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APPEARANCES:

- Daniel Jeff Peters, Chairman
- Douglas Foltz, Member
- Stephanie Werren, Member
- Daryl Revolt, Member
- Mark Cerreta, Member
- Dominic Fonte, Member
- Matthew Stroia, Member
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of Administration
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Robert Graham, PE
- Martin B. Van Gundy, IV, Chief Building Officer
- Benjamin Young, Council Clerk

1 MR. YOUNG: I'm going to go live.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Ben, let me know
3 when you are ready.

4 MR. YOUNG: Whenever you want.

5 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, sir.
6 At this time, I'd like to call the North
7 Canton Committee of the Whole meeting --
8 April 5th, 2021. The time is 7:00 p.m. -- to
9 order.

10 Ben, would you please call the roll?

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

12 MR. FONTE: Present and here.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

16 MS. WERREN: Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

18 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.

20 MR. CERRETA: Here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

22 MR. PETERS: Here.

23 MR. YOUNG: And Member Stroia.

24 MR. STROIA: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, sir.
2 First up is community and economic
3 development. Chairman Revoldt, you are up.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you very much. We
5 have a request from the administration to
6 amend our DORA ordinance. You will see the
7 map. This is a much reduced area that's
8 covered. It's actually not far from what we
9 had discussed when we adopted the DORA.

10 Patrick, this came from the
11 administration. Do you want to -- do you
12 want to discuss this?

13 MR. DEORIO: Yes. In looking at these
14 events that are coming forward here
15 shortly -- I think we have a 720 Market Group
16 event in mid-May, so about six weeks out --
17 we have -- working with the Council Clerk
18 have found that there is an additional permit
19 holder in the center of town, Sapphire City.
20 So we thought that with the bulk of the
21 activity right here from Bachtel, say, up to
22 the library, we could shrink the district
23 this first year of operation down to that,
24 really where the -- where all the action, you
25 know, really is, and see how that works.

1 And if it works well, we can keep it that
2 way. If it grows, we can deal with it, you
3 know, down the road. But we thought this
4 would be a great first start. It certainly
5 lowers the -- the outlay for, you know,
6 sanitary receptacles and the signage.

7 I know we had Council -- we had asked for
8 and Council graciously budgeted, you know,
9 \$27,000 for that. But we were able to secure
10 what we needed for approximately \$9,000. So
11 we think that's a good -- good -- good
12 purchase. And it would have come in less if
13 we had expanded it all the way up anyway.
14 But we got a very good price on these black
15 stainless steel -- black steel receptacles.
16 So we would like to -- to shrink it to that,
17 if -- if Council is in agreement.

18 MR. FONTE: Patrick, it's Dom.

19 MR. DEORIO: Yes, sir.

20 MR. FONTE: Okay. So remember when we
21 did this initially, we were saying -- and
22 Daryl talked about, and Mark -- you know,
23 this can be quickly adjusted, right?

24 MR. REVOLDT: Yep.

25 MR. FONTE: So this is an example of what

1 we are talking about. And just as well as
2 the -- the Main Street district expands and
3 things start happening, we can quickly adjust
4 it down the road a little bit further.

5 MR. DEORIO: Uh-huh.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Dom, thank you. That's
7 exactly right. Well, let me -- let me -- let
8 me walk through a list. Mark, you are
9 Vice-Chairman of the committee. Do you have
10 any -- any observations?

11 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, I do. You know, I
12 have not been supportive of this because of
13 the cost in the past, too. I mean, \$27,000
14 for trash cans. Now we are down to 9-.

15 So here is my -- my questions, a couple
16 of this here. Do -- we got another -- sounds
17 like we got another liquor license. Does
18 everybody have to approve of being part of
19 this? Like I know Pav's, you can't go
20 outside with their liquor anyways, so how can
21 we include that? Did we ask El Rincon if
22 they want to do this?

23 Secondly, why are we keeping this
24 Wednesday through Saturday? I could probably
25 have more support for this if we did this

1 designation when we want to. And the reason
2 I say that is because if you do this every
3 Wednesday through Saturday, now you got your
4 police people you are going to have to --
5 every Wednesday or Saturday, somebody has to
6 be on the beat of the DORA. Right? Aren't
7 these things supposed to be paying for extra
8 police of this all the time?

9 And at the same point, you have to put
10 these trash cans out Wednesday through -- or
11 we leave them out there, and I'm not real
12 excited about trash cans up and down Main
13 Street, even if it's only this little piece.

14 If you just designate special times, we
15 know way ahead what the times are for this.
16 This is not, you know, rocket science. Then
17 we can put these trash cans out when we want,
18 rather than have these things out there all
19 the time just collecting whatever, and our
20 guys have to go empty them weekly, I would
21 expect. So --

22 MR. FONTE: Hey, Mark.

23 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

24 MR. FONTE: I was just -- like this is
25 part of what I'm getting at with the comment

1 I made earlier, is -- like you are right,
2 what you say may be exactly true, and we can
3 pull it back and do like what you said. But
4 right now, you know, we shrunk it way back to
5 make it more manageable. Let's test it out,
6 see how it goes, and then if it doesn't seem
7 like it's clicking right or it looks junky or
8 we're not feeling it, then let's just back it
9 up to what -- you know, on special occasions
10 or whatever.

11 MR. CERRETA: Well, that's my point; you
12 are going to have someone have to police it
13 every Wednesday through Saturday. Is that
14 extra police stuff that nobody has bought
15 into this yet? Who's going to pay for that?
16 In the -- in the DORA legislation, it says
17 the people that -- the businesses are
18 supposed to be paying for that. Good luck
19 with that.

20 MR. FONTE: Well, maybe in the beginning
21 you won't have much of that, really. I don't
22 see it being overwhelming --

23 MR. CERRETA: I don't see any reason why
24 you can't just make this on special events to
25 start this thing out. I think it's a little

1 bit overkill right now for something we don't
2 even have going on. Now, I understand around
3 the Hoover District, you know, some day that
4 gets going, that's going to be -- hopefully
5 that will be more the kind of thing that we
6 want like this.

7 But -- so anyways, that's my -- Daryl
8 asked for my opinion. That's my opinion.
9 I'd like to make this only special -- during
10 special events time, that way we don't have
11 to have constant police every week and trash
12 cans out every week when we have got nothing
13 going on for months at a time.

14 MR. DEORIO: All right. So I would like
15 to respond to a couple, you know, points
16 there, just to make sure we are accurate.
17 Yes, we have contacted the restaurants. They
18 were in support of the DORA. The -- Pav's,
19 yes, they would be able to take their adult
20 beverage offsite. That's the purpose of the
21 DORA, so that people could go out with it.
22 Right now, that has to be -- as it's stated
23 now, that has to be consumed inside.

24 The police department, you know, we have
25 approved a -- a safety plan. But the safety

1 plan doesn't involve having people walk a
2 beat, hiring extra cops, bringing people in
3 on overtime to do that. So -- and that's not
4 done in any other -- any other DORA either.
5 But we -- we do have response mechanisms that
6 we can do there.

7 As far as the trash cans, you know,
8 bringing out, yes, I agree with Mark in this
9 sense, is that we would be putting them out
10 and they would be staying out. So that's not
11 something that we are going to pick them up,
12 set them aside, bring them back out. We are
13 not going to do that. We would -- we would
14 be putting them out when the DORA season
15 opens to the -- when the DORA season closes.

16 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Let's move on
17 down the list. Dom, I think we heard from
18 you. Stephanie, do you have any -- you want
19 to weigh in on this at all? Preference?

20 MS. WERREN: Nope, not on this one.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

22 MS. WERREN: I like the new map.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I do, too.

24 Doug? Jeff? Matt?

25 MR. PETERS: I'm good.

1 MR. FOLTZ: It's Foltz. Yeah. My only
2 weigh-in is hopefully we develop some kind of
3 activities to utilize the DORA, other than
4 obviously the concept is not get a beer at El
5 Rincon and walk up to the other restaurants,
6 you know, without something else going on,
7 whether it's our park or the Hoover complex.
8 I mean, these are first steps.

9 But, I mean, Mark makes good points, but
10 I also want us to have the flexibility to say
11 this is going to happen at some point where
12 it's a bigger venue than just obviously -- I
13 think that's what we are all thinking --
14 walking between restaurants with an open
15 beer. That has to be the focus, or it's not
16 going to work.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

18 MR. FOLTZ: And maybe I'm stating the
19 obvious here, but it needs said.

20 MR. FONTE: I was just -- I was just
21 saying, again, this is ebb and flow. We can
22 kind of move and groove. But the thing is,
23 is we are trying to build our tool chest, and
24 this is one of the little extra things. It's
25 not the major thing. It's just an added

1 amenity. You know what I'm saying? So to
2 give these small businesses that got abused
3 all last year through this simple little
4 COVID exercise, we want to make sure they
5 know we are doing something as a City to try
6 to help these small businesses in our small
7 district.

8 MR. YOUNG: To Member Foltz's point, I
9 can say that I have been contacted by the
10 Chamber and the library asking me questions
11 about, oh, we'd like to do, you know, these
12 events this summer. How can we advertise
13 that the DORA is available for these events?
14 So, for example, the library is hoping to do
15 their concert series during the summer. They
16 would like to advertise, you know, go to The
17 Howlin Bird, get a glass of wine, and walk up
18 to our concert.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Let's do this.
20 Yeah, that's the point -- go ahead. I'm
21 sorry.

22 MR. FONTE: Good point.

23 MR. STROIA: This is Stroia. I agree
24 with the cut-down map, and I think you kind
25 of have to put hours out there to show

1 prospective businesses that -- that it's
2 active. I mean, why have a DORA if it's not
3 going to be active? I think you have to at
4 least show the ability for it to be, you
5 know, taking place during certain hours and
6 certain places.

7 MR. FONTE: Right. Matt, not to mention
8 that we have a communication breakdown. It's
9 where we struggle to better communicate with
10 our constituents and our business owners, and
11 this is a prime example. We need to be
12 consistent with our message and test it out.

13 MR. STROIA: I agree.

14 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Let's -- let's
15 do this then, I think the consensus of the
16 group is to proceed with the language as
17 presented. Do I have -- do I have four to
18 proceed? I believe I do.

19 MR. STROIA: Yep.

20 MR. REVOLDT: So -- but what -- I'm going
21 to ask the Clerk to do this: Place on one of
22 our September Council of the Whole meetings a
23 quick DORA review, so we get a snapshot.
24 Let's just see where we are. So we'll have
25 six months --

1 MR. STROIA: Good idea.

2 MR. REVOLDT: -- six months of operation.
3 Let's see where we are. We'll have a formal
4 opportunity to -- to gauge whether it has
5 been successful or not. We can identify if
6 there are any hiccups or anything. It will
7 give us a chance to do it.

8 So, Ben, if you would pick a date in --
9 sometime in early September, that would be
10 wonderful.

11 MR. YOUNG: Okay.

12 MR. STROIA: That's a good idea, Daryl.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Okay?

14 MR. YOUNG: If you -- we do still need a
15 motion and a vote, if you --

16 MR. REVOLDT: Let me move that we place
17 this on the agenda. I'll move.

18 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

19 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

20 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

21 MR. PETERS: Aye.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

23 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

24 MS. WERREN: Aye.

25 MR. FONTE: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

5 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Very good. All
6 right. Let's move on to item B, which is our
7 second century zoning. This is the code. We
8 have had an opportunity to work on this a
9 little bit. We have got some input from
10 members of Council. As I indicated to a
11 couple of you, what I'd like to do tonight is
12 see if we have any additional suggestions or
13 questions. And I'll walk through the list.
14 And then what I'd like to do is following
15 that discussion, place this back on the
16 agenda in two weeks to see if we have any
17 more questions or -- or -- or suggestions for
18 the language. We have had a pretty
19 productive conversation so far. Members have
20 taken advantage of our work sessions.

21 So with that, let me go -- let me start
22 with Vice-Chairman Cerreta to see if he has
23 anything new that he'd like to add --

24 MR. CERRETA: Well --

25 MR. REVOLDT: -- for tonight.

1 MR. CERRETA: Does this not include what
2 we went through -- I mean, we had a great --
3 great session at City Hall I thought with --
4 you know, with Pat and the administration and
5 the guys that were from the -- the people
6 that are putting this together, the
7 consultants.

8 So I had a lot of different things with
9 that. But are you asking for more than that
10 right now?

11 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I'm asking -- I -- I
12 don't want to revisit that conversation.

13 MR. CERRETA: Right. Yeah.

14 MR. REVOLDT: I'm just asking, is there
15 anything, Mark, that comes to mind since then
16 that needs or wants answered?

17 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, I had one question.
18 And I'm sorry I didn't bring it up when we
19 were at there. But on page 3, the schedule
20 permitted office, including administrative,
21 medical, business, and professional. And it
22 is under -- let me see here, on page 3. But
23 on there -- I think in the central area
24 there, it said on the upper floors.

25 Well, most medical things are not on

1 upper floors. You know, you have got a lot
2 of handicap people and older people. That
3 might be kind of something that we might want
4 to look at.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Good catch.

6 MR. FONTE: An elevator? How about an
7 elevator? Do we have elevators?

8 MR. CERRETA: Sure. Sure. But we have
9 urgent cares or anything administrative like
10 that, just to -- just to restrict that
11 doesn't really make a whole lot of sense.
12 Those are good paying jobs. You know, we
13 want those anywhere you want to put those.
14 So medical and office supply -- or office --
15 what did it say? Administrative, medical,
16 business, professionals, it had just the
17 upper floor on the Main Street central.

18 Maybe because we don't have enough room.
19 I'm not sure. But if some new building went
20 in, and it might, and there is no reason to
21 restrict it to just upper floor.

22 MS. WERREN: Yeah. Good catch.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Pat -- Pat, do you have --

24 MR. STROIA: Good point.

25 MR. REVOLDT: -- or Marty, do you have

1 any insight?

2 MR. FONTE: Are we thinking retail at
3 all, guys, or what?

4 MR. REVOLDT: No. No. This is -- this
5 is that medical. We are asking the --

6 MR. FONTE: Okay.

7 MR. REVOLDT: -- question about medical.

8 (No response.)

9 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. All right. Very
10 good. Dom, do you have anything to add?

11 MR. FONTE: I was just -- this is
12 something that I just was thinking about when
13 we were reflecting back on when Pav's came
14 and Acme wanted to do the light poles and we
15 have a limit of 20 feet. But, you know, in
16 Green, they did a 30-foot pole with the LEDs.
17 They are down light with -- really nice,
18 streamlined, efficient. And we weren't able
19 to accommodate them, which triggered the MSB,
20 before we went and -- went the whole nine
21 yards.

22 So the question is, is -- there should be
23 a provision in there somewhere that if we are
24 in a commercial to commercial atmosphere,
25 that they should be able to go 10 feet taller

1 to be able to show more distance and more
2 collection of light, so they have less cost
3 in material. And it would be a win-win,
4 because it would save energy. You know, it
5 would be more up to date. And it would save
6 the business owners money, too, because, you
7 know, we would be accommodating.

8 Do you guys remember that Acme thing when
9 they wanted to do that --

10 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

11 MR. FONTE: -- a couple, three years ago?

12 MS. WERREN: Yep.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Marty, do you have any --

14 MR. FONTE: So I went up -- and I went up
15 to Green, and if you did -- like I think a
16 couple of us might have went up to Green to
17 look, and they really look good. And the
18 issue was is flooding -- too much
19 floodlights. And the way these were
20 streamlined, they were very -- very nice.
21 And I think we should have a 10-foot
22 provision there; we can go to 30.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

24 MR. DEORIO: I'm sorry. I was -- my mike
25 was muted, and I -- I wanted to respond. I

1 agree with Mark on that was a good catch.

2 MR. REVOLDT: That's a great catch.

3 Okay. So we'll make that change.

4 MR. FONTE: The lighting.

5 MR. REVOLDT: What do we need in terms of
6 Dom's question about lighting, Pat?

7 MR. DEORIO: I'll -- Marty, myself, and
8 Ben will get in touch with the consultant and
9 drill down on what is there, and then report
10 back to Council.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Next week or next
12 Council of the Whole.

13 MR. DEORIO: We'll send an e-mail or
14 something to you guys.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Perfect.

16 MR. PETERS: Hey, Daryl.

17 MR. FONTE: Pat --

18 MR. PETERS: Hey, Daryl.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

20 MR. PETERS: If I could say something on
21 this. I -- regarding the lights. I would
22 agree with Dom. I did go up there and look
23 at the Acme up in Green --

24 MR. REVOLDT: Uh-huh.

25 MR. PETERS: -- and it looks great. It

1 really does.

2 MR. FONTE: It is first class.

3 MR. PETERS: The light is not
4 overwhelming. It's not intrusive on the
5 neighbors. I think that would be a good add,
6 as well. And Dominic is right, it reduces
7 the cost of material, as well. You don't
8 need as many lights.

9 MR. FONTE: Lumber prices are up 170 --

10 MR. REVOLDT: I'll tell you what, if that
11 lighting is softer and it makes Dom look
12 better after dark, I'm all for it.

13 MR. FONTE: Hey, I'm -- not only me,
14 Daryl --

15 MR. CERRETA: Don't get carried away.

16 MR. FONTE: Daryl, it makes you look ten
17 years younger. So you look like about -- it
18 will be 50 with the lights.

19 MR. REVOLDT: It's going to take at least
20 20 years off my face. Okay. So, Dom -- Dom,
21 that's what we're going to -- Pat -- Pat
22 will --

23 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

24 MR. REVOLDT: He'll get back to us. Do
25 you have anything else?

1 MR. FONTE: No. That's it.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Steph, your -- your
3 turn. Anything you want to touch on at this
4 point?

5 MS. WERREN: No. I'm good. I thought
6 our session was good and made our suggestions
7 then.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Perfect. Doug --

9 MS. WERREN: But I agree with the
10 lighting.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

12 MS. WERREN: We talked about that a long
13 time ago. Yep.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. All right. I think
15 that message is loud and clear.

16 MS. WERREN: Yep.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Doug, do you have anything
18 on --

19 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Thank you, Daryl. And
20 thanks for putting it on again in two weeks.
21 I did hear from a constituent that's
22 concerned about -- and it's something we
23 should look at -- the Charlotte property
24 zoned -- north -- north side of Portage is
25 zoned single family. I think the new maps

1 reflect that it's P and I, where existing
2 housing is now. The south side, as we know,
3 is two family and single family. So I think
4 there is a concern about the rest of those
5 residential houses there from Hillcrest, east
6 to -- to the old school there or Mary Evans
7 Kindergarten Center. The -- why is the
8 zoning changed now? I mean, how is that
9 going to be addressed? You know, right now,
10 like I said, it's zoned single family. So
11 that's the question.

12 MR. DEORIO: Are you talking on the north
13 side of Portage, which would be the back
14 side --

15 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

16 MR. DEORIO: -- of the school property?

17 MR. FOLTZ: Yes. North side of Portage.

18 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. Well, many of those
19 are rentals, too. And I guess the way that
20 we were just -- the map was being drawn, we
21 were really just trying to take, you know,
22 what was in essence a city block, so to
23 speak, easily defined by, you know, a
24 boundary, and that, you know, 10 of the 11
25 and a half acres there are P and I for the

1 school. And it was just trying to make that
2 all -- altogether.

3 I talked about this with Martin earlier
4 today, and so we are going to go back and
5 take a look at that. We are going to take a
6 deep drill. We are going to talk with the --
7 we have already spoken with the constituent.
8 And we are going to pinpoint exactly which
9 properties we are talking about. And -- but
10 our intent was not to do anything on the
11 south side of Portage or west of Hillcrest.

12 MR. FOLTZ: Right.

13 MR. DEORIO: Right. Keep it confined to
14 that -- that school property. But, yeah, so
15 that's something that could be changed. Our
16 intent was to, you know, not -- not have
17 it -- have an adverse consequence to the --
18 to the homeowners. We actually were hoping
19 that, you know, we would create more value
20 for their property. So we are going to go
21 back and look at that and we'll report back.

22 MR. FOLTZ: All right. I appreciate
23 that. Thank you, Pat. That's -- that's the
24 answer I was looking for. Daryl, thank you.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Very good. You are

1 welcome, Doug.

2 Jeff, anything that jumps out at you?

3 MR. PETERS: No. No. I'm good. Looks
4 good.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Now, I know somebody
6 is being driven by tax -- crazy by tax time.
7 I hesitate to ask. But, Matt, is there
8 anything you want to opine about here?

9 MR. STROIA: No. I'm good. Everything
10 was covered in the work session, so I'm --
11 I'm great with it.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. All right.
13 Administration, do you have anything to add
14 at this point?

15 MR. DEORIO: No, sir.

16 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Well, then
17 we'll place this on the agenda in two weeks.
18 We'll see what else we collect. And then I
19 think the goal will be authorize some
20 legislation, a first reading at that time, if
21 that's agreeable. So we are not moving it
22 off to legislation this week. Back on the
23 agenda in two weeks.

24 MR. FONTE: Sounds good.

25 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Let's go to the

1 repeal of the existing Main Street Business
2 District. That's a pretty routine piece of
3 legislation that's the companion for item 3B.
4 Administration, do you have anything to add
5 at this time?

6 MR. DEORIO: No.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Then we'll -- we'll
8 just tuck this into 3B -- or along with 3B
9 and we'll bring it back in two weeks, and if
10 anything has popped up, we'll ask maybe
11 Doug's -- maybe Doug's question might find a
12 home in that -- in that conversation.

13 And then item 3D is the new zoning map
14 itself, which creates the five districts.
15 Are there any questions or comments about the
16 new zoning map? And, again, this is --
17 this -- this is -- actually is -- is the
18 companion for 3B in the code, which has
19 three -- the five districts.

20 MR. DEORIO: And to Doug Foltz's concern,
21 that would be -- you know, we'll look into
22 that, and it may require a change in the
23 zoning map, so that you have it.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. All right. So we
25 back -- we'll be back with that, as well.

1 MR. FONTE: Patrick, quick question. How
2 long has this been in the making now?

3 MR. DEORIO: Two years.

4 MR. FONTE: Well, here we go, man. Let's
5 wrap this puppy up.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Well, we'll get it
7 done right. Okay. Is there anything else
8 that we need to discuss with relationship to
9 3B, C, or D?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Keep the questions
12 and suggestions coming over the next two
13 weeks. And we'll be ready to go in two weeks
14 then. I think that's it, Mr. President.

15 MR. PETERS: All right. Daryl, thank
16 you, sir. I appreciate it.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

18 MR. PETERS: Next up is finance and
19 property. Chairwoman Werren, you are up.

20 MS. WERREN: Okay. Jina and I talked
21 today and we do have a couple changes on a
22 couple different things that we need to look
23 at.

24 Jina, do you want to talk about -- we
25 wanted to talk about the \$20,000 donation for

1 the master plan, and increasing that for --
2 no, I'm sorry, for the Dogwood Park project.
3 And then we needed to look at the \$3.36
4 million in funds, and maybe put that a little
5 bit on hold. Because we just don't know what
6 those funds are actually going to be used
7 for. Are we going to get them? And are we
8 going to distribute? You know, how -- what
9 does that mean and what does that look like?
10 And I think Jina and Patrick are going to be
11 getting on a call to hopefully explain that a
12 little bit more.

13 Jina, what else do you want to comment on
14 that?

15 MS. ALABACK: Yes. You're -- well, you
16 are absolutely right. I'd like -- we wanted
17 to get ahead of -- so that we could have the
18 three readings and be able to start spending
19 the American Rescue Plan Act funds when they
20 came in. But after reading a little bit more
21 of the guidelines, which are still being
22 defined and detailed, as far as what
23 governments can invest in, the focal point is
24 infrastructure, but they haven't exactly been
25 defined yet.

1 So we kind of want to step back. We
2 actually have until the end of December of
3 2024 to spend all of the money. So we have
4 time. And we didn't want to miss on the
5 three readings. We'll bring that back to you
6 whenever we have identified some projects
7 that are eligible going forward.

8 And, also, we don't know how much we are
9 getting. I think we are supposed to get
10 around 50 percent within 60 days, but then it
11 may be a year before we get the other half of
12 that. So we'll keep you up to date on that.

13 As far as the park expansion project, we
14 have carryover funds in that number that was
15 presented to you, consisting of \$50,000 that
16 was actually for Bitzer Park. So we'd like
17 to remove that from this donation -- or, I'm
18 sorry, from this appropriation amendment. So
19 the \$329,160.36 becomes \$279,160.36. And
20 that will allocate the rest of the funds to
21 finish the Dogwood Park project for 2021.
22 Those were the two amendments we wanted to
23 change on what was presented for you.

24 MS. WERREN: Any other questions?

25 (No response.)

1 MS. WERREN: Okay. I move that we put
2 that on the agenda then.

3 MR. REVOLDT: I'll second that. This is
4 Revoldt. I'll second.

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

6 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

7 MR. PETERS: Aye.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. FONTE: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. PETERS: Okay. Motion carries. All
16 right. Thank you, Steph.

17 Next up, we have street and alley
18 committee. Chairman Fonte.

19 MR. FONTE: Yes. This is something we
20 have been talking about for a long time.
21 Mark and I had a lot of conversations about
22 the sidewalks. So I think now is the time to
23 make it a reality. So I talked to
24 administration a little bit to see if we can
25 do a little hybrid or an update on the

1 legislation.

2 So here is kind of my thinking, and then
3 we can open it up to discuss. So we got the
4 Main Street Business District. We got some
5 tools in the tool bag, so we are starting to
6 build the corridor in the sense that, you
7 know, people that want to come and do
8 business in North Canton, we are going to be
9 more friendly. We are going to have things
10 ready for them, so they can thrive, you know,
11 over the next, you know, few years. Right?

12 So we want to make sure -- you know, we
13 want people to be able to walk comfortably,
14 stroll comfortably, ride, whatever we do. So
15 I'd say the first thing I think we should do
16 is -- we talked a little bit about the co-op
17 program and then some things that we might
18 just do on our own if the money is there.
19 And, you know, then there are some rules that
20 we have for areas that don't have sidewalks,
21 that if they meet two of the three
22 criteria, then we can -- you know, money --
23 you know, if we have the money, to go ahead
24 and do that.

25 So, like, usually each little pad of

1 concrete that you see on the sidewalk is like
2 5 by 5. So it's like 25 square foot. And if
3 we had more volume type business being done,
4 you have three options; you have -- you know,
5 sometimes it's just slightly lifted and you
6 can grind the edges. You can actually use a
7 pump-up service instead of replacing it, or
8 you might have somewhere maybe \$250 a pad to
9 replace it, depending on the volume of it.
10 Right?

11 So here is my thinking, you know, we have
12 four quadrants in the City. So I'd like to
13 see more of an aggressive plan, starting with
14 the spine first or the -- you know, the
15 backbone of the City, which is the Main
16 Street Business District. Let us go ahead
17 and address that, and see if we can get all
18 those sidewalks taken care of right away or
19 as soon as the money is available.

20 The second thing is we have to do a
21 better job communicating to the constituents
22 that we do have a co-op program, you know,
23 if -- if they are aware of it, and if they
24 choose to want to share 50/50, if the money
25 is there, and they follow the basic criteria.

1 So I think as a City, we need to make the
2 line item for either grant and/or a budget
3 kind of like streets and alleys. We would
4 have an area starting in the budget that we
5 put so much aside, like say \$25,000 to start.

6 And then, you know, we -- between the
7 water bill, the newsletter, social media,
8 website, and other ways, we get the word out
9 of what we are doing, so everybody
10 understands it. And then in a year, if that
11 doesn't work, then we just take the bull by
12 the horns and go ahead and we just start
13 replacing stuff as we need it.

14 So I'd do the Main Street first, and then
15 we do the connecting streets that need it,
16 and then we add maybe up one side of
17 Glenwood, down Lindy Lane, connect Seventh
18 Street up, and we start really aggressively
19 going after this. And then what we do is
20 then we do quadrants A, B, C, 1, 2, 3, 4, of
21 going through, like say whoever the Council
22 members are, or Council-at-large or the
23 administration, if they notice things, or the
24 code enforcement people, we can go ahead and,
25 you know, we hire a contractor, you know, and

1 have them just kind of take care of -- either
2 they are having it pumped up, ground, or
3 replaced.

4 And I -- and there is some sidebar stuff,
5 like trees, utilities, and things like that
6 that -- but I'm just saying broad
7 stroke-wise, I'd like to see something really
8 happen and happen starting now. So it's
9 opened up to whoever would like to talk about
10 it. Thank you.

11 MR. PETERS: Yeah, Dom, this is Peters
12 here. I do have one comment regarding the
13 sidewalks. And I don't know if it
14 particularly goes to exactly what you are
15 saying, but it occurs to me, with the -- and
16 what Jina said, the American Rescue Plan
17 money that we -- we're getting, a lot of that
18 is for infrastructure. I'm assuming
19 sidewalks could be included in that. That
20 would be great. And if that's the case,
21 that -- that eases some of the restrictions
22 that we have had in the past, as far as
23 funding these.

24 And one of the other thoughts, you know,
25 we are in the midst of the Dogwood Park

1 remodel and expansion, highlighted by a
2 playground that is inclusive to handicap --

3 MR. FONTE: Right.

4 MR. PETERS: -- or folks that have, you
5 know, limited accessibility. However, we
6 don't have a sidewalk on Seventh Street for
7 people to get there. They'd have to be in
8 the street. So --

9 MR. FONTE: Right.

10 MR. PETERS: Just a thought, you know.
11 But yeah --

12 MR. FONTE: No. I'm -- I know we were --
13 we were talking about that and we put that on
14 pause. But, again, you know, we can kind of
15 systematically decide the priority. I always
16 think the Main Street is first, because
17 that's what we are focusing on to create our
18 main opportunity for the --

19 MR. PETERS: Agreed.

20 MR. FONTE: We have been talking about
21 this for years. So let's make that happen --

22 MR. PETERS: Absolutely.

23 MR. STROIA: I agree.

24 MR. FONTE: -- and then we look at the
25 connecting streets next, and then we go

1 through the neighborhood zones, you know, the
2 four -- the four wards, and we -- we go ahead
3 and take care of those.

4 Now, obviously, the whole idea was -- is
5 not to eat it up with taxpayer money, but
6 maybe there are special grants. Rob can talk
7 on that. And then maybe it could be the
8 assistance money we are talking about could
9 be a possibility, and/or we just work it into
10 the budget or possibly a little piece of gas
11 tax or street tax or sewer tax or any tax, as
12 we raise some of these fees, maybe a piece of
13 that can go into the pot. Because, again,
14 this is for the -- the use -- for the use,
15 for the elderly, for the people that have
16 disabilities, wheelchairs, strollers,
17 whatever. We don't want to stumble and hurt
18 ourself.

19 So I'm just saying I think we should get
20 dialed in. And so that's really what my goal
21 is. Instead of us not being able to do it,
22 let's -- let's make it happen this time.
23 Let's get her done.

24 MR. PETERS: Hey, Dom, if I could
25 interject, and I -- I don't want to interrupt

1 real quick here, but you said something, for
2 the folks listening at home. You mentioned a
3 sewer tax. And I'm assuming that you are
4 probably referring to the rate increases that
5 we have been discussing. That isn't a tax --

6 MR. FONTE: That's correct.

7 MR. PETERS: -- and we couldn't use that
8 money for anything other than sewer, water.

9 MR. FONTE: Okay.

10 MR. PETERS: Just a point of reference.
11 So --

12 MR. FONTE: Yeah. Yeah. Well, I know
13 like we -- we have been replacing the
14 infrastructure. We have like -- I don't
15 know -- 3-, 400 we did probably in the last
16 two and a half years, which were the sewer
17 grates, where all the drains go. We have
18 been putting the pre-cast in, where the salt
19 ate away at the bricks. You know, that -- I
20 mean, part of that could be tied into the
21 sidewalks.

22 I don't know what -- what the latitude or
23 longitude is. That's more maybe Marty or Pat
24 or the Mayor, whoever; whoever has the ideas.
25 I'm just saying I just want to make something

1 happen, so I want to see if we can make that
2 happen.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay.

4 MR. FONTE: So we'll get creative,
5 however we need to do it.

6 MR. STROIA: Hey, Dom, this is Stroia.
7 Jeff, I definitely agree with your point
8 on -- on Seventh Street, especially with the
9 Dogwood Park coming, the expansion coming
10 there. Have -- have you guys talked about a
11 walkability study?

12 MR. FONTE: I would say Pat -- Mark --
13 Mark walks around everywhere. I'd say he's
14 our study. Mark, what do you have to say
15 about it?

16 MR. STROIA: I do, too. But here is my
17 point, like, you know, if it gets to the
18 point of, you know, picking and choosing, you
19 might want to consider the points around the
20 schools where the kids are walking to or the
21 main roads that are going to be walked more
22 before some, you know, trivial -- and I'm not
23 saying trivial, but some other back sidewalk
24 that's not going to get used as much. Is
25 there like some sort of --

1 MR. FONTE: Well, that's what --

2 MR. STROIA: Go ahead.

3 MR. FONTE: That's what I'm saying, Matt,
4 you know, like the Main Street is the main
5 thing. Right?

6 MR. STROIA: Sure. Yeah. Yeah.

7 MR. FONTE: And then the next thing would
8 be -- if you look at the Section 902.1, it
9 says the City may cause sidewalks to be
10 installed, and if funds are available if it
11 meets two of the following criteria: School
12 facility, government --

13 MR. STROIA: Okay. Yeah.

14 MR. FONTE: -- parks, so on --

15 MR. STROIA: That's good. I like that.

16 MR. FONTE: So, I mean, it's kind of all
17 in there. And basically, Ben, when we
18 talked -- Ben, you can chime in, too, since
19 we talked about this. You know, we had four
20 criterions. We got now three. So it makes
21 it a little more doable.

22 And then on top of that, we made a
23 hybrid, so we have got the co-op program with
24 the citizens, if they want to -- like if they
25 are a property owner and their sidewalks look