

4 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

7 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

8 MR. PETERS: Fonte abstains. Motion carries.
9 May I have a motion and a second to read by
10 title only Ordinance 13-21.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

12 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

13 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

17 MR. PETERS: Fonte abstains.
18 Ben.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending certain
20 sections of Chapter 139, Department of Engineering,
21 of the codified ordinances of the City of North
22 Canton in order to remove the Division of Permits and
23 Inspections.

24 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
25 May I have a motion and a second to adopt the

1 first reading.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

3 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

4 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

7 MR. FONTE: Abstain. Dominic.

8 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains. Motion
9 carries.

10 All right. May I have a motion and a second
11 to read by title only Ordinance 14-21.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

13 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

14 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

17 MR. FONTE: Abstain. Dominic.

18 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains.

19 Ben.

20 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing certain
21 sections of Chapter 505, Animals and Fowl, of the
22 codified ordinances of the City of North Canton.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

24 May I have a motion and a second to adopt the
25 first reading.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

2 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

3 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

4 ("Aye" in unison.)

5 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

6 MR. FONTE: Abstain. Fonte.

7 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains. Motion
8 carries.

9 May I have a motion and a second to read by
10 title only Ordinance 15-21.

11 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta moves.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

13 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 MR. FONTE: Abstain. Abstain. Dominic.

17 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains.

18 Ben.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing Chapter
20 519, Graffiti, of the codified ordinances of the City
21 of North Canton.

22 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
23 and a second to adopt the first reading.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

25 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

4 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

5 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains. Motion
6 carries.

7 All right. May I have a motion and a second
8 to read by title only Ordinance 16-21.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

11 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

12 MR. CERRETA: Good.

13 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 MR. FONTE: Abstain. Dominic.

17 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains.

18 Ben.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing portions
20 of Chapter 521, Health, Safety and Sanitation, of the
21 codified ordinances of the City of North Canton.

22 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
23 and a second to adopt the first reading.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

25 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

4 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

5 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains. Motion
6 carries.

7 All right. May I have a motion and a second
8 to read by title only Ordinance 17-21.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

14 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

15 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains.

16 Ben.

17 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing Chapter
18 553, Weeds, Trees and Grass, of the codified
19 ordinances of the City of North Canton.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
21 and a second to adopt the first reading.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

23 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

24 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

2 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

3 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains. Motion
4 carries.

5 All right. May I have a motion and a second
6 to read by title only Ordinance 18-21.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

8 MRS. WERREN: Werren moves. Second.

9 MR. PETERS: Second. All right. All in
10 favor, say "aye."

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
13 carries.

14 MR. FONTE: Fonte -- Fonte abstains.

15 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains.

16 Ben.

17 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
18 719, Rubbish Haulers, of the codified ordinances of
19 the City of North Canton to include provisions
20 formerly codified in Chapter 521.

21 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

22 May I have a motion and a second to adopt the
23 first reading.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

25 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

4 MR. FONTE: Fonte obtains.

5 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte abstains. Motion
6 carries.

7 All right. May I have a motion and a second
8 to read by title only Ordinance 19-21.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

14 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

15 MR. PETERS: Fonte abstains.

16 Ben.

17 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
18 907, Street Excavations, of the codified ordinances
19 of the City of North Canton to include provisions
20 formerly codified in Chapter 521.

21 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
22 and a second to adopt the first reading.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

24 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

25 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

4 MR. PETERS: Fonte abstains. Motion
5 approved.

6 Okay. All right. May I have a motion and a
7 second to read by title only Ordinance 20-21.

8 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta moves.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

10 MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor, say
11 "aye."

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

14 Ben.

15 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance continuing the
16 Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive agreement
17 between the City of North Canton and 331 Harmon
18 Street, Southwest, and declaring the same to be an
19 emergency.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Chairman Revoldt,
21 since these are both on emergency do you have any
22 final comments on either one of these?

23 MR. REVOLDT: No. Both projects were
24 reviewed for compliance with the requirements. Both
25 were found in full compliance and will be recommended

1 to the tax incentive review council.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay.

3 MR. REVOLDT: We're good.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
5 and a second to adopt the first reading.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

7 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

8 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 May I have a motion and a second to suspend
12 the rules of council requiring three readings.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

14 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
18 carries.

19 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt
20 Ordinance 20-21 under suspension.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

22 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

23 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion

1 carries.

2 All right. May I have a motion and a second
3 to read by title only Ordinance 21-21.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

5 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

6 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

9 Ben.

10 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance continuing the
11 Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive agreement
12 between the City of North Canton and 1303-1305 North
13 Main Street and declaring the same to be an
14 emergency.

15 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
16 and a second --

17 MR. REVOLDT: Hang on just a second. Ben, do
18 you have a copy of the corrected ordinance?

19 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

20 MR. REVOLDT: We had a typo in this and we
21 want to make sure that everybody's aware. It was a
22 minor that's been cleaned up. Right there. So we
23 had a little discrepancy. So that is what we're
24 voting on. So Mr. President, I move we adopt the
25 first reading of Ordinance 21-21.

1 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

2 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
5 carries.

6 May I have a motion and a second to suspend
7 the rules of council requiring three readings.

8 MR. REVOLDT: So moved. Revoldt moves.

9 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

10 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
13 carries.

14 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt
15 Ordinance 21-21 under suspension.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

17 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

18 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
21 carries.

22 All right. May I have a motion and a second
23 to read by title only Ordinance 22-21.

24 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta moves.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves. Revoldt

1 seconds.

2 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

5 Ben.

6 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
7 mayor of the City of North Canton, upon board of
8 control approval, to enter into a contract for the
9 installation of a vehicle exhaust venting system at
10 North Canton fire stations at a cost not to exceed
11 \$110,000.

12 MR. PETERS: Okay. And we talked about this
13 last week. What portion of this is paid by grant,
14 Pat?

15 MR. DEORIO: About 90 percent.

16 MR. PETERS: 90 percent. Okay.

17 Any other questions for Pat regarding this?
18 All right. Seeing none, may I have a motion and a
19 second -- was that a question? I'm sorry. Okay.

20 Seeing none, may I have a motion and a second
21 to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 22-21.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

23 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

24 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 All right. May I have a motion and a second
3 to read by title only Ordinance 23-21.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

6 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
9 carries.

10 Ben.

11 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Part 9,
12 Streets, Utilities and Public Services, Title 3,
13 Utilities, of the codified ordinances of the City of
14 North Canton, specifically Chapter 927, Sewer
15 Rentals, Chapter 937, Water Rates, and Chapter 939,
16 Special Water and Sewer Rates for Elderly and
17 Disabled, to set water and sewer rates for 2022
18 through and including 2026.

19 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

20 Chairman Cerreta.

21 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, I got a few things I want
22 to go through here.

23 Last week we introduced this ordinance and
24 there's a lot of moving parts, as you heard from Ben.
25 And as a chairman, I'm not comfortable just spending

1 ten minutes like we did last week talking about what
2 it is and I'd like to talk about how the effect it
3 has on our community and our customers. So I'd like
4 to discuss for a little bit, because as it stands
5 now, I respectfully cannot support it. So if you let
6 me go through it and we can make comments and we can
7 go forward with whatever you guys want to go through
8 with.

9 But the moving parts include a water rate
10 hike. In the first three years it's 15 percent. And
11 it's a total of 22 percent in the total five years.
12 One of the other things, it eliminates the turn back
13 on fee of a hundred dollars for shutoff due to
14 nonpayment and increase the late payment then fee
15 from 5 percent to 10 percent for those who don't pay
16 their bill on time. And then eliminating the
17 homestead program. These are accounts that have a
18 discount for certain age groups and income-based
19 folks.

20 So when we look at the rates, and I want
21 to -- first of all, how did we get where we are right
22 now? And I talked to Pat last week and he explained
23 it pretty good. In 2012, as a lot of you remember,
24 we created this automatic increase based on the CPI,
25 consumer price index. Okay. That automatically

1 increased the water rates based on consumer price
2 increases so we didn't have to come back every time
3 for this, it just went up as consumer price
4 increases.

5 But it had a sunset provision after five
6 years and it ended in 2017. And we had changes in
7 finance directors and administration, so it never
8 made it back to us that it ended. So for the last
9 three years we have not had an increase in the water
10 and sewer rates. Now, I get we have needs and so now
11 we have this proposal to increase the rates.

12 Ben, do you want to put up that rate.

13 So Jina was really great at making this as
14 really puts things in perspective and how we can
15 really understand what it really means in terms of
16 dollars to our community and our customers. And
17 here's what it says. At the top, as you can see,
18 it's a 5 percent, 5 percent, 5 percent, 3 percent,
19 3 percent. So that's the different rates here. And
20 as you look at the rate graph, you can see the
21 real-world effect it has on our customers. So at
22 first glance, you know, the increase looks minor, if
23 you go all the way across, but these are monthly
24 increases. So when you times these by 12 months, you
25 get a total increase per year. So when we look at

1 this here, and I know it's kind of hard to see when
2 you look at the bold numbers here, especially your
3 bill average, when you look at these here, when you
4 add all these up, in five years our utility bill, and
5 this includes projected Canton and county, and again,
6 we can't control them, we understand that. But in
7 five years the projected bill, the difference between
8 the bill today and the bill in five years for the
9 average customer is \$300 difference. That means when
10 you add all these up, our bill in five years is going
11 to be, for the average person in our town, is \$300
12 more. In three years it's \$170 more than it is in
13 today's world. Now, you know, that just seems -- and
14 the outside rates are much higher than that. Let's
15 make -- so that's a lot to ask.

16 And a couple things I want to bring up as we
17 go through this instead of -- this will make us one
18 of the highest, if not the highest, rate in the area
19 in an increasing competitive market. We tout our
20 water is a big advantage for economic development.
21 Okay. Other available water companies are a street
22 away at every corner. We could price ourselves out
23 of future opportunities real easy. We will hopefully
24 be coming out of this pandemic by the end of the
25 year, but unknown in the economy and, you know, there

1 are a lot of the people out there that are losing
2 their jobs, we have no idea how this is going to
3 affect. There's a lot of people out there struggling
4 who are out without work. Remember, the average
5 income rate in our city is in the mid 50,000s. Not a
6 lot of room to work with. You know, and elderly
7 families, young families, not everybody gets 3 to
8 5 percent raise every year, and I think I said that
9 before. So our job is to help protect them. And in
10 my opinion, this rate increase over five years may go
11 too far in the future of our community. No room for
12 adjustment, as Dom would say, no room to adjust our
13 sails when you're looking at this five rates.

14 We haven't had an increase in three years, I
15 get that. There are things we need. We need to get
16 our water department where it needs to be in the
17 future, but I would respectfully like to propose we
18 maybe table this or look at a three-year rate
19 increase. Maybe a 5, a 4 and a 3 and then look where
20 we are with this thing. Because this is very
21 outstretching here where we are heading, you know, in
22 the five-year mark.

23 So that's -- the one part of it is the rate
24 increase. The other couple parts here, as I
25 mentioned before, eliminating the turn-back-on fee of