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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF**

**MARCH 11, 2019, 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 City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

Doug Foltz, Vice President, Ward 1

Mark Cerreta, At Large

Daryl Revoldt, At Large

Marcia Kiesling, At Large

Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

Laura E. Brown, Director of Finance

Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

David J. Held, Mayor

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1 MR. PETERS: Okay. I'd like to call to order  
2 the council meeting Monday, March 11, 2019, 7 p.m. .

3 Opening prayer. Mark, would you lead us?  
4 Thank you.

5 MR. CERRETA: All right.

6 Lord, thank you for bringing us here this  
7 evening. Thank you for the honor, responsibility of  
8 conducting business for our wonderful community which  
9 you have given us and taken care of us for so many  
10 years. Please help us to take care of it in the way  
11 that you would see fit. Give us the courage,  
12 determination and the compassion. Help us to be  
13 positive and look at things in ways that for the  
14 future for the better for our children and  
15 grandchildren. Give us open ears so we can listen to  
16 everyone and a good brain to think about the right  
17 things to do. In God's name we pray. Amen.

18 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

19 MR. PETERS: Tim, would you please call the  
20 roll, please.

21 MR. FOX: Yes, sir.

22 Member Kiesling?

23 MS. KIESLING: Here.

24 MR. FOX: Member Revoldt?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

1 MR. FOX: Member Cerreta?

2 MR. CERRETA: Here.

3 MR. FOX: Member Fonte?

4 MR. FONTE: Here.

5 MR. FOX: Member Peters?

6 MR. PETERS: Here.

7 MR. FOX: Mr. Foltz?

8 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

9 MR. FOX: Member Werren is absent.

10 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to excuse Member Werren.

11 MS. KIESLING: Second.

12 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

13 ("Aye in unison.)

14 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

15 Member Werren is excused.

16 MR. FONTE: I can't hear you.

17 MR. FOX: Was the volume up loud enough? I  
18 just want to make sure. Can everyone hear us?

19 MR. HELD: Check. Check. Microphone check.

20 MR. FOX: Thank you.

21 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Moving on.

22 Real quick before I go into this, the February 2019  
23 financial report was not in the agenda so we're not  
24 going to approve those tonight. So Tim, could you  
25 make a note to approve that on next agenda?

1 MR. FOX: Yes, sir.

2 MR. PETERS: And for your consideration, a  
3 motion and a second to approve as presented the  
4 council meeting minutes of March 12 of '18.

5 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

6 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

8 MR. PETERS: All those in favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 All right. At this time we have Mr. William  
12 Green, superintendent of the Stark County Board of  
13 Developmental Disabilities, is here. Disability  
14 Awareness Month. Welcome, Mr. Green.

15 MR. GREEN: Thank you, council president, and  
16 good evening, council, mayor. It's certainly an  
17 honor to be able to speak to you this evening.

18 March is National Disability Awareness month,  
19 and I wanted to come share the work that the Stark  
20 County Board of Developmental Disabilities is doing  
21 on behalf of the 3,900 people that live in Stark  
22 County and the 336 people that live right here in  
23 North Canton.

24 The Stark County Board of Developmental  
25 Disabilities' mission is supporting people with their

1 disabilities and their families, and our vision for  
2 them is that each one will be fully included in our  
3 communities. However, there are still attitudinal  
4 barriers that sometimes still exist and we want to  
5 break those down. So in March we provide extra  
6 support in getting the word out about the people we  
7 support and what they can bring to our communities.

8 Each year we are working with 700 families  
9 that have a member with a disability. This work  
10 takes place in the family home. We also provide  
11 preschool and school-age education to 180 students  
12 who have intense and very complex needs. Each year  
13 we fund services and supports for 1,600 people so  
14 that they can live, work, and play in our  
15 communities. We are a funder of services. We are a  
16 planner and coordinator of each person's life plan.  
17 We work with 115 private agencies and 200 independent  
18 providers and monitor them to make sure people are  
19 getting what they want and need.

20 Finally, we work in conjunction with the  
21 sheriff's office and the North Canton Police  
22 Department to investigate all allegations of abuse  
23 and neglect to make sure people are healthy and safe.

24 During this month we want you to know our  
25 name and be able to refer anyone that you know needs

1 support to us. We also want you to know that Stark  
2 DD is a trusted -- trusted partner that thousands of  
3 people rely on. We want you to know Stark DD  
4 provides vital services and high-quality support to  
5 an ever-increasing number of people within our  
6 county. We're actually serving 30 percent more than  
7 we were just a decade ago. Ultimately we want each  
8 person with a disability to not only have a good life  
9 but to have a great one. And we want to get the word  
10 out about them.

11 So it's been an honor and pleasure to be here  
12 with you this evening. I want to thank you for your  
13 time and I want to thank each of what you do for the  
14 North Canton community. Have a great night.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

16 Okay. At this time if you wish to address  
17 council, please step forward, state your name and  
18 address for the Record. Friendly reminder,  
19 five-minute time limit.

20 MR. TRIPP: I know. Even though I wanted to  
21 compliment the city, but that's fine.

22 Larry Tripp. 1127 East Maple, North Canton,  
23 Ohio.

24 First, just a couple tidbits about myself. I  
25 was a stenographer in the Army, taking approximately

1 110 to 120 words per minute. Had typing skills of  
2 about 65 to 70 words per minute. My title with the  
3 major tire company was that of an accounting manager,  
4 and at times I was accountable up to 35, 37 people  
5 under -- for -- I'm sorry. I was accountable for the  
6 performance of about 35 to 37 employees, so yes, I  
7 have some knowledge and experience with my comments  
8 on council clerk's position and destruction of  
9 council minutes as we know them today. I too may be  
10 old school when it comes to change, not so much  
11 because of change but because those wanting change  
12 distort or don't give the complete facts. Thus my  
13 comments, while designed for the entire council, are  
14 primarily directed to Ms. Werren, who's not here, of  
15 course, and Mr. Peters, as they appear to be the  
16 primary proponents of changing council minute rules.

17 Three days to transcribe council minutes. I  
18 don't believe it. And I say hogwash. This  
19 immediately suggests to me this employee was probably  
20 not qualified from the onset of her employment but  
21 yet you retained her for almost five years. You  
22 retained her in spite of public speaks concerning  
23 errors and work ethics to the argument this is going  
24 to save the city thousands of dollars. I can only  
25 say double hogwash. Right.



1 Right now, Mr. Peters, any savings you may be  
2 boasting about are probably and undoubtedly based on  
3 an individual not fully qualified, not fully trained  
4 or incorrectly trained by the law director and not  
5 properly supervised by you since that position  
6 reports to council president. Had this analysis of  
7 savings been made, let's say in 2013 when this city  
8 employed an outstanding council clerk who probably  
9 completed her transcription in a day, the savings  
10 would be considerably less. But now I understand  
11 you're basing it on a court reporter's salary. Which  
12 really distorts the figure. So anyway, so I don't  
13 believe you are comparing apples to apples. Might I  
14 be right, Miss?

15 In January there was a job description posted  
16 on the city website for a council clerk and I'm  
17 certain you had candidates apply based on the  
18 criteria that of this job description. Clerk's  
19 position was reposted again and, I would assume,  
20 based on the same description. However, three months  
21 without a council clerk it appears you are now trying  
22 to tailormake the position of an individual or  
23 individuals -- looking at the law director -- to do a  
24 job rather than based on the job description. Maybe  
25 working in the legislative side of North Canton

1 government isn't quite so rosy. I wonder why,  
2 Mr. Peters. Tread lightly on this one.

3 Last week we heard Mr. Revoldt offer his  
4 concerns of the aftermath of the terminated council  
5 clerks, citing a couple of examples of deficiencies.  
6 He further went on to say, Folks, this place is not  
7 running like a fine Swiss watch. Please don't place  
8 the burden of the legislative shortcomings on a  
9 terminated council clerk. Look at your right, your  
10 left, with the exception of Mr. Fonte, right only.  
11 And then to the person now sitting in the clerk's  
12 seat. And you will see where the real problem is.

13 What I really believe is that you folks are  
14 looking probably at hiring an individual to fill --  
15 probably taking it from another section of the  
16 legislative branch, coordinate her duties with maybe  
17 the finance or somebody, maybe with finance, more  
18 than likely, and then have a part-time council clerk.  
19 And have a few openings for our illustrious law  
20 director to share his clerical skills. So people,  
21 you aren't basing any savings apples to apples,  
22 particularly when you are considering a court  
23 reporter, which we've only had since the absence of a  
24 council clerk.

25 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Larry.

1 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Anyone else wishing to  
3 address council? Step forward, state your name and  
4 address, please.

5 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne. 307 Fairview  
6 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

7 I have memory -- I'm going to pull this back  
8 because that light's coming right through that  
9 opening.

10 I have memory here, it's been a year, two  
11 years ago, Mrs. Kiesling making the comment that as a  
12 councilperson she had never read the minutes of a  
13 planning commission meeting. I honestly don't think  
14 any of you read the minutes of your own meeting  
15 before you approve them. At any rate, I have some  
16 handouts here for you, and I'll hand them out after  
17 I'm done. The first handout is of a meeting back in  
18 March 11, actually, of 2013 and I want you to look at  
19 and compare that with what you've got now. They're  
20 night and day.

21 Regarding your meeting agenda tonight, for  
22 some reason as of late we haven't been getting a  
23 pastor to come and speak, and I don't know whether  
24 we're out there beating the bushes for this or not  
25 but you've generally not listed a pastor during the

1 opening prayer.

2 The order of your ordinances are not  
3 numerical. You've got 11, 12, 13, and then you jump  
4 to 20 and then back on the next page you're back to  
5 14, 15, 16.

6 Government is hard enough to follow and  
7 understand without introducing this kind of  
8 confusion. I have never seen this in 20 years up  
9 here. So why are we listing on our agenda ordinances  
10 totally out of legislative sequence? And now you've  
11 gone to putting item numbers down and grouping your  
12 ordinances by committee. Each one of those  
13 ordinances, 12, 13 should have an item number. And  
14 then you go on, you give an item number to reports,  
15 an item number for reports council. An item number  
16 for final call for business, an item number for  
17 adjourn. I mean, why are we changing this? Whoever  
18 is filling this role, and we know it's the law  
19 director, why don't you just look back and see past  
20 practice? Government has to have a degree of  
21 certainty, predictability. We all need that in our  
22 lives. We keep introducing all this uncertainty and  
23 confusion, so that's what your agenda is doing there.

24 Regarding Ordinance 13, the flag ordinance.  
25 I am not in support of that. I'm a veteran. I

1 actually served in two different military branches of  
2 government. We don't need an American flag on every  
3 single light pole. Two-thirds of those light poles  
4 up and down Main Street should be gone. They're not  
5 attractive. It's just an added expense for the city  
6 and we don't need all these flags. I think it  
7 denigrates the flag. I mean, how many flags do we  
8 need flying? I'm not sure how many you're  
9 purchasing. 150 or something?

10 At any rate, so I'm going to pass out the  
11 agenda so you can compare what we've had in the past  
12 and actually had for decades and decades. We don't  
13 need confusion in government.

14 And then regarding the flag ordinance,  
15 Ordinance 13, Mrs. Brown asked for a supplemental  
16 appropriation. She didn't ask for an appropriation.  
17 So I have her request here and I have an example of a  
18 supplemental appropriation that was passed by this  
19 group just last November. You break it out. For the  
20 appropriation of the supplemental appropriation  
21 coming from the fund number and what fund it's going  
22 into. So I don't know why we're crossed up here  
23 between the finance director asking for a  
24 supplemental appropriation and the law director  
25 writing it up as an appropriation.

1           Let's see what else. And then also the fund  
2           number that she lists or Mister -- that she lists and  
3           the legislation lists doesn't even exist in your  
4           budget appropriations that you passed last December.

5           MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne. Your  
6           five minutes are up.

7           MR. OSBORNE: I know you don't want to hear  
8           it.

9           MR. PETERS: Thank you.

10          MR. OSBORNE: This is not government for the  
11          people, by the people and of the people.

12          MR. PETERS: Anyone else wishing to address  
13          council, please step forward, state your name and  
14          address for the Record.

15          MR. OSBORNE: Nobody's going to show up  
16          because they don't want to watch this circus.

17          MR. PETERS: Please have a seat.

18          Okay. May I have a motion and a second to  
19          read, by title only, first reading Ordinance No.  
20          11-18.

21          MR. REVOLDT: So move.

22          MR. CERRETA: Second.

23          MR. PETERS: All in favor?

24          ("Aye" in unison.)

25          MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

1 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor  
2 of the City of North Canton, through the Board of  
3 Control, to enter into a contract for the purchase  
4 and installation of a generator capable of providing  
5 electricity for the complete operation of all  
6 departments in city hall in the event of a power  
7 outage, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, and  
8 given the critical nature of the equipment, declaring  
9 the same to be an emergency.

10 MR. PETERS: Chairman of Finance, Director  
11 Brown.

12 MS. BROWN: Yes. As we've talked about, in  
13 the 2018 budget we had some money for a generator.  
14 After working with a consultant, we found out that  
15 that was not in the ballpark, so we went back out to  
16 seek some bids. 350,000 is well over the bids that  
17 have been received and the consultant is analyzing  
18 those.

19 MR. PETERS: Any other questions for finance  
20 director? Dom?

21 MR. FONTE: I was thinking last week we were  
22 talking about revising that number to 250. Is that  
23 down here lower?

24 MS. BROWN: It is. Where we're actually  
25 appropriating the money, which is an ordinance

1 further down --

2 MR. FONTE: Okay. That's what I thought. I  
3 just wanted to verify. Thank you.

4 MS. BROWN: The law director and I talked  
5 about that last week, but it was decided that because  
6 you had introduced these two pieces at 250 that it  
7 would stay that way throughout the process.

8 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

9 MR. PETERS: Anybody else? Is there a motion  
10 to adopt the second reading?

11 MR. CERRETA: Motion to adopt second reading.

12 MR. PETERS: Sorry. First reading. Is there  
13 a second?

14 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 I need a motion and a second to suspend the  
19 rules of council for three readings.

20 MS. KIESLING: So move.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

22 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

25 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt



1 under suspension of the rules.

2 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

3 MS. KIESLING: Second.

4 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

7 Okay. May I have a motion and a second to  
8 read, by title only, first reading Ordinance No.  
9 12-19.

10 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

11 MS. KIESLING: Second.

12 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

15 Tim?

16 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor  
17 of the City of North Canton, upon Board of Control  
18 approval, to amend Exhibits A and B of the  
19 professional services agreement between the City and  
20 SafeBuilt Ohio, LLC, Ordinance No. 68-2018, to  
21 include code enforcement services, and declaring the  
22 same to be an emergency.

23 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Finance Director  
24 Brown?

25 MS. BROWN: Late last year we entered into an

1 agreement with SafeBuilt to provide our building  
2 department services. One option in that contract was  
3 to also provide nuisance officer services at an  
4 hourly rate. We went back to them and renegotiated  
5 that hourly rate to lock that in, and this is adding  
6 those services to our agreement.

7 MR. PETERS: Any questions from council? Is  
8 there a motion and a second to adopt the first  
9 reading?

10 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

11 MR. CERRETA: Second.

12 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

15 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
16 the rules of council for three readings?

17 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

18 MR. CERRETA: Second.

19 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

22 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt,  
23 under suspension of the rules, Ordinance No. 12-18.

24 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

25 MS. KIESLING: Second.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 All right. May I have a motion and a second  
5 to read, by title only, first reading Ordinance No.  
6 13-19.

7 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

8 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

9 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 Tim?

13 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
14 appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton  
15 from donations received and pledged for placing  
16 additional United States flags along Main Street to  
17 the unappropriated resources of the General Trust  
18 Fund to the General Trust MSB/US flag account.

19 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Finance Director  
20 Brown?

21 MS. BROWN: Yes. As we talked about,  
22 Councilman Fonte's been out collecting donations and  
23 pledges toward this project. This is just now  
24 appropriating those funds that have been collected so  
25 that he can have a purchase order and buy flags.

1           And to address Mr. Osborne's concern, the  
2           reason that you don't see this in the initial 2019  
3           budget is because we weren't aware of this program at  
4           the time. So now that we're appropriating, it's  
5           being added in to the 2019 budget, or amending that  
6           budget.

7           MR. PETERS: Very good. Any other questions?

8           MR. FONTE: I just wanted to say I've been  
9           getting a few calls. There was a lady running up  
10          East Maple the other day with a flag, a jogger, which  
11          is unusual to see someone running with a flag. You  
12          see that on the back of a bike or something. And  
13          she's a big supporter of the veterans to do exercise  
14          programs, help them with therapy. And we mentioned  
15          to her, when we saw her, about the flag fund. And  
16          she's ecstatic. She wanted to try to come tonight  
17          and speak but she got tied up.

18          So I know this is not for everybody. But I  
19          think by the Fourth of July when we have the parade,  
20          I believe that when people pass through town they're  
21          going to be so thrilled. And it's a respect. We're  
22          not trying to cheapen up the flag. They're not going  
23          to stay up forever. It's just going to make a nice,  
24          solid impact traveling through the city and honor and  
25          respect for the people that fought so hard for our

1 freedoms. Let's not squander them. Thank you.

2 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dominic. I applaud  
3 your efforts, by the way. It's outstanding.

4 MR. FONTE: And it's paid for. This is not  
5 something the taxpayers are paying or. Thanks to  
6 volunteers. I can recite the names again. And  
7 there's more people that want to donate. So I'll  
8 keep you posted as I gather more cash.

9 MR. PETERS: Nice job.

10 Member Revoldt?

11 MR. REVOLDT: First a comment and then a  
12 question.

13 First of all, Dominic, I would concur with  
14 you. There's actually a very, very famous piece of  
15 artwork of Childe Hassam which shows flags en masse  
16 in New York City, and it is one of the signal pieces  
17 of art from the area around World War I and it really  
18 is magnificent and I think this will be attractive.

19 MR. FONTE: I agree.

20 MR. REVOLDT: But I do have a question with  
21 that. And I guess I would direct that to both Laura.  
22 Do we need two pieces of legislation? One to amend  
23 the appropriation to establish the line and then a  
24 second piece authorizing expenditures from that line?  
25 Or can we do it all in one? Because I'm somewhat

1 concerned that we might be dancing against the  
2 charter's single- requirement on ordinances. So I  
3 would defer to you on this.

4 MS. BROWN: Sure.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Or the law director.

6 MS. BROWN: Well, we're not establishing the  
7 line. The only thing that per state law that needs  
8 to be established by council is a fund. This is not  
9 a separate fund. This is just an expense line item  
10 within a fund. And the finance director, me, or  
11 whoever it might be, establishes the line items, both  
12 revenue and expense, as a regular course of business.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

14 MS. BROWN: That's not something that needs  
15 legislative approval.

16 MR. REVOLDT: All right. So you're  
17 comfortable that we not only comply with state law  
18 but the requirements of our own charter?

19 MS. BROWN: Yes, sir.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you. Okay.

21 I'll move we adopt.

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Is there a second?

23 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

24 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 MR. FONTE: Thank you. Thank you very much.

3 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dominic.

4 Okay. May I have a motion and a second to  
5 read, by title only, first reading of Ordinance No.  
6 20-19?

7 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

8 MR. CERRETA: Second.

9 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 Tim?

13 MR. FOX: Thank you. And just before I read  
14 this, if I may, absolutely there's rationale to the  
15 question why the ordinances jump from 13 to 20 to 14.  
16 But if you recall, that this appropriation ordinance  
17 was an amendment to committee meeting that we had and  
18 this was -- No. 20 was the first available. We had  
19 gone through 13, 14, 15, all the way to 19. This was  
20 an amendment to be added to our agenda. So the first  
21 available ordinance number that had not yet been  
22 assigned was No. 20. And I don't think Mr. Osborne's  
23 suggestion that we go back and renumber 14 through  
24 19, again, I think that would probably cause more  
25 confusion than simply saying Ordinance No. 20. I

1 placed it there because it's in the logical  
2 progression through that committee.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

4 MR. FOX: All right. Ordinance 20-2019. An  
5 ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$250,000  
6 of the City of North Canton funds from the  
7 unappropriated resources of the Capital Improvement  
8 Fund for the Capital Payments Fund for the purchase  
9 and installation of a generator capable of providing  
10 electricity for the complete operation of all  
11 departments in city hall in the event of a power  
12 outage.

13 MR. PETERS: All right. Finance director.

14 MS. BROWN: Like we talked about a few  
15 moments ago, this is for the generator. This is just  
16 the appropriation piece to that (inaudible).

17 MR. PETERS: This is the 250?

18 MS. BROWN: This is the actual money aspect.  
19 The other was the contract.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. Any other questions for  
21 Laura?

22 MR. CERRETA: Well, the other one is on  
23 emergency. Does this one then need to be on  
24 emergency too?

25 MR. FOX: No, sir. Because this is an



1 appropriation that requires a single reading.

2 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

3 MR. PETERS: Is there a motion?

4 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve the first  
5 reading.

6 MR. CERRETA: Second.

7 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank  
10 you.

11 May I have a motion and a second to read, by  
12 title only, first reading Ordinance No. 14-19?

13 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

14 MR. CERRETA: Second.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 Tim?

19 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor  
20 of the City of North Canton, upon Board of Control  
21 approval, to participate in the Department of  
22 Transportation's cooperative purchase program for the  
23 purchasing of machinery, materials, supplies or other  
24 articles, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

25 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Fonte?

1 MR. FONTE: This is -- we talked about this  
2 in the meeting of the whole. This is on an emergency  
3 and it basically gives us ODOT power -- buying power.  
4 So for a snowplow they can use their pricing  
5 strategy. Also salt or other supplies we can buy at  
6 the appropriate times to do better purchase power.  
7 And so we're joining with them, which we do  
8 periodically. So I move that we pass that on the  
9 first reading on an emergency due to the time frame.

10 MS. KIESLING: I'll second.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

14 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
15 the rules of council for three readings?

16 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

17 MS. KIESLING: Second.

18 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 And finally, a motion and second to adopt  
22 under suspension of the rules.

23 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

24 MS. KIESLING: Second.

25 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

3 May I have a motion and a second to read, by  
4 title only, first reading Ordinance No. 15-19?

5 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

6 MS. KIESLING: Second.

7 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 Tim?

11 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
12 Director of Administration of the City of North  
13 Canton to advertise and receive bids, according to  
14 the specifications now on file in the director's  
15 office, and authorizing the Mayor, upon Board of  
16 Control approval, to enter into a contract for the  
17 complete reconstruction of Weber Avenue, Northeast,  
18 including new concrete curbs and gutters, concrete  
19 driveway aprons, catch basins and full-depth asphalt  
20 pavement at a total cost not to exceed \$1,100,000 and  
21 declaring the same to be an emergency.

22 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Fonte.

23 MR. FONTE: Yes. That's a lot of money.  
24 That just goes to show how much it costs really to do  
25 a total rehab. Which means take it down to the base

1 and then build the base. And the average life is 20  
2 years, probably, after they do it. But boy, wouldn't  
3 it be nice to have that in the budget. So this is  
4 going to be a total rehab: Curbs, gutters, catch  
5 basins, everything. And it's on an emergency so we  
6 can get the bid out, or get it rolling as quick as  
7 possible. I move we pass it.

8 MR. PETERS: I'll second.

9 MR. REVOLDT: I just have a question.

10 MR. FONTE: Sure.

11 MR. REVOLDT: This goes to Rob. This is  
12 obviously a total rebuild. What do we estimate to be  
13 the construction timeline on this? When will the job  
14 ideally launch and how long will this take to do?

15 MR. GRAHAM: If it passes tonight, we'll set  
16 the bid to appear in the Repository starting this  
17 Thursday. And we'll open bids on Friday, March 29,  
18 right here in this room at 11 a.m. I hope that we  
19 would go through Board of Control and get an award  
20 and get a contractor starting, based on the  
21 schedules, end of May, possibly, and the completion  
22 date for this project was, I think, September 30 was  
23 what I have. So about four months.

24 MR. REVOLDT: So that's about 120 days of  
25 inconvenience for the residents of Weber.

1 MR. GRAHAM: A tremendous inconvenience.  
2 There's no nice way of putting it. Especially that  
3 there's very few side streets to park on. So we've  
4 already had a lot of talk internally about steel  
5 plates, actually it's on the bid forms themselves, to  
6 get people over the curb and securing -- and yeah,  
7 it's going to be a challenge logistically to get that  
8 many folks in and out in a reasonable manner.

9 MR. PETERS: We did that on Woodside as well.

10 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. We'll probably do part  
11 like that. Do the west side and get it done and the  
12 east side, yeah. So --

13 MR. CERRETA: Have we, or are we going to  
14 send out letters to all these folks explaining all  
15 the stuff they can do?

16 MR. GRAHAM: We absolutely will. Yeah.  
17 That's the standard procedure with any major project  
18 that we do, we'll give letters to every owner on the  
19 street.

20 MR. PETERS: If you remember when we did  
21 Woodside, that was three years ago?

22 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. About.

23 MR. PETERS: That was a total reconstruction,  
24 and that -- and it went very smoothly. I mean, it  
25 was tore up for a long time.

1 MR. CERRETA: It's a tightrope.

2 MR. PETERS: The folks --

3 MR. GRAHAM: We'll work with the school  
4 district. Obviously a lot of it's over the summer.  
5 It's a challenge.

6 As upset as folks are with the current state  
7 of the road, get them a little bit more upset through  
8 the summer and then they'll have something nice come  
9 fall to comp for that.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Just to comment. There was a  
11 time before many of you were around this table when  
12 we did these projects by assessment. Can you imagine  
13 doing this project of this scope if we were assessing  
14 the residents for the new curb and gutter, how  
15 unlikely it would be that we could achieve this?

16 MR. HELD: Right.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Because of cost.

18 MR. GRAHAM: Curb and gutter alone is \$25 a  
19 foot. Estimated. That's not the asphalt, that's  
20 just --

21 MR. REVOLDT: Can you imagine what it would  
22 be if we didn't do this?

23 MR. FONTE: I would sure like to see a few  
24 more streets at least topped. You know, I don't know  
25 if we can come up with any more money. Because I've

1           been driving around. The winter was really hard on  
2           them because of that low temperature. The asphalt  
3           won't hold up.

4                   MR. GRAHAM: Weber was just too far gone to  
5           try and save. We would have been wasting money if we  
6           would have just ground an inch and a half and put it  
7           back.

8                   MR. REVOLDT: I move we adopt the first  
9           reading.

10                   MS. KIESLING: Second.

11                   MR. PETERS: All in favor?

12                   ("Aye" in unison.)

13                   MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

14                   May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
15           the rules of council for three readings for No.  
16           15-2019?

17                   MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

18                   MS. KIESLING: Second.

19                   MR. PETERS: All in favor?

20                   ("Aye" in unison.)

21                   MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

22                   Finally, a motion and a second to suspend and  
23           adopt under the rules.

24                   MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

25                   MS. KIESLING: Second.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 All right. May I have a motion and a second  
5 to read, by title only, the first reading for  
6 Ordinance No. 16-19?

7 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

8 MR. CERRETA: Second.

9 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 Tim?

13 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
14 Director of Administration of the City of North  
15 Canton to advertise and receive bids, according to  
16 specifications now on file in the director's office,  
17 and authorizing the Mayor, upon Board of Control  
18 approval, to enter into a contract for the Northfield  
19 Avenue, Southeast, Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project  
20 from Knoll Street, Southeast, north 1,650 linear feet  
21 to Easthill Street, Southeast, including the  
22 installation of concrete curbs and gutters, concrete  
23 driveway aprons, a storm sewer system, catch basins  
24 and full-depth asphalt pavement at a total cost not  
25 to exceed \$750,000, and declaring the same to be an



1 emergency.

2 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Cerreta.

3 MR. CERRETA: Another big number here, but  
4 this is -- we talked about this in committee. It is  
5 budgeted for this year. Any questions?

6 So I move that we go ahead, and this will be  
7 an emergency then to get in the bids to pass it on  
8 the first reading and emergency.

9 MR. FONTE: Mark, the money is coming out of  
10 what? Three funds on this one?

11 MR. CERRETA: I believe so. All three of the  
12 different funds.

13 MR. FONTE: Street fund?

14 MR. CERRETA: Right.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Is there a second?

16 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

17 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

20 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
21 the rules of council?

22 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

24 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1                   Opposed? Motion carries.

2                   Finally, a motion and a second to adopt under  
3 suspension of the rules.

4                   MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

5                   MS. KIESLING: Second.

6                   MR. PETERS: All in favor?

7                   ("Aye" in unison.)

8                   MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

9                   All right. May I have a motion and a second  
10 to read, by title only, first reading of Ordinance  
11 No. 17-19?

12                   MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

13                   MR. CERRETA: Second.

14                   MR. PETERS: All in favor?

15                   ("Aye" in unison.)

16                   MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

17                   Tim?

18                   MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
19 Director of Administration of the City of North  
20 Canton to advertise and receive bids, according to  
21 specifications now on file in the director's office,  
22 for the purchase of water treatment plant chemicals  
23 for use by the city's drinking water treatment plant,  
24 and authorizing the Mayor, upon Board of Control  
25 approval, to enter into a contract for the purchase

1 of said chemicals, declaring the same to be an  
2 emergency.

3 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Cerreta.

4 MR. CERRETA: Once again, I talked about it  
5 last week in committee. This is planned and also  
6 budgeted. Any questions?

7 Then I move ahead with the first reading and  
8 this is also an emergency.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Motion to adopt the first  
10 reading of 17-2019.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

12 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

15 Motion and a second to suspend the rules of  
16 council for three readings?

17 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

18 MS. KIESLING: Second.

19 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

22 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt  
23 under suspension of the rules.

24 MS. KIESLING: So moved.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 May I have a motion and a second to read, by  
5 title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 18-19?

6 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

8 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 Tim?

12 MR. PETERS: An ordinance repealing and  
13 replacing Ordinance No. 27-2016 to increase the rates  
14 for season memberships and daily admissions at the  
15 City of North Canton municipal swimming pool and  
16 repealing any and all legislation inconsistent  
17 herewith, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

18 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Foltz.

19 MR. FOLTZ: Thank you. As discussed at the  
20 last committee meeting, we clarified some issues as  
21 far as Canton -- North Canton residents, nonresidents  
22 and kind of combined things so it made it simpler for  
23 people to follow the rate structure. The school  
24 district is no longer a category.

25 Also, as always mentioned, it's cheaper to

1 buy your memberships before we open the pool. Still  
2 a great deal. And we're building in, with the  
3 contract with the Y, a way to provide capital revenue  
4 for the future. So we're excited about that. But  
5 since this is a rate structure change, I'd like to  
6 pass this only on first reading tonight and pass on  
7 emergency next meeting as we meet here later this  
8 month. So with that, I'll motion to approve the  
9 first reading.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

14 MR. FONTE: I have a question.

15 MS. KIESLING: I have a question as well, but  
16 I think Dom has a question.

17 MR. PETERS: Sure.

18 MR. FONTE: Okay. Question is, so you  
19 mentioned that it would be more beneficial to the  
20 citizens to purchase before the pool opens; right?

21 MR. PETERS: Right.

22 MR. FONTE: How are we getting that message  
23 out? So is it on the website? is it on Facebook?

24 MR. PETERS: I'm sure --

25 MR. FONTE: Is there a way administration --

1 Cathy, is there a way that you can doublecheck and  
2 make sure we blast it out on all social medias to let  
3 them know early bird special or whatever you want to  
4 call it.

5 MS. KIESLING: The Y does as well.

6 MR. FONTE: Okay. I just -- the big issue  
7 always is communication. So how do we get the  
8 message out so there will be no one come out saying I  
9 didn't know about this.

10 MR. FOLTZ: Even the utility bill we mention  
11 it on there also.

12 MS. BROWN: The Y typically does a flyer to  
13 put in, usually they're a full color. But we need  
14 the rates passed.

15 MR. FONTE: I would blast out in all medias.

16 MS. FARINA: They do a good job when they  
17 give that deadline. The deadline ends this day, if  
18 you've been by the Y on that day, there's a line out  
19 the door.

20 MR. FONTE: Can we add that, though, on our  
21 websites, central websites, whatever?

22 MS. FARINA: Yeah.

23 MR. FOLTZ: And if I'm reading this right,  
24 the early bird goes till right when the pool opens.

25 MS. KIESLING: Yeah, it usually does. When

1 does the pool open? That was my question.

2 MR. FOLTZ: Well, that's -- the pool, if you  
3 look at the contract, the pool usually opens the  
4 weekend of Memorial Day. But the contract reads the  
5 weekend before the weekend of Memorial Day. After.

6 MS. KIESLING: Right.

7 MR. FOLTZ: But that's subjected to when the  
8 administration is ready to have it open with the Y.

9 MS. KIESLING: Okay.

10 MR. FOLTZ: So there's not a hard date like  
11 before. This used to be an April date, I believe,  
12 going off memory.

13 MS. BROWN: Mr. Foltz, I believe the contract  
14 says weekend before --

15 MR. FOLTZ: Right.

16 MS. BROWN: -- because that's when the city  
17 agrees to have it ready. But the intention is still  
18 to open it Memorial Day weekend, and that deadline is  
19 always that Friday prior to the Memorial Day weekend.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. So the Friday of Memorial  
21 Day.

22 MS. BROWN: But the Y communicates that.

23 MR. FOLTZ: So the Friday of Memorial Day  
24 weekend, for clarification.

25 MR. FONTE: I think if we get the information

1 out that we're in good shape.

2 MR. REVOLDT: I know the Y, for its general  
3 membership, of course these are municipal  
4 memberships, but the Y, for its general programming,  
5 has assistance for families and individuals who  
6 cannot afford a membership. Is the Y doing anything  
7 to subsidize summer swimming for kids or no? Do we  
8 know?

9 MS. KIESLING: You used to get a discount if  
10 you were a Y member.

11 MS. BROWN: You still do have.

12 MR. REVOLDT: But there's nothing special  
13 that we're aware of?

14 MS. BROWN: No. But we've had discussions  
15 with the Y about that, but because the city sets the  
16 rates --

17 MR. REVOLDT: Got it.

18 MS. BROWN: -- the city would have to do that  
19 type of program, and we historically have not.

20 MR. REVOLDT: And candidly, the Y does have  
21 the ability to provide swimming at its indoor pool.  
22 Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. PETERS: Okay. Chairman Foltz, you  
24 wanted to forego passing on emergency tonight. You  
25 want to have a second reading or do you want to do



1 two or three readings?

2 MR. FOLTZ: No, I'd like to pass it second  
3 reading next council meeting.

4 MR. PETERS: Okay. Tim, you want to make a  
5 record or note of that, please?

6 MR. FOX: I will.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Just gives an additional reading  
8 for people, for residents.

9 MR. PETERS: Perfect.

10 MR. FOX: That will be on the 25th.

11 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Tim.

12 MR. FOX: Yes.

13 MR. PETERS: Okay. May I have a motion and a  
14 second to read, by title only, first reading  
15 Ordinance No. 19-19.

16 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

17 MR. CERRETA: Second.

18 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 Tim?

22 MS. KIESLING: Quick question. I apologize  
23 about the previous one. On the 25th, I don't know  
24 that you can pass -- who all is not going to be here?  
25 I think it's Mark and maybe Jeff? So we won't be

1           able to pass it on emergency. I don't know how badly  
2           they need it.

3                     MR. FOLTZ: Well, we'll have a second  
4           reading. If we have to have a --

5                     MS. KIESLING: When do they need it?

6                     MR. REVOLDT: May I make a suggestion? If  
7           you're interested in having public input, that we  
8           recognize that there's a requirement time issue, we  
9           can have a true special council meeting next Monday  
10          night with one issue. This. On the agenda. And  
11          just vote it. Then that gives you a week.

12                    MR. FOLTZ: Okay.

13                    MR. REVOLDT: But it gives you a week.

14                    MR. CERRETA: After public speaks?

15                    MR. FOLTZ: It gives me a second reading.

16                    MR. REVOLDT: Yes. So you can do a special  
17          meeting.

18                    MS. KIESLING: With public speaks.

19                    MR. CERRETA: We have public speaks and a  
20          special meeting.

21                    MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

22                    MS. KIESLING: We have to allow it. Yeah.

23                    MR. PETERS: Absolutely. Give these guys  
24          another chance.

25                    MR. FOLTZ: You can make a motion. Do you

1 want to do that at the end or right now?

2 MR. PETERS: Why don't we do it now.

3 MR. REVOLDT: I'll move that we convene a  
4 special city council meeting next Monday night,  
5 March 18, at 7 p.m.

6 MS. KIESLING: I'll second.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Or excuse me. Let me do this.

8 MR. PETERS: Follow the committee of the  
9 whole.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Following the committee of the  
11 whole.

12 MS. KIESLING: Perfect. I second. He  
13 motioned.

14 MR. PETERS: Do we need a roll call? We'll  
15 have a roll call.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Or we can go at 6:45.

17 MR. PETERS: Let's do 6:45. How about that?

18 MR. REVOLDT: I'll do that in my motion,  
19 amended motion, 6:45, March 18, special council  
20 meeting to consider one item. That is my motion.

21 MS. KIESLING: I'll second.

22 MR. FOX: Okay. I'll call the roll.

23 Member Foltz?

24 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

25 MR. FOX: Member Peters?

1 MR. PETERS: Yes.

2 MR. FOX: Member Fonte?

3 MR. FONTE: Yes.

4 MR. FOX: Member Cerreta?

5 MR. CERRETA: Yes.

6 MR. FOX: Member Revoldt?

7 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

8 MR. PETERS: Member Kiesling?

9 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

10 MR. FOX: 6-0.

11 MR. FOLTZ: I appreciate the scheduling here  
12 with everyone.

13 MS. KIESLING: You're welcome.

14 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Thank you for that. I  
15 totally forgot about that.

16 MS. KIESLING: I thought you guys were all  
17 going to be away. Sorry. We're on to the next.

18 MR. FOX: No. 19.

19 MR. FOLTZ: I think we made a motion.

20 MS. KIESLING: He was getting ready to read  
21 it.

22 MR. PETERS: Oh, you were getting ready to  
23 read it?

24 MR. FOX: Yes.

25 MS. KIESLING: I stopped him.

1 MR. PETERS: A motion and a second, okay.

2 All right.

3 Tim?

4 MR. FOX: Okay. An ordinance authorizing the  
5 Mayor of the City of North Canton, upon Board of  
6 Control approval, to enter into a management  
7 agreement with the YMCA of Central Stark County for  
8 it to manage the city's Dogwood Swimming Pool and  
9 associated facilities' day-to-day operations for five  
10 summer seasons, and declaring the same to be an  
11 emergency.

12 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Foltz?

13 MR. FOLTZ: Thank you.

14 As we discussed last committee, management  
15 agreement has changed to a five-year agreement. Some  
16 of the highlights would be providing a revenue fund  
17 for future development there, capital improvements.  
18 Based on that revenue that's split between 20 percent  
19 of the net pool operation will be set aside and the  
20 city's pool reserve account, 40 percent of it goes to  
21 the Y as compensation for obligations contained in  
22 this agreement, and the other 40 percent of that  
23 revenue, if any, shall be due the city, so those are  
24 some of the highlights. It's a five-year agreement,  
25 so we plan for really some nice capital improvements

1 down the road. Other than that, I think the language  
2 is pretty much the same.

3 Pat's not here to -- he's the one, or maybe  
4 Laura, if you want to weigh anything else of any  
5 substance I missed.

6 MS. BROWN: That was the main change from  
7 prior years. Just extending the terms. So like you  
8 said, we can have more of a long-term plan.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Well, and I appreciate --  
10 appreciate your comments. The city made its best  
11 effort to have the premise ready to swim on the  
12 weekend before Memorial Day holiday. But we're still  
13 going to pull the operational dates on file in the  
14 office of the Director of Administration. So that  
15 would mean --

16 MR. PETERS: Friday.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah, that Friday before Memorial  
18 Day weekend.

19 MR. REVOLDT: I apologize. I had a question  
20 last week, and I wish Patrick was here, but if you'll  
21 turn to page 2, Section 3.4, Safety Inspections, we  
22 talked about safety in general and sanitation. But  
23 do we conduct an electrical inspection? All the  
24 electrical wiring on an annual basis of that  
25 facility? Cathy, is that something for you? That

1 is, I believe, something that we should do and should  
2 be required by contract to do.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay.

4 MR. CERRETA: Totally agree.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Well, Mayor --

6 MR. REVOLDT: I don't necessarily want to  
7 amend this but --

8 MR. FOLTZ: I don't think we have to. I  
9 think they should just require.

10 MR. REVOLDT: I want to make sure it gets  
11 done.

12 MR. FOLTZ: We've had a lot of improvements.  
13 I'm sure we are in a good place with our electrical  
14 operations before, but yeah, I think that's something  
15 we should just contract out.

16 MS. BROWN: Well, and we do have a pool  
17 company that comes in, their name's Hastings from the  
18 Brecksville area, they come in at the beginning of  
19 the season to help get the pool open and make sure  
20 everything's running properly and then they help shut  
21 it down at season's end, so you would have to check  
22 with Mr. Hill to see if that includes electrical.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Cathy, could you run the traps  
24 on that for us and maybe report back to us at the  
25 next meeting?

1 MS. FARINA: Okay.

2 MR. FOLTZ: Appreciate your suggestion.

3 Okay. Any other questions about the agreement? This  
4 one I'd like to pass on emergency. So may I have a  
5 motion to first reading, that first reading to --

6 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

7 MR. PETERS: All in favor.

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
11 the rules of council for three readings?

12 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

14 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

17 Finally, a motion and a second to adopt under  
18 suspension of the rules.

19 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

21 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

22 ("Aye" in unison.)

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. Okay.

24 Thank you.

25 May I have a motion and a second to read, by



1 title only, first reading Resolution 3-19?

2 MS. KIESLING: So moved.

3 MR. CERRETA: Second.

4 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. PETERS: Those opposed? Motion carries.

7 Tim?

8 MR. FOX: A resolution requesting the  
9 planning commission recommend to city council  
10 amendments to North Canton's Codified Ordinance,  
11 Chapter 1145, Conditional Use Regulations, Section  
12 1145.07 supplemental regulation for certain uses,  
13 Subsection (n), Outdoor Dining, such that outdoor  
14 dining restrictions shall be based upon what is  
15 appropriate for the circumstances presented to the  
16 planning commission in a conditional use permit  
17 application and adjudication hearing.

18 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

19 Chairman Kiesling?

20 MS. KIESLING: Yes. This is a resolution  
21 we're going to send off to planning, as it states,  
22 asking for them to reconsider the ordinance regarding  
23 outdoor dining. It seems a little too restrictive.  
24 We're asking that they look at it and give us their  
25 recommendations trying to decrease the restrictions

1 and look at each case case by case. I motion -- go  
2 ahead. Daryl?

3 MR. REVOLDT: I just wanted to call  
4 everyone's attention to the two final words in the  
5 short title "adjudication hearing." This goes to our  
6 controversy about both taking and making. It is  
7 required by statute that an oath be taken on a  
8 conditional use. So that's why it's there. And  
9 individuals who appear before the planning commission  
10 will be required to take an oath.

11 MR. PETERS: I agree.

12 MR. FONTE: Are they aware of that,  
13 hopefully?

14 MR. REVOLDT: They will be made aware of it.

15 MR. FONTE: Okay.

16 MR. FOX: Yes, sir. They're aware of that.  
17 And in addition, they're subject to  
18 cross-examination. Evidence is presented here  
19 because it's a valuable property right.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Right. Okay.

21 MS. KIESLING: I again motion to adopt.

22 MR. CERRETA: I'll second.

23 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. All

1 right. Thank you.

2 At this time we need to appoint two members  
3 of council to our housing council committee. We're  
4 going to appoint two members. We're also going to  
5 name an alternate. So what we'd like to do is  
6 appoint Members Foltz and Cerreta, with the alternate  
7 being Member Revoldt.

8 MR. FOX: Perhaps you should make a motion.

9 MS. KIESLING: I will motion that we appoint  
10 Doug Foltz and Mark Cerreta to the housing council  
11 committee and name Daryl Revoldt the alternate. I  
12 was going to say runner-up.

13 MR. REVOLDT: That's actually attend the  
14 meeting.

15 MR. FOX: Would you repeat it again before  
16 writing it down here.

17 MS. KIESLING: Really.

18 MR. FOX: No, just Members Foltz and --

19 MS. KIESLING: Cerreta as members.

20 MR. FOX: As members.

21 MS. KIESLING: And Daryl as runner-up.

22 MR. FOX: And Daryl as the runner-up. Thank  
23 you.

24 MR. PETERS: That was a motion. Is there a  
25 second?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Those minutes better read  
2 "alternate."

3 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?

4 MR. FOLTZ: I'll second.

5 MR. PETERS: Is there a roll call on that,  
6 Tim, or can I do a voice vote?

7 MR. FOX: I'll roll call.

8 Member Foltz?

9 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

10 MR. FOX: Member Peters?

11 MR. PETERS: Yes.

12 MR. FOX: Member Fonte?

13 MR. FONTE: Yes.

14 MR. FOX: Member Cerreta?

15 MR. CERRETA: Yes.

16 MR. FOX: Member Revoldt?

17 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

18 MR. FOX: Member Kiesling?

19 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

20 MR. FOX: 6-0 in favor.

21 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

22 Reports. Deputy Director Farina.

23 MS. FARINA: Thank you.

24 Okay. A couple things just to discuss. On  
25 the tech side of things, we are finally complete with

1 the phone department transition to the voice over  
2 internet protocol phones. So some bumps and bugs  
3 along the way, but we worked it out. So that's done.

4 We're also doing a total equipment inventory  
5 with a replacement plan throughout the city. And the  
6 way it was done before was the computer went out, you  
7 called and everybody just kind of replaced. We have  
8 now a more organized plan where we'll have an entire  
9 equipment inventory list that shows every device, the  
10 year, who it's assigned to, so that way we can kind  
11 of see where the older ones and let's get those  
12 replaced and we can plan and budget more  
13 appropriately to how many we're going to do per year.  
14 So just if it appears a little slow we won't just run  
15 out and buy these all that hot. We have more of a  
16 plan to that regard and vendor.

17 Also looking at all sorts of equipment and  
18 technology, and just like in here with all the  
19 multiple forms and sounds and, you know, we're just  
20 kind of working on that. So important with all of  
21 our equipment throughout the city.

22 A lot of other things going on in  
23 administration. Positive projects. Our team, if you  
24 haven't had a chance to meet, you know, our newest  
25 team members Kelly and Linda, take a moment, stop by.

1 They're doing a great job.

2 A lot of great community events everybody  
3 enjoys in the spring and summer months, that planning  
4 happens now. So they have been working with other  
5 community groups. You know, we have first coming up  
6 the Memorial Day parade with the Lions Club and  
7 memorial ceremony. And what they're going to do, is  
8 while these aren't city sponsored, we do want to work  
9 and collaborate with these community groups to bring  
10 more life and make them more exciting. You know,  
11 they have kind of been the same way for a long time,  
12 so stay tuned to how they're going to be this year.

13 Then we'll move to June and work with the  
14 North Canton Eagles on the mayor's fishing rodeo in  
15 Price Park. We do that every year.

16 July 4 parade. We do that with North Canton  
17 Jaycees. We also have other community groups like  
18 the library and the YMCA. Just a great collaboration  
19 going on. We all just share that goal, providing,  
20 you know, this community great events to make great  
21 memories. So we've got good teams going there.

22 We've got some new things coming up too.  
23 We've got a new beautification committee, which Larry  
24 Tripp's part of that. We're working with our  
25 wonderful women from the North Canton Garden Club.

1 We're also working on community cleanup that the  
2 ladies from North Canton Garden Club as well as a  
3 local church that want to put their hands together  
4 and spend some time again making our city beautiful.

5 We just have so many great things going on.  
6 We have the newsletter coming out, which I think  
7 you're really going to enjoy. It's going to the  
8 printer today. Went to the printer. It's got a lot  
9 of information. It's a big one.

10 So let's see, what else do we have? I think  
11 that's -- I think we've just got so many projects,  
12 even more that too early to kind of talk about.

13 So --

14 MR. FONTE: Cathy, with the new voice over  
15 program, protocol, do we have one number you can  
16 publicly say that's the best way to reach the city?

17 MS. FARINA: Well, the police department has  
18 retained their (330)499-5911 because most people know  
19 that's our North Canton police number. And they  
20 wanted to retain that number. You can still call the  
21 main 499-8223 and there's an option to press to be  
22 transferred to the police department. But we kept  
23 that line, ported that number as well.

24 MR. FONTE: So basically, if I ever want to  
25 call for anything in the city, I just call one

1 number, hit 1 or 0 to get an operator?

2 MS. FARINA: Right. Our main number is still  
3 that "one call does it all."

4 MR. FONTE: Okay.

5 MS. FARINA: It will always patch you in --

6 MR. FONTE: Okay.

7 MS. FARINA: -- through to any department  
8 once you listen to the audio attendant, but they do  
9 still keep the 5911, that number. It's on their  
10 business cards and so many places we didn't want to  
11 not port that number.

12 MR. PETERS: All right.

13 MS. FARINA: That's all I have.

14 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

15 Engineer Graham.

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

17 I want to thank council for the Weber and  
18 Northfield legislation tonight. As I mentioned,  
19 we're ready to go with Weber. They opened bids on  
20 the 29th and Northfield is not too far behind that.

21 Also wanted to mention that before tonight's  
22 meeting we had a Board of Control meeting at 6:30  
23 where we awarded kind of our first wave of projects  
24 for the year. And as we talked, that's the Price  
25 Park Path Phase II, the Watkins-Lorrell water line



1 and the 2019 street program. So hopefully get good  
2 weather and asphalt plants open to see work commence  
3 on all three of those. And that's my report.

4 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

5 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

6 MR. PETERS: Mr. Mayor?

7 MR. HELD: Yes. I have two items.

8 Typically what we would do every three years,  
9 and this goes back to our performance audit when they  
10 made the recommendations to send out a city survey  
11 and so historically we've done it every three years.  
12 And the last time we did it was in 2016, so that  
13 would mean that we would do it again in 2019. What  
14 we try to do is have the same questions, and we'll  
15 make adjustments or modifications if we want to add  
16 some or delete some based on the responses we've had.  
17 So as we're preparing that for this year, typically I  
18 think we're planning on having it go out in the  
19 summer. At the beginning of summer.

20 MS. FARINA: We're working on it now.

21 Another thing we're working on.

22 MR. HELD: So if there's any questions that  
23 any of the council members would like to see in the  
24 survey, we don't want to go out and revamp it because  
25 what we do is we use that as a consistent basis to

1 see what type of responses we've had, you know, when  
2 we first had it and then the second time, third time,  
3 fourth time, so that we can start to see a trend  
4 where -- you know, where the city's strengths are at  
5 and where the areas are that we need to improve. So  
6 take a look at the survey.

7 Cathy, if you could send all the council  
8 members a copy of the earlier survey and they can  
9 take a look at it, ask any questions.

10 MS. FARINA: We're going to also kind of  
11 change the questions a little bit. Maybe keep some  
12 of the old but add some more specific instead of just  
13 Do you like this? Yes/no. That doesn't tell us.  
14 More of an open-ended. So again, we're going to  
15 put -- again, breathing more life into it. And we're  
16 probably going to do it more online to gear people to  
17 the online way but then you may have a component to  
18 if people don't want to go online there would be a  
19 hard copy. But I can get a copy of the survey.

20 MR. HELD: And then the other thing that we  
21 have is that when put together the Gold Star memorial  
22 this summer, it was really a great success. And  
23 right around that time they -- and this actually goes  
24 back to 2014 where they started to recognize Purple  
25 Heart recipients, so anybody that was wounded in --

1 on the battlefield, a man or woman who was wounded on  
2 the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with  
3 their life, they're a recipient of the Purple Heart.  
4 And during that time, it was actually just before we  
5 had the Gold Star memorial, they were asking if they  
6 could, you know, somehow incorporate that into the  
7 Gold Star memorial.

8 So recently we had a call from Dr. Tim  
9 Novelli and also the chairperson for the Purple Heart  
10 Day, which is August 7 of every year. So this  
11 August 7, which is Wednesday, it's Purple Heart Day,  
12 and so we thought about incorporating that with the  
13 Gold Star memorial. So that every year, since we  
14 have a beautiful memorial and we've had such a nice  
15 response to from all the family members and the  
16 veterans with the Gold Star memorial, we would also  
17 incorporate that with the Purple Heart recipients.  
18 Because most of -- all of the Gold Star family  
19 members, their person that had died is also a  
20 recipient of the Purple Heart.

21 So with that, Dr. Tim Novelli had called and  
22 wanted to -- you know how we have the flags down  
23 there at the Gold Star memorial? He wanted to add a  
24 Purple Heart flag to that memorial. And so he asked  
25 if I could contact Dominic, and because you've been

1 the lead with the flags, he said that it would be --  
2 you know, we have to take a look as far as the  
3 electrical with the city. But he said they're  
4 approximately \$5,000 to add another flag to that site  
5 and incorporate the Purple Heart.

6 MR. FONTE: So it's not just the flag, it's  
7 the pole, the lighting, electrical, all that?

8 MR. HELD: Yes.

9 MR. FONTE: Stainless steel or whatever,  
10 lumber.

11 MR. HELD: So I'm sure Brian Hill can, you  
12 know, let you know, you know, what the approximate  
13 cost would be. But again, we would then use  
14 August 7, which is Purple Heart Day, on Wednesday and  
15 that would be, you know, an annual event.

16 MR. FONTE: So maybe we could get it  
17 organized by -- you know, install it for right before  
18 the event.

19 MR. HELD: Exactly. And we'd tie them all in  
20 together on that day. Gold Star and Purple Heart,  
21 August 7. Wednesday, August 7. And it's August 7  
22 every year.

23 MR. PETERS: Very good.

24 MR. HELD: That's all I have.

25 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

1 Finance Director Brown.

2 MS. BROWN: Just a quick reminder, next  
3 Tuesday, March 19, is our RITA Tax Day here in  
4 council chambers, so if anybody in the community  
5 needs assistance with their city tax return, that is  
6 a free event. It's a free event, first come, first  
7 served from noon to 7 p.m. And that's all I have.

8 MR. HELD: That's city taxes; right?

9 MR. FOLTZ: 12:00 to 7:00?

10 MS. BROWN: Noon to 7:00.

11 MR. HELD: That's city taxes only, not  
12 federal taxes.

13 MS. BROWN: City.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you. Member Foltz?

15 MR. FOLTZ: No report.

16 MR. PETERS: Member Cerreta?

17 MR. CERRETA: No report.

18 MR. REVOLDT: No report.

19 MS. KIESLING: No report.

20 MR. PETERS: Member Fonte?

21 MR. FONTE: Last week we talked about the  
22 Rotary group. You know, we've been having some  
23 conversations. I talked to them a few times and they  
24 really want to be helpful in this city, along with  
25 the Lions Club and other clubs. And we were thinking

1 if the city would be interested in purchasing a  
2 membership and we could rotate members or whoever  
3 periodically to go to the meetings or breakfasts so  
4 that we could keep them informed. Because really  
5 what the big thing is, they really don't know what's  
6 going on. They want to know what's going on because  
7 they spread the goodwill, plus they're very generous.  
8 They want to spend more money to, you know, be part  
9 of the city activities. So I think I'm asking if the  
10 city would be willing to buy a membership.

11 I was talking to Brett Fatzinger, and he said  
12 that they're working on a plan where, you know,  
13 instead of just one membership we could just have a  
14 membership and rotate individuals so there's no big  
15 burden on any one person but we can all take turns  
16 just bringing people up to speed on what's going on.

17 And then the other thing that I ran into a  
18 little bit this week was a few complaints about  
19 Everhard Road where the tracks are. A lot of people  
20 think that's North Canton, although it's county.  
21 Rob, you can talk in a quick minute, but basically  
22 that's going to get fixed this August once they do  
23 the road. And then, Rob, if you can add anything  
24 about that.

25 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. The complaints are the

1 railroad right-of-way, which is actually the City of  
2 Canton, that's part of their annexation a number of  
3 years ago. 38th Street up to the county line and the  
4 City of Green.

5 And later this summer, actually starting  
6 August 5, Everhard is going to close for the  
7 replacement of the McDowell Ditch, the Zimber Ditch  
8 bridge just east of the railroad tracks inside of the  
9 city. And the county is going to have a 60-day  
10 closure starting August 5. And when the Everhard  
11 Road is closed to traffic, Akron Metro RTA is going  
12 to come in and repair the crossing within their  
13 60-foot railroad right-of-way because it is a  
14 disaster. As part of the project now, the county's  
15 contractor does patch the holes once in a while, and  
16 I'll mention it tomorrow at a progress meeting, to  
17 keep it sort of smooth and drivable, but it's a mess.  
18 We all know it's a mess. Akron Metro is going to  
19 come in and patch it when there's no traffic when  
20 we're doing the adjacent bridge.

21 MR. REVOLDT: City of Canton is responsible  
22 for that; right?

23 MR. GRAHAM: Canton and Akron Metro, yes.  
24 It's outside the city.

25 MR. FONTE: But everybody thinks it's ours

1 because I get calls on it all the time.

2 MR. CERRETA: And I'm sure you explain it to  
3 them all the time.

4 MR. FONTE: I explain it to them and I'm  
5 explaining it now so that you're all aware of it too.  
6 Because you're probably going to get calls as well.  
7 And Rob gets the call, Pat gets the call and  
8 everybody else get the calls. Right? Right,  
9 Engineer Rob?

10 MR. GRAHAM: Right. And as I said, yeah, we  
11 can get with the city and also -- City of Canton and  
12 also Akron Metro is going to replace it later this  
13 summer, the whole crossing.

14 MR. FONTE: Right. It's going to be like  
15 Everhard Road. It's beautiful now. So it's going to  
16 be nice. Just in time for the balloon event or  
17 something.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Does that conclude  
19 your report?

20 MR. FONTE: Yes, sir.

21 MR. CERRETA: One question. When are they  
22 going to close that?

23 MS. KIESLING: August 5.

24 MR. CERRETA: Just right after the Hall of  
25 Fame, I take it?



1 MR. GRAHAM: Exactly. It's that Monday,  
2 August 5. And that's the Monday after the Hall of  
3 Fame event Concert for Legends Sunday night, and  
4 Monday, when everyone leaves town, is when the county  
5 is going to close it for 60 days.

6 MR. CERRETA: Good. Thank you.

7 MR. FONTE: Awesome.

8 MR. PETERS: Okay. Quick overview of our  
9 March-April meeting schedule. Next week will be our  
10 committee of the whole meeting. Also, we will have a  
11 special council meeting prior to that at 6:45 to do  
12 the pool legislation. Pool rates.

13 March 25, be regular council meeting.

14 April 1 will be committee of the whole  
15 meeting, and that will be held at Walsh University.

16 Then April 8, regular council meeting.

17 April 15, committee of the whole, and  
18 April 22, regular council meeting.

19 Okay. With that, for final call for new  
20 business I'm going to ask the finance director just a  
21 quick synopsis on the council clerk position. Where  
22 we started, where we're at, and where we're going.

23 MS. BROWN: Sure. Thank you.

24 As was stated by someone earlier tonight, I  
25 don't know, I've lost track, the job was posted in

1 early January and then was reposted through, I  
2 believe, February 8 was the closing date on that  
3 position. We did receive a number of applications.  
4 In fact, we received over 300 resumes and  
5 applications for that position. It was put on  
6 several websites, which drew a lot of attention.

7 Through that process, myself, Cathy, and  
8 Shanna, the deputy director of finance, went through  
9 those applications and resumes, reviewed them. I  
10 reviewed every single one personally, and any ones  
11 that were promising we called them for interviews. I  
12 believe we interviewed a total of three people out of  
13 300.

14 MR. FONTE: Wow.

15 MS. BROWN: And then two of those people we  
16 forwarded on to council, to three members of council  
17 who interviewed two of them. One of those  
18 individuals was someone with about a year of clerk  
19 experience. The other individual did not have direct  
20 city council clerk experience but had some other  
21 experience that made her an interesting candidate.  
22 At that point, council was mulling things over.

23 MR. PETERS: Laura, can I stop you here real  
24 quick?

25 MS. BROWN: Yes, sir.

1 MR. PETERS: Just for the public's  
2 information, the 300, when we posted that on  
3 indeed.com, of those 300 we had some pretty wild.

4 MS. BROWN: We did.

5 MR. PETERS: We had some truck drivers, and  
6 they were just throwing resumes out.

7 MS. FARINA: Indeed casts a wide net.

8 MR. PETERS: They weren't just specifically  
9 looking for a clerk position. They were just  
10 throwing their resume out there for any old job.

11 MS. BROWN: And we did have a number of  
12 people who had skill set that would fit with a clerk.  
13 We had administrative assistants and various things,  
14 and that was the ones that we considered, you know,  
15 more closely. But we did, we had a funeral director,  
16 we had forklift drivers. We had a little bit of  
17 everything.

18 MR. PETERS: I just wanted to give a little  
19 frame of reference.

20 MS. BROWN: Yeah. Absolutely.

21 So we came down to those two candidates that  
22 several council members interviewed. As you were  
23 mulling those over, through some internal discussions  
24 that we had -- I kind of had another idea of, you  
25 know, if you're going to bring a person in who

1 doesn't have clerk experience and there's going to be  
2 a training period, you know, what about the option of  
3 training someone internally and maybe using some of  
4 the city staff that we have and reallocating duties  
5 and looking at that option. In conjunction with, you  
6 know, we've had our court reporter here doing the  
7 minutes and we could continue to do that and we know  
8 what the cost on that is. So I presented that idea  
9 to council, and you guys have had some time to think  
10 about that after the executive session. And so, you  
11 know, now it's obviously up to you to decide what you  
12 would like to do.

13 MR. PETERS: All right. So open it up for  
14 discussion, and I guess I will start on this. And  
15 when Laura brought the idea to us, about handling it  
16 in-house, I was -- I was intrigued. Not only in the  
17 cost savings that will be real if we -- if we go this  
18 route, but the fact that we had a member of our  
19 staff, our current staff, that was willing and able  
20 to take on and looking forward to new challenges and  
21 take on a little extra burden. And I believe that  
22 she is more than capable of doing so under the  
23 direction of our finance director and our law  
24 director as well helping her along the way. I think  
25 we can make this -- make this work.

1 MR. FOX: Member Peters --

2 MR. PETERS: Yes.

3 MR. FOX: -- since we have -- if I may. I  
4 apologize. But we have someone in the gallery who  
5 appears to be poking fun at this suggestion. And so  
6 I want to make clear, the -- one of the statements  
7 that this one that is poking fun right now had said  
8 that it was ridiculous to think that a clerk spent  
9 three days of a week doing meeting minutes. But this  
10 individual, I'm sure, and there's no reason to be  
11 aware, that the prior clerk that he feels so fondly  
12 of and did a tremendous job for us and retired in  
13 that position, highly competent individual, he has no  
14 idea that that person had an assistant clerk that  
15 came in three days a week, and the sole purpose was  
16 to do meeting minutes.

17 MR. TRIPP: I'll be.

18 MR. FOX: How about that?

19 MR. TRIPP: How about that. You are so darn  
20 good, Mr. Fox.

21 MR. PETERS: Mr. Tripp.

22 MR. TRIPP: One of the best. Absolutely one  
23 of the best.

24 MR. PETERS: Mr. Tripp. You're out of order.  
25 You're out of order.

1 MR. TRIPP: He's not?

2 MR. PETERS: You had your time. Would you  
3 like to -- okay.

4 MR. TRIPP: Let me go myself.

5 MR. PETERS: Yes. Please.

6 MR. TRIPP: Help me out, sir. What a crock.

7 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Larry.

8 Okay. So again, you are correct. There was  
9 an inordinate amount of time done on verbatim  
10 minutes, and the cost savings that I was speaking to,  
11 and Daryl and I kind of talked a little bit back and  
12 forth during the last meeting, was going from a  
13 verbatim to a summary style format and that would  
14 save some time and money as well. And, you know, I  
15 don't think -- I don't think we really talked about  
16 exact dollar amount, but I mean, I think it's going  
17 to be -- not going -- I think it will be significant.

18 MS. BROWN: Well, and one of the things that  
19 we talked about in this idea is, you know, when you  
20 have the court reporter here, her sole role here is  
21 to take a record of the meeting. Whereas when you  
22 have a clerk here, that person's role is to obviously  
23 take some records but also run the equipment, read  
24 the legislation and do other things. So there's more  
25 to it. So by splitting that up and, you know, you

1 have those of us, Tim and I, who are here anyway, you  
2 know, we attend meetings just by virtue of our normal  
3 role, to kind of put some of those responsibilities  
4 on us while you have the court reporter doing the  
5 straight, you know, minute taking, as it was. It  
6 kind of splits it up and gets it done a little bit  
7 more efficiently perhaps. And it's something that,  
8 you know, as I pitched it to you guys, it's an idea.  
9 We can try it. If it doesn't work out, we can go  
10 back to the pool of applicants.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay. Is there any other input  
12 from council regarding this?

13 MR. CERRETA: I -- after discussing it, I  
14 found it intriguing. I think it's a good idea to  
15 give it a try. We can always go the other way and go  
16 back.

17 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

18 MR. CERRETA: I think the cost savings and  
19 giving someone some additional responsibility that  
20 are already here, someone that we respect and trust,  
21 is a good idea. And then giving some -- move some  
22 people around to cover when we need to.

23 MR. FONTE: Laura, I think what you shared  
24 with us, the person that's been around a long time,  
25 looking for a new challenge, is very astute and can

1 be trained the way we need them to be trained. And I  
2 imagine after a period of time if it doesn't work out  
3 then we're back to square one anyhow. So it may work  
4 itself out, may save us some money, may be a win-win  
5 in the long run.

6 MR. PETERS: Daryl, anything to say?

7 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I would just, since we've  
8 got cameras, my preference would be to have a  
9 full-time clerk. But having participated in the  
10 interview process, I've concluded that this is the  
11 best option we have at this time. And it warrants --  
12 it's an intriguing proposal. It warrants -- warrants  
13 an experiment. I think there's a high degree of  
14 confidence in the individual that has been identified  
15 and I think -- I think we can -- we can make a run at  
16 this.

17 You know, one of the differences between the  
18 past and kind of present, is that currently we're  
19 transcribing not only --

20 MR. OSBORNE: Can you speak into the mic?

21 MR. REVOLDT: I'm trying.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MAN: We can't hear you.

23 MR. REVOLDT: I apologize. I'll get a little  
24 closer.

25 We're transcribing both the council meeting



1 and the council of the whole meeting. And I think  
2 that takes an inordinate amount of time. I don't  
3 know how we got to that practice. But using the  
4 court reporter to pick up the transcription duties is  
5 not a bad way to go. And I think the other thing is  
6 that it allows us to perhaps use the clerk, which  
7 we've discussed for some other kinds of things if  
8 there's time for some research activity and et  
9 cetera. So this may be a good experiment. Trying to  
10 think out of the box.

11 MR. PETERS: Yeah, Marcia?

12 MS. KIESLING: What is -- exactly is our  
13 intent with minutes?

14 MR. PETERS: We are going to keep that as is  
15 for now.

16 MS. KIESLING: We're going to keep the court  
17 reporter?

18 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

19 MS. KIESLING: While we try this option.  
20 We've all come to that agreement?

21 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

22 MR. PETERS: I think that would probably be  
23 the best way to go about it. You don't want to upset  
24 the apple cart too much. I'm mean, we want to make  
25 sure the bones are solid.

1 MS. KIESLING: I agree.

2 MR. PETERS: So, you know, I don't want to  
3 throw that on to -- to anyone else.

4 MR. REVOLDT: I think the other thing is  
5 we've also discussed, and it's important to get this  
6 on the record, that we recognize, and it was  
7 acknowledged this evening, that we've got some back  
8 office issues we've got to take care of in terms of  
9 our recordkeeping. And so hopefully those issues, as  
10 things unfold and a new individual gets in, we'll be  
11 able to devise a plan to address those matters as  
12 well.

13 MR. PETERS: I'm not sure we're going to have  
14 enough time in the current proposal, but I think  
15 we're aware of the fact that we've got some  
16 housekeeping we need to address.

17 MS. BROWN: Mr. Revoldt, if I could, to that  
18 point. You know, I wish Melanie was here tonight.  
19 She spoke last week about, you know, sort of a  
20 legislative audit. And I did check. The state  
21 auditor's office doesn't offer anything like that. I  
22 haven't found anybody that does yet. That's not to  
23 say we won't. But if there are things that residents  
24 or council people see that they think are wrong or  
25 just different than it used to be, they're more than

1 welcome to put that in writing and submit it to me.  
2 You know, I want to take it under consideration as we  
3 try to develop this person and this role and plan  
4 that, you know, we're kind of creating our own path  
5 and saying this is the procedure we'd like to put in  
6 place. This is the process that protects us from  
7 making errors, you know. And that's -- I guess  
8 that's because my world in the finance world is you  
9 do things by process. Everything is kind of written  
10 down and documented. So, you know, if we can create  
11 that process from the ground floor, hopefully we can  
12 just, you know, follow it week by week by week, so  
13 again, if there's somebody that has a suggestion or a  
14 recommendation, if you want to submit that to me, I'm  
15 very open.

16 MR. REVOLDT: I think that's a critical point  
17 is that while we're creating this position we're  
18 going to take a structured approach to these duties  
19 in the administration of managing that candidate.

20 MS. BROWN: And I guess to be frank, what I  
21 don't need is just "things are bad and people have  
22 done things wrong." I think we're all aware that's  
23 been said and that's fine. You know, I accept that  
24 people feel that way. But if there's constructive  
25 criticisms or recommendations, I would welcome that.

1 MR. CERRETA: It should be like anything new.  
2 It will evolve. We need to know what to do, and if  
3 that's not working, change it.

4 MR. FONTE: Yep.

5 MR. CERRETA: We need to know what we need,  
6 and then structure the position to what need to make  
7 us operate to the highest level that we can. So  
8 let's make changes and we'll go through some growing  
9 pains. There's got to be that. But we'll get it  
10 right.

11 MR. OSBORNE: Will you take some public  
12 comments now?

13 MR. PETERS: No, sir.

14 Mr. Foltz?

15 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Thank you.

16 I agree with Daryl. I prefer a full-time  
17 clerk, but I also respect the work that our finance  
18 director has looked at, the interviews, the  
19 candidates, some other administrative personnel and  
20 as council. So if this is our best option, I'm going  
21 to support that. My only concern would be I want  
22 someone available to answer the phone. I don't want  
23 a recorded message and get back to you later  
24 scenario. I think we owe it to our residents to have  
25 somebody in the office, or at least have somebody

1 pick up the phone and direct somebody to go somewhere  
2 else or to help them fulfill their questions or needs  
3 on the phone.

4 I'm also in favor of keeping the court  
5 reporter. I think she's doing a great job, and I  
6 think that's important.

7 So while we transition into this position I  
8 think those are very important things to look at and  
9 to maintain. So I appreciate everybody's work on  
10 this. Thank you.

11 MR. FOX: There was a contingency plan on the  
12 phone.

13 MS. BROWN: Well, and I was going to say,  
14 back to Cathy's point about the voice over IP phones,  
15 we have an ability to kind of route calls to any  
16 handset that we need. So I can work with her on that  
17 setup as far as what we need to do with that. And,  
18 you know, we do have some options there as far as  
19 mailboxes and things.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Just to add, I think the  
21 candidate that we're talking about is an excellent  
22 employee. I've known her for a number years, and,  
23 Laura, you know her obviously better than anybody  
24 here, so I think that's comforting in that sense to  
25 know that we have somebody ready to step up to help

1 us.

2 MR. REVOLDT: I think, if we might,  
3 Mr. President, I think the other thing that Patrick's  
4 attempted to do by moving everybody up into the north  
5 side, except Finance, is that we're looking for that  
6 integration. While we recognize there's a separation  
7 of powers under our charter, we're looking for the  
8 employees to be integrated and work as a team.  
9 Again, it's critical, if we're going to comply with  
10 the law, we've got to have people who are not  
11 confined to silos but willing to identify problems  
12 and chase a solution. And that means what may be  
13 walking down the hall to the administration or what  
14 have you. I think this candidate has that ability to  
15 reach out. She's a known quantity who will work with  
16 the entire management team.

17 MR. PETERS: You've got something?

18 MR. HELD: Yeah. One thing that we found in  
19 the transition, like administratively, and you can  
20 also see it reflected in the employees that work for  
21 the council, that when you've had long-term employees  
22 that have been here for 25, 30 years and then they  
23 leave, oftentimes they take all that knowledge and  
24 that process with them. And then what happens is if  
25 you don't have it captured, like, in writing or in a

1 structured process that Laura was talking about then  
2 you find yourself trying to, you know, piece one  
3 together based on, you know, the documents that you  
4 have and so forth. And then that's when mistakes  
5 start to occur.

6 And so what we've done administratively is  
7 Cathy Farina has put together like a process,  
8 established a process and a checklist. So when we're  
9 talking about sending out something as simple as a  
10 public notice, well, who exactly is it going to? Who  
11 is it required to go to? And what format? Is it  
12 through a fax? is it through an e-mail? is it through  
13 the Repository or the Akron Beacon Journal? WHBC? So  
14 there's certain requirements that have to be met and  
15 then there's certain steps that we just informally  
16 have taken over the years. So the good thing is  
17 we've established those, that process as Laura is  
18 talking about, and then whether you do this in, you  
19 know, in the short term as council is suggesting or  
20 you make a change in the personnel at some point in  
21 the future, at least you have that structured process  
22 so that, you know, those mistakes really, you know,  
23 you're eliminating that, those -- those particular  
24 oversights, which has worked well on the  
25 administrative team.

1 MS. FARINA: Yes. To add to that, just  
2 things have changed with the evolution of technology  
3 that in the past it may have just been you did a  
4 press release and then you walked over there and you  
5 put a push pin into the bulletin board. Now the  
6 expectation is it needs to be on the website and it  
7 needs to be pushed out through the text notifications  
8 and so, you know, there's just a few more steps. So  
9 to make sure that we don't miss any steps, we've  
10 created a checklist: what meeting, what date, where  
11 is it going, public notice out, was it put on the  
12 website, did the notification go out. Also still  
13 goes there, you know, the hard copy, and then, you  
14 know, press release and who it went to. And you have  
15 the record. Anyone comes back and says, you know,  
16 what did you do? You say, Here it is. You followed  
17 that back. Because we are all doing so much now,  
18 too, that it's easy to drop a step. So now we have a  
19 checklist on that. Great to have the same processes.

20 MR. HELD: Very good.

21 MS. FARINA: Good stuff.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. So --

23 MS. BROWN: The one other thing -- I'm sorry  
24 to interrupt.

25 MR. PETERS: Go ahead.



1 MS. BROWN: I think the one final point we  
2 haven't talked about here --

3 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: Louder.

4 MS. BROWN: Excuse me. Sorry. I'm fighting  
5 off a cold.

6 The one point we haven't talked about here  
7 tonight is the fact that this individual would not be  
8 sitting here at council meeting, you know, they would  
9 be doing the work during the week. But since our  
10 prior clerk has retired, you know, I have been  
11 signing the minutes and attesting to the minutes  
12 since I do sit here. So as part of the plan that  
13 was, you know, still going to be the case that I  
14 would be the in-name person to sign and obviously  
15 have oversight and then we would have folks in the  
16 office to do the work during the day.

17 MR. PETERS: Now, Tim, do we need any sort of  
18 legislative action to designate Laura as --

19 MR. FOX: That would be your -- your vote  
20 simply as a legislative vote. It wouldn't be an  
21 ordinance or a resolution. It would be council's --  
22 you can voice vote on this, but essentially it's what  
23 you have right now is the finance director, as per  
24 the charter, has the -- has the charter authority for  
25 these duties when the clerk is unavailable. And now

1 the -- what's available for council is to continue  
2 that, that the director of finance will also be the  
3 clerk of council and the duties shall funnel through  
4 her.

5 There's an employee that she believes is or  
6 has those -- those skills, and so that would be  
7 discussed. And so that employee's going to be  
8 responsible for the lion's share of the day-to-day  
9 work like myself and with council members and  
10 administration. But it will funnel up through the  
11 director of finance who will sign those, those  
12 documents. And until we move to the civic center,  
13 I'll still do the technology and so forth.

14 I think it's just a learning curve to learn  
15 to get this wireless technology. There's many people  
16 aren't aware for when you sit here there are four  
17 monitors, there are three keyboards, three mice, two  
18 remotes. We have a digital recording, we have the  
19 live streaming, we have thrown it up on the big  
20 screen and all of those other things.

21 When we move to the civic center, all of  
22 those items are going to be available at the dais.  
23 So then the law director will return to the dais, and  
24 between the law director and the finance director  
25 we'll oversee the clerk's duty in a bit of a shared

1 capacity.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Awesome. All right.

3 Okay. Sounds good. So any other questions?

4 Concerns for -- yes, sir?

5 MR. REVOLDT: Well, I think to come back to  
6 Tim's comment, at some juncture you're going to need  
7 a motion to -- by council. My recommendation would  
8 be we have a motion from council to assign the duties  
9 of clerk, pursuant to the charter, to the director of  
10 finance and authorize her to appoint staff to support  
11 council.

12 MR. PETERS: Spot on. Yes.

13 MR. REVOLDT: That's what you're going to  
14 need.

15 MR. PETERS: Can I consider that a motion?

16 MR. REVOLDT: With an appropriate level of  
17 compensation. That is the motion.

18 MR. PETERS: Okay.

19 MR. REVOLDT: And yeah. I'll make that  
20 motion.

21 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Did you catch that? Is there a  
23 second?

24 MS. KIESLING: I will second, but explain to  
25 me what we're doing. I mean, we're out of a

1 committee. We're out of -- you know, I know we're  
2 not appropriating money but, you know --

3 MR. REVOLDT: Here's what --

4 MS. KIESLING: -- I don't feel like --

5 MR. REVOLDT: Here's what we're going to do  
6 with our discussion.

7 MR. OSBORNE: Louder.

8 MR. REVOLDT: I am moving that, consistent  
9 with the charter, council authorize the director of  
10 finance to act as its clerk and to assign her staff  
11 to support her in the council's operation. Is that  
12 close?

13 MR. FONTE: Compensation.

14 MR. REVOLDT: And to compensate that  
15 individual.

16 MR. PETERS: Appropriately.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Appropriately.

18 MS. KIESLING: Okay. I got that. He still  
19 didn't answer my question. You know, it wasn't on  
20 our agenda. I mean, I feel like we're --

21 MR. PETERS: I'm offering this up in final  
22 call for business.

23 MS. KIESLING: Okay.

24 MR. PETERS: I wanted Laura to give us a  
25 brief overview. And then we need to have, per the

1 charter, someone to handle clerk duties.

2 So basically this is a voice vote allowing  
3 that to happen.

4 MS. KIESLING: That's fine, as long as it's  
5 appropriate.

6 MR. FOX: So there's no legislation  
7 appointing finance director or law director. It's a  
8 vote of council.

9 MR. REVOLDT: I would argue, to answer your  
10 question, that we are acknowledging the simple text  
11 in the spirit of the charter.

12 MS. KIESLING: Yeah, we are. I read it  
13 tonight.

14 MR. REVOLDT: That's what we're doing.

15 MS. KIESLING: We can assign it to anybody we  
16 like.

17 MR. FONTE: What's the end result here? Do  
18 we have it or not?

19 MR. FOLTZ: So what we're saying is, is the  
20 lawyer director comfortable with this process  
21 occurring per charter?

22 MR. REVOLDT: I am, too.

23 MR. FOX: Yes, sir. I'll work with the clerk  
24 and go over the -- as well with the finance director  
25 for, you know, the duties and responsibilities,

1 preparing the agendas, the drafts for legislation,  
2 notices to the Repository. And I believe some of the  
3 role, perhaps civil service role we've discussed  
4 informally, that that might be more appropriate  
5 perhaps as an administrative task because all of the  
6 civil service positions are in administration. It's  
7 for police, fire, EMS, and dispatch. And perhaps  
8 that role, it's a smaller portion of the clerk's duty  
9 and I think it was assigned simply because there was  
10 a clerk for those types of meetings.

11 But to schedule the exams, the lists for the  
12 mayor for selection for opening positions, accepting  
13 applications, those things, perhaps that's best  
14 suited for administration. And the other types of  
15 duties will funnel up through the finance director.

16 The technology portion simply that we've  
17 created here where we live stream, we have a digital,  
18 you know, those types of things, the finance director  
19 and I will take care of those responsibilities when  
20 we move because they'll be right at the dais. And  
21 until we move, since I've been growing more  
22 accustomed to this menagerie of technological  
23 equipment with Laura overseeing this, as she's quite  
24 adept at technology, she helps me when it all locks  
25 up and it doesn't work right. But I think she and I

1 can take care of that portion. And the day-to-day  
2 duties, there won't be the need for that clerk to  
3 appear in the evening.

4 It takes quite an additional burden from that  
5 clerk to know that she's going to have a 12- or  
6 13-hour day every Monday. So removing that  
7 responsibility enhances the attractiveness of the  
8 position. As well as removes some of the necessary  
9 compensation when you're going to have someone here  
10 'til some evenings 9:00, 10:00, we've been here until  
11 almost 11:00 o'clock on evenings where we're going  
12 over a line by line in the budget.

13 So when we're looking to compensate an  
14 employee for those additional hours here at city hall  
15 when we remove that, where the finance director and  
16 the law director are already accustomed to that, I  
17 think it makes it a more attractive position. And  
18 there's a financial component that perhaps is reduced  
19 when you take that into consideration.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. So does that answer your  
21 question, Marcia?

22 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

23 MR. FOLTZ: Which chapter?

24 MR. CERRETA: Weren't you glad you asked it?

25 MS. KIESLING: I got it. We're good to go.

1 MR. PETERS: Okay. So Daryl motioned. Is  
2 there a second?

3 MS. KIESLING: I did second.

4 MR. PETERS: Okay.

5 MS. KIESLING: And I had questions.

6 MR. PETERS: Do we need voice vote or roll  
7 call, Tim?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Take a roll call.

9 MR. PETERS: Yeah, we'll just do roll call.  
10 I think that would be appropriate. Would you please  
11 call the roll.

12 MR. FOX: Yes, sir.

13 Member Cerreta?

14 MR. CERRETA: Yes.

15 MR. FOX: Member Revoldt?

16 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

17 MR. FOX: Member Kiesling?

18 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

19 MR. FOX: Member Fonte?

20 MR. FONTE: Yes.

21 MR. FOX: Member Peters?

22 MR. PETERS: Yes.

23 MR. FOX: Member Foltz?

24 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

25 MR. FOX: 6-0. Finance director as the clerk



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of council.

MR. PETERS: Okay. Now we got that ball rolling. That concludes the agenda. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. KIESLING: So move.

MR. CERRETA: Second.

MR. PETERS: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. PETERS: We're adjourned.

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(Meeting was concluded at 8:32 p.m.)

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