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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
- Doug Wechter, Heritage Society

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1 MR. PETERS: It is 7:00. We have
2 everybody on, Ben?

3 MR. YOUNG: We do. When you are ready.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Good evening
5 everybody. I'd like to call to order the
6 North Canton City Council meeting, April
7 26th, 2021. The time is 7:00 p.m.

8 Mark, Dominic, would you like to lead us
9 in prayer?

10 MR. FONTE: I can, unless Mark has one
11 ready.

12 MR. CERRETA: Go ahead, Dom. No.
13 (Whereupon, Mr. Fonte leads us in
14 prayer.)

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dom. At this
16 time, if you'd please join me in the Pledge
17 of Allegiance.

18 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is
19 recited.)

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you. All
21 right. Ben, at this time, would you please
22 call the roll?

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.

24 MR. CERRETA: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

3 MR. FONTE: Here.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

5 MR. PETERS: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

9 MR. STROIA: Here.

10 MR. YOUNG: And Member Werren.

11 MS. WERREN: Here.

12 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

13 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Ben.

14 All right. At this time, for your

15 consideration, I need a motion and a second

16 to approve as presented minutes from April

17 5th, 2021, Committee of the Whole.

18 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as

19 presented by Foltz.

20 MS. WERREN: Second, Werren.

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

22 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

23 MR. PETERS: Aye.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

25 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

1 MS. WERREN: Aye.

2 MR. FONTE: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Aye.

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion passes.

7 All right. At this time, Ben, I'm going
8 to turn it over to you. We have recognition
9 of the public. Just a quick reminder, we
10 have a five-minute time limit. If you are
11 looking at your screen, the clock is on the
12 screen. I will give you a heads up at 30
13 seconds. So, Ben, I'll turn it over to you.

14 MR. YOUNG: All right. Our first speaker
15 tonight is Mr. Joseph Mulqueen.

16 Mr. Mulqueen, are you there?

17 MR. MULQUEEN: How are we doing?

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

19 MR. MULQUEEN: Hello. My name is Joseph
20 Mulqueen. I'm a property taxpayer at 1016
21 Park Avenue, Northeast, also a Summit County
22 Police FOP lifetime card member, thanks to my
23 uncle, Sergeant Richard Dot -- Dotry, or
24 whatever. I'm disabled. I have a hard time
25 pronouncing names.

1 But I am here to talk about one thing and
2 one thing only, about how Dogwood Skate Park
3 matters. Why does Dogwood Skate Park matter?
4 It's the only skate park in Stark and Summit
5 County without gang activity. I saw spray
6 paint up there. I did the right thing. We
7 are getting these gangs out. We are getting
8 illegal guns out.

9 And how about instead of Catherine
10 messaging me on Facebook via the Dogwood
11 Skate -- Facebook, how about we do an e-mail
12 to Vans, to Steve Van Doren, the famous
13 entrepreneur from California who would love
14 to invest into Vans -- I mean, who would love
15 to help invest into Dogwood and turn it into
16 a Vans skate park.

17 And we can also help create a scholarship
18 for kids. Because I'm working with somebody
19 in the University of North Carolina who is
20 working on new state-of-the-art quantum
21 science bands, and he sent up three sets for
22 me to donate to kids at the park. And
23 he's -- he doesn't want to give away product.
24 He just wants to help do a scholarship for
25 kids, because that's what kids need the most

1 right now is they need college education.

2 And I am here to make sure that these
3 kids get a college education that I once
4 blew. And as I'm recovering from alcoholism,
5 this is the best way I know how to honor my
6 father, as I also helped take care of my
7 Vietnam Veteran neighbor Ray, and my friend
8 in New York has to get the same testing for
9 pancreatic cancer that my dad got. So all I
10 ask for is a simple peace of mind while I
11 help take care of some people with cancer and
12 help better this town.

13 And I think this town could be helped
14 better with a Vans outlet store, some type of
15 Vans manufacturing at the Hoover Company.
16 Because if my Great Uncle Denny, who started
17 his business at the Hartville Flea Factory --
18 Hartville Flea Factory -- Hartville Flea
19 Market was able to own the flower factory, a
20 business in Michigan; he went to China, and
21 he also owned North Canton real estate, the
22 Hoover Company the first time. You know,
23 Diebold Nixdorf is now over there.

24 So, you know, it's not too farfetched to
25 say that we can bring back maybe American

1 shoe manufacturing to North Canton, like how
2 this town was once famous for, you know,
3 Hoover vacuums, and that went to Mexico. So
4 I'm just here trying to help create jobs for
5 kids that's better than flipping burgers.
6 Because I think them working at a Vans store
7 or some type of non-profit skate shop where
8 we don't have to worry about wise guys
9 embezzling money into drugs and putting
10 illegal guns on the street would probably be
11 best for our skate students for the next 50
12 years, so kids learn how to be a college
13 educated professor and not a freaking stupid
14 street criminal.

15 So, you know, I'm just trying to turn my
16 life around with the help of Jesus Christ and
17 the North Canton Chapel. So I want to start
18 outdoor first and let's go indoor. Because
19 the biggest problem with Stark County was
20 Evolution Skate Park, where Justin Carl used
21 to get me drunk underage with Kyle Scott and
22 a whole bunch of other North Canton kids, and
23 it eventually led to Grant Samway committed
24 suicide. So there is a substance abuse
25 problem, because adults are getting people

1 like me who are minors drunk. And we are not
2 doing that at Dogwood.

3 My uncle raised me better than that. My
4 dad raised me better than that. Mark Cerreta
5 raised me better than that as a neighbor.
6 And the Chief -- the former Chief of Police,
7 the Mayor, raised me better than that, and
8 his nephews better than that. So I'm just
9 here to help, you know, make sure the Mayor's
10 grandkids have a nice new park like I was
11 able and given in 2002.

12 And funny enough, Cody Green, who was
13 featured in a Repository article at 14, he's
14 a professional filmer at Vans. So when I say
15 my connections in California run deep, they
16 run humble deep. And I'm here telling people
17 in humble California to come donate 50 boards
18 during go skate day at Dogwood, because I
19 have 50 skateboards on the way coming from my
20 man in New York, Glenn Chapman. So if you
21 guys don't know, I could own the Nicks one
22 day, and I would love to give this town free
23 jerseys, but you're going to have to respect
24 me and meet me half way in the middle.

25 So Dominic Fonte, anyone else, please

1 come meet me in the middle. Because this
2 isn't for me. This is for kids who don't
3 have moms and dads, you know. Because that's
4 rough. That's real rough, you know. And all
5 they need is a nice healthy park to play at,
6 and I think it would help keep the illegal
7 guns off the street and the violence.
8 Because one of best things about improving
9 our park is why go on vacation when vacation
10 is at Dogwood.

11 So, you know, with the COVID stuff, I
12 ain't going Europe. I ain't getting the
13 COVID shot. And I'm staying here in Ohio,
14 paying my property taxes, staying sober one
15 day at a time, and, you know, just trying to
16 help fix up what I once took for granted and
17 a lot of other Hoover grads, like Jake Grillo
18 and Presley Hall, and the whole nine of them.
19 But, you know, I'm here to do it, you know,
20 with the help of God and Jesus. And, you
21 know, I know Mr. Cerreta is ready to get this
22 project done. So with that being said, God
23 bless.

24 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Joe. Very well
25 said.

1 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

2 MR. YOUNG: Our second speaker is
3 Mr. Chunk Osborne. Mr. Osborne, are you
4 there?

5 MR. OSBORNE: Hi. I'm here.

6 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready.

7 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview
8 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio. After
9 listening to the two-plus hours of discussion
10 last -- at last week's Planning Commission
11 regarding a proposed total rewrite of the
12 North Canton's Main Street zoning, I would
13 like to make the following comments.

14 I believe the answers to questions posed
15 by Commission Chairman McCleaster uncovered
16 some flaws in the proposed zoning code for
17 Main Street. First, I will point out that in
18 my remarks to the Commission, I was critical
19 that the size of parking stalls were being
20 reduced to 9 feet by 18 feet from the current
21 10 feet by 20 feet requirement, and that the
22 width of parking aisles was being reduced to
23 16 feet from the current 22 feet. These
24 dimensions will not work in this day and age
25 when people are driving Chevrolet suburbans

1 and Ford F150s.

2 As the Commission is tasked to do when
3 reviewing development plans, Commission Chair
4 McCleaster asked what were the required
5 parking spaces under the proposed code.
6 Well, the land planner hired by the City
7 clearly and emphatically stated that there
8 were no minimum parking requirements, and
9 that each property owner will decide on his
10 own the required amount of parking he
11 desires, and that this is a trend that is
12 being implemented elsewhere.

13 Will North Canton be in need of a
14 downtown park -- parking garage like Columbus
15 with this approach for public parking? Our
16 current zoning is a one size fits all, and as
17 a -- as a property changes over, the current
18 parking requirement works for a wide variety
19 of possible businesses. Building a property
20 with little or no parking requirement at the
21 outset severely limits future uses -- uses of
22 that property for the next property owner.

23 Secondly, in answer to another question
24 posed by Chairman McCleaster, the proposed
25 code reduces a minimum building setback to

1 zero feet. In other words, a building would
2 be required to be built right up to the
3 sidewalk in certain districts on Main Street.
4 What happens if there is a need to widen Main
5 Street? If commercial buildings were built
6 in this manner, it would be unlikely that
7 Main Street could ever be widened. The glee
8 and almost unquestioned possibilities that
9 this rewrite of the zoning code for Main
10 Street would bring to North Canton happily
11 was tempered when discussion of a hotel on
12 Main Street was proffered by at least one
13 member of Council who spoke in support of
14 this proposal. City Administrator DeOrio
15 quickly brought that exorbitant thought to an
16 end when he pointed out that that was not an
17 economic possibility.

18 Unfortunately, there was rampant feeling
19 that this zone change would bring untold
20 possibilities of growth for North Canton. It
21 was as if all our City officials at the
22 Planning Commission were unhappy with what we
23 all enjoy about our community, and that we
24 must change and be like downtown Columbus,
25 Cincinnati, or Nashville.

1 The proposed Main Street zoning changes
2 will entail five different sets of zoning
3 districts. This simply presents needless
4 inequities and confusion. I don't think
5 there is a need or desire to change North
6 Canton into a destination city. And further,
7 it is not feasible.

8 The roadways and the neighborhoods were
9 never put in place to allow for travel and
10 parking fit for a destination city. North
11 Canton is a bedroom community. North Canton
12 is our destination because we enjoy safety
13 and serenity in our homes. I don't want
14 North Canton to be a destination city for any
15 other reason than that. Does North Canton
16 need crowds descending on -- on the City, so
17 they can walk up and down Main Street with a
18 beer in their hand?

19 As the meeting came to a close, City
20 officials, led by Mayor Wilder, recited all
21 the great plans and accomplishments that are
22 coming to North Canton beginning with a
23 Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area referred
24 to as a DORA. I say love the City you have
25 and not covet what you see elsewhere. And if

1 that is not possible, move to where you see
2 elsewhere if that is the lifestyle you
3 desire. There is no need to gut our current
4 zoning codes for Main Street. Thank you.

5 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. That concludes our
7 recognition of the public.

8 Moving on, we have a special presentation
9 tonight. At this time, I'm going to turn it
10 over to Councilman Cerreta for the
11 introduction.

12 Mark.

13 MR. CERRETA: Thanks, Jeff. We have a
14 representative tonight from the Heritage
15 Society. And as you know, the Heritage
16 Society is one of those, I would say, quiet
17 necessities of our community. They capture
18 our important history so that we know where
19 we came from and how we got here.

20 There is a new project called the
21 Heritage Trail, and it's a project that --
22 that really started several years ago. Doug
23 Wechter has been kind of spearheading this
24 for years, actually. He met with Pat and I
25 years ago several times at a restaurant and

1 showed us different ideas of what they were
2 planning and doing. And, you know, to be
3 honest with him, we -- we did have a few
4 reservations. You know, I'm real concerned
5 about the esthetics that we have in our
6 community and so on.

7 So I -- you know, I let Doug know about
8 that, and Doug listened and took care of
9 those concerns. And his committee and the
10 community -- his committee and the community
11 input have looked at all those concerns and
12 come up with a -- a very exciting addition to
13 our community.

14 So I want to introduce the vice-president
15 of the Heritage Society, Doug Wechter. He is
16 going to go through a PowerPoint and explain
17 what the Heritage Trail is.

18 Doug, feel free to move on.

19 MR. WECHTER: All right. Thank you,
20 Mark. All right. As Mark mentioned, I'm
21 Doug Wechter. I was born in North Canton. I
22 developed a deep appreciation for the history
23 from a young age while growing up in the 1841
24 Ezra Pepple house, located at 730 Portage
25 Street, you see on the slide there. I

1 developed a strong emotional attachment to
2 this community while playing football for
3 West Park, participating in scouting, and
4 while delivering The Canton Repository. I
5 graduated from St. Paul grade school and
6 Hoover High School.

7 Slide two, please. Over the years, I
8 have driven through many small towns and I
9 have enjoyed taking in their historical
10 charm. Many towns celebrate their rich
11 history with the use of wall murals, historic
12 house markers, historic banners on light
13 poles, architectural arches, and heritage
14 trail panels.

15 So I said to myself, why not us? As a
16 long-time board member of the Heritage
17 Society, I have learned that the City of
18 North Canton has an interesting story to
19 tell. Some parts of the City's history, such
20 as the impact of the Hoover Company, are
21 well-known. People may even be aware of the
22 story behind the 1918 name change of New
23 Berlin to North Canton, or the heart warming
24 story of the British war children who were
25 brought to North Canton from World War II.

1 Still there are many lesser-known facts about
2 the events, citizens, businesses, churches,
3 and landmarks that help forge the City's
4 development and current identity.

5 Like Mark mentioned, about five years
6 ago, I began to envision various ways that
7 the City of North Canton could highlight
8 their historic elements, increase its charm,
9 such as you see on the slide here, wall
10 murals, historic banners on light poles, you
11 know. North Canton, like many towns, like to
12 highlight their athletes during the school
13 year. But potentially during the summer
14 months, we can do as some other towns do,
15 highlight their town's history and also
16 veterans.

17 Architectural arches I have noticed in
18 other towns, such as nearby Canton and
19 Brimfield. So potentially we could save the
20 Portage Street School arch, the one that
21 faces Portage Street, and place it on the
22 corner of Ream Avenue and Portage Street. Or
23 as Mark Cerreta has suggested to me, it could
24 be incorporated into the soon-to-be renovated
25 Bitzer Park. I think it could be, you know,

1 accented with some landscaping and
2 up-lighting, and it would soon become an
3 iconic City landmark, an ideal photo -- photo
4 op spot.

5 And, finally, our topic of today,
6 Heritage Trails, a series of interpreted
7 panels to help tell the rich historical story
8 of our City. This would enhance the charm
9 and increase some people's emotional
10 connection with their hometown.

11 Next slide, please. Historic house
12 markers. In 2019, I facilitated through the
13 cooperation of the North Canton Heritage
14 Society and Tom Pieper, the launching of the
15 century building plaque program. To date, we
16 have four structures that you see on the
17 slide that have received plaques. St. Paul
18 church and school will each be getting
19 century plaques within the next 12 months.
20 So that will make six markers total. And we
21 hope to increase the number in the future.

22 Next slide, please. Over four years ago,
23 I began to facilitate the creation of the
24 Heritage Trail for North Canton, consisting
25 of a series of interpreted panels regarding

1 our often hidden or forgotten rich history.
2 The Heritage Trail is being planned as a
3 series of three separate phases.

4 As I'm sure you all know, our City has
5 torn down many of the historic buildings over
6 time, some through -- as you see, the Hoover
7 Company, which is very -- very necessary.
8 But we also want to try to highlight a lot of
9 these -- hidden history that have been lost
10 in time.

11 Next slide, please. The creation of
12 various phases of the Heritage Trail is being
13 accomplished with the help of many
14 organizations, as you see here; the North
15 Canton Heritage Society, the Hoover
16 Historical Center, North Canton Community
17 Growth Association, and the North Canton
18 Chamber of Commerce.

19 Next slide, please. The Heritage Trail
20 committee consists of Megan Pellegrino, Dave
21 McDaniel, Kelly Odegard, Doug Lane, Mark
22 Cerreta, and myself. So we have a little
23 cross-section of some different people from
24 the community.

25 Next slide, please. Many others, as you

1 see on this long list, in the community and
2 beyond, have contributed their variety of
3 talents to enhance the quality of North
4 Canton -- of the North Canton Heritage Trail.
5 Without their generosity, the Heritage Trail
6 would not be possible. So this has truly
7 been a collaborative community effort.

8 Next slide. The generous support of the
9 sponsors of the Heritage Trail are the
10 Herbert W. Hoover Foundation, the North
11 Canton Public Library, and Gary and Rita
12 Wechter family.

13 Next slide. The specific locations, as
14 Mark was referring to, of each panel have
15 been chosen for their accessibility to the
16 viewer while attempting to blend the panels
17 into their environment as much as possible.
18 As Mark and the others have mentioned, they
19 don't want these panels to be like billboards
20 in the downtown area. They want them to be
21 kind of integrated as best as possible into
22 the environment, while still being
23 accessible.

24 For example, the panel located at the
25 YMCA is planned for the side of the island in

1 front of the YMCA versus in front of the
2 island. The panel for the library is placed
3 off of Main Street near the main entrance,
4 while still accessible to pedestrians walking
5 on Main Street.

6 Next slide. And here you can see the
7 various panels mocked up around town where
8 their proposal locations are. Each panel
9 will have a unique -- let's see. Go ahead
10 and go to the next slide.

11 MR. CERRETA: Go on back to the next
12 slide. I'll help you out here. Each panel
13 has that little code that you can take a
14 picture with your phone and get more
15 information. Go ahead, Doug. Here are the
16 areas that --

17 MR. FONTE: QR code.

18 MR. CERRETA: There you go.

19 MR. WECHTER: Yeah. So I'm trying to
20 think which slide we are going to. So those
21 are the -- the proposed locations. I'm
22 trying to think. Sorry. Bear with me a
23 minute. Yeah, we are going to get to the QR
24 code content a little bit later.

25 Go ahead and go to the next slide. And

1 as you see on this map, you see all three
2 phases. The previous map was just phase one.
3 So we planned two more phases of five panels
4 each, to be two years apart. Again, the
5 majority of these panels will be -- be spread
6 beyond Main Street. Again, the content of
7 these panels are primarily driven by the
8 history associated with their location. So,
9 collectively, they'll tell the historical
10 story of North Canton. The panels will be
11 maintained and insured by the North Canton
12 Heritage Society, except for any panels made
13 on the City of North Canton property.

14 All right. Next -- next slide. So here
15 you see phase two, examples of the different
16 slides, kind of the topics, if you will. We
17 are going to have the history of Walsh
18 University, and then the endearing story of
19 the British children evacuees during World
20 War II and their caretaker, Herbert W.
21 Hoover, and William H. Boss Hoover.

22 We'll also have the historical Hoover
23 farmhouse. That is the childhood home of
24 Boss Hoover. The house is the location of
25 the Hoover Historical Center and is on the

1 national registry of historic places. Also,
2 the story of the Hoover Company, which has
3 left an indelible mark on this community for
4 almost 150 years, will be highlighted.

5 And, finally, the history of the Bitzer
6 Hotel, along with biographies of Michael and
7 Elizabeth Bitzer. In 1860, Mr. Bitzer
8 introduced a young lawyer named William
9 McKinley, who would proceed to make his first
10 political speech under a tree next to the
11 Bitzer Hotel and present day Bitzer Park.

12 Next slide. All right. Here you see
13 phase three. That's the final phase. That
14 would be in 2025. The Charlotte Street
15 School, which was originally known as NoCaHi
16 when it opened its doors in 1929. A panel
17 will highlight the many existing and former
18 Hoover houses that are still here with us and
19 some that have been torn down.

20 The historic Portage Street panel will
21 highlight the history associated with the
22 street. This history includes -- what's
23 that? This history includes the humble
24 beginnings of a family business that is now
25 an international company. Two Ohio high

1 school football Hall of Fame coaches and a
2 church whose local origins go back to 1814.

3 Next we will have the inspiring story of
4 former slave Jacob Gaskins, who later risked
5 his freedom by becoming a conductor on the
6 underground railroad before the Civil War.

7 And, finally, a panel showcasing the
8 history of the various Portage Street
9 schools, whose first school building was
10 erected in 1835.

11 Next slide. Each panel will have a
12 unique QR code which will direct the viewer
13 to a website from which they can access such
14 things as historical photos of what used to
15 be near the site that they are standing at,
16 information on any monuments or sculptures
17 located nearby, additional historical figures
18 associated with the location, background
19 street names in the vicinity on the panel,
20 and access to children narration of the
21 panel.

22 Next slide. A couple of examples of
23 phase one panels are the history of the
24 library and Harley and Mary Hoover Price that
25 you see in front of you. This panel tells a

1 story of the North Canton Library, whose
2 origins began with the Lady's Literary Club,
3 who's own history dates back to 1894, making
4 it the second oldest such club in Ohio.

5 This panel also contains biographical
6 sketches of Harley and Mary Hoover Price who
7 were instrumental in the founding of the
8 North Canton Library in 1928. The impact of
9 their generosity has left an indelible mark
10 on the North Canton community and beyond. It
11 might be interesting for some to learn that
12 they are the namesake for the beloved Price
13 Park.

14 Next slide. Henry Holl and Leonard
15 Willaman panel. On this panel, we have the
16 story of Henry Holl, a Civil War veteran and
17 local historian. In 1906, he published 165
18 biographies of various citizens of New
19 Berlin, which have become a rich source of
20 information for later historians.

21 On the right side of the panel, we learn
22 about Revolutionary War veteran Leonard
23 Willaman, who in 1807 began laying down a
24 legacy that would impact this town for
25 generations to come. This 200-year-old house

1 was located -- or is -- I'm sorry, is located
2 at 509 Summit Street, Southeast, and has a
3 century building plaque marker on it.

4 Next slide, please. The accomplishments
5 of the committee to date, including general
6 buy-in and the establishment of a broad-based
7 committee, recruitment of additional talented
8 people to contribute their various skills,
9 creation of mock panels to provide a visual
10 as proof of concept, successful writing of a
11 grant to secure most of the necessary funding
12 from the Herbert W. Hoover Foundation,
13 additional funding secured from the North
14 Canton Public Library, and a local family
15 donation, prizes gathered for the virtual
16 opening event held on July 4th weekend, and
17 determining the logistics of uploading the QR
18 code content onto a linked website.

19 Next slide, please. Things that we need
20 to accomplish are recording the local school
21 children narration of the panels, creating a
22 mechanism to activate the panel narration via
23 the QR code, finalizing the promotional
24 flier, running a press release to local
25 magazines, publications, newspapers, and

1 conducting a radio spot on WHBC, and
2 finalizing the QR code content. We have
3 determined that the cost of liability to
4 insure each panel will be a dollar per panel
5 for the North Canton Heritage Society.

6 Next slide, please. I'd just like to
7 thank you for the opportunity to share some
8 projects that could add some historical bling
9 and therefore enhance the charm of our
10 wonderful City. We would love to have the
11 backing of the City of North Canton on this
12 exciting community project. Thank you.

13 MR. FONTE: Thank you, Doug. Thank you.

14 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Doug.

15 MR. CERRETA: Doug, great job.

16 MR. STROIA: Thanks, Doug.

17 MR. CERRETA: Any comments anybody?

18 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. It's Councilman Foltz.
19 Is there a way that we can contribute and get
20 involved, you know, even as a City government
21 entity, but also as private donators to this?
22 I think it's an awesome concept, Doug. And
23 the committee did a wonderful job, Mark
24 included, administration, just to move this
25 forward.

1 I think it's a historic history lesson
2 that everybody can enjoy. So I'd like to
3 contribute to that. But I want to applaud --
4 applaud the efforts here. I'm looking
5 forward to this being installed.

6 MR. WECHTER: Thank you, Doug. If --
7 if -- right now, we are actually under
8 budget. So hopefully we will not have any
9 more financial needs for this phase. But
10 there will be two more phases, so we might
11 utilize your offer.

12 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. CERRETA: Anyone else?

14 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Doug, you say you
15 guys are under budget for phase one. Would
16 you be willing to come back prior to phase
17 two and three?

18 MR. WECHTER: Sure. Sure.

19 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I think that would be
20 great.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Uh-huh.

22 MR. CERRETA: You guys have any -- any
23 different ideas? Did you like the slides?
24 Are there any issues that you have
25 whatsoever? I knew you guys would love it,

1 first of all.

2 MR. FOLTZ: No. I think it's --

3 MR. PETERS: It's awesome.

4 MR. FONTE: Mark, it's Dom.

5 MR. FOLTZ: It's well done and thought
6 out. Yeah, I -- I applaud it.

7 MR. FONTE: Real quick. This is Dom. So
8 with the QR code, not only can you show
9 slides, pictures, you can also link it to
10 videos and information history as the
11 historic society puts things together. I
12 mean, it can be really as deep as you want to
13 go.

14 MR. WECHTER: That's a good point. So
15 the QR code offers a lot of flexibility
16 moving forward. You can have a theme added
17 to all the panels, maybe once a year or
18 whatever, or -- yeah, we have not at this
19 point done any other audio. But like we have
20 audio of some of the British children
21 evacuees that could be uploaded, or even the
22 Hoover Company song that they had that
23 they sing when you go to their museum. So,
24 yeah, good point, Dominic.

25 MR. FONTE: I mean, a lot of times, I'll

1 see people scan it, and then there is a
2 narration. So like -- like you or somebody
3 from the Historical Society could narrate a
4 small snippet on each sign besides going to
5 photos, history, dates, as well as video or
6 audio.

7 MR. WECHTER: Okay.

8 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, I probably should
9 give you his number, Dom. Dom has a lot of
10 experience in this, too. And as this code
11 thing is coming along, you guys can talk
12 about that. I'm sure --

13 MR. WECHTER: Yeah, we could use a little
14 of your expertise, I think. I don't know if
15 I covered it fully, but we are going to have
16 children narrate the panels, which is my
17 favorite part of this whole trail. So you
18 should be able to push a link or a button on
19 the QR code and local school children are
20 going to read you the panel.

21 MR. CERRETA: That's cool. Really cool.

22 MR. FONTE: Well thought out.

23 MR. CERRETA: So the -- the -- what do
24 you want to call it? The start of this thing
25 or announcement or the putting it out will be

1 July 4th is what they are looking at. So we
2 are going to probably need to put it on our
3 website and -- and get some things out for
4 that weekend, because this will be up and
5 running by that point. So this will be the
6 beginning of it, the grand presentation of
7 it, I guess. Isn't that correct, Doug?

8 MR. WECHTER: Yes. Yes.

9 MAYOR WILDER: Doug -- Doug Wechter,
10 Mayor Wilder, if I can interject. I always
11 like to let Council go first, and I think you
12 have heard some positive comments coming
13 from -- from Council. I'm impressed by the
14 well planning that you have put into this and
15 the historical facts that you are willing to
16 present.

17 I think something like this would really
18 enhance our -- our town center and bring
19 history to life in our community. As much as
20 we are changing and still going forward,
21 there is still that connection. And I think
22 you are doing that and the -- with the North
23 Canton Heritage Trail.

24 And as we have talked before, I think you
25 know that I think this would really be -- add

1 to the fabric of our community, and -- and,
2 again, just brings to life some of our past
3 history that some people may not -- may not
4 know. So, again, I yield to Council. But
5 you got the Mayor's support. Okay?

6 MR. WECHTER: Thank you. I appreciate
7 it. As Mark mentioned, this was not a
8 six-month project. It was multiple years.
9 And I didn't want to rush it. We are not --
10 we weren't looking to just throw something
11 down. We want to make it high quality, and
12 we were very detailed and trying to make
13 these look very professional, the way they
14 are -- the graphic design work and whatnot.
15 So --

16 MAYOR WILDER: Absolutely.

17 MR. WECHTER: -- thanks for everyone's
18 patience.

19 MAYOR WILDER: Thank you for the
20 presentation.

21 MR. CERRETA: Good job. Good job, Doug.
22 Thank you very much.

23 MR. STROIA: Great job.

24 MR. WECHTER: Thank you.

25 MR. PETERS: Yeah, thank you, Doug. Have

1 a great evening.

2 MR. WECHTER: All right.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, are we ready to
4 move on? Okay. There we go.

5 All right. Moving on to old business.
6 May I have a motion and a second to read by
7 title only Ordinance 25-21?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

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

11 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

12 MR. PETERS: Aye.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

15 MS. WERREN: Aye.

16 MR. FONTE: Aye.

17 MR. STROIA: Aye.

18 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

21 Ben.

22 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
23 953, municipal swimming pool, of the codified
24 ordinances of the City of North Canton,
25 specifically Section 953.02, daily rate, to

1 adjust weekend rates for Dogwood swimming
2 pool.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
4 Chairman Foltz.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Thank you. As it
6 reads, this is our third reading. I think we
7 have all had a chance to weigh in.

8 And without any other questions, I make a
9 motion to adopt the third reading of this
10 Ordinance 25-2021.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

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

13 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

14 MR. PETERS: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. FONTE: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

23 Thanks, Doug.

24 All right. May I have a motion and a
25 second to read by title only Ordinance 28-21?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
2 MS. WERREN: Werren seconds.
3 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.
4 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
5 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
6 MR. PETERS: Aye.
7 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
8 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
9 MS. WERREN: Aye.
10 MR. FONTE: Aye.
11 MR. STROIA: Aye.
12 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
13 (No response.)
14 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
15 Ben.
16 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending
17 Ordinance 55-2020 establishing a Designated
18 Outdoor Refreshment Area in the City of North
19 Canton in order to amend the geographic
20 boundaries, hours of operation, and
21 permissible cup fees.
22 MR. PETERS: Thank you.
23 Chairman Revoldt.
24 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you, Mr. President.
25 As we all know, the administration has

1 requested an amendment to the original DORA
2 ordinance for our consideration this night
3 tonight on the second reading. We are going
4 to shorten the operational period to
5 Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 11:00
6 p.m. And we are going to shrink the
7 footprint per the map before you.

8 Are there any questions or comments?

9 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta here. I'll make a
10 quick comment, just to clarify something from
11 the last time we talked about this. I did
12 contact Nik Pappas -- I think I mentioned
13 that to you -- most of you -- the owner of
14 Pav's. He says he is in favor of this, and
15 no one has really contacted him about it, but
16 he does agree that he thought it was just for
17 special events, and he would rather -- you
18 know, that makes a lot more sense than having
19 it every weekend. But I wanted to make sure,
20 clarify that he is in favor of it, and
21 that -- and, again, that's the only thing I
22 really have to say about it.

23 Again, I'm still not in support of it. I
24 think it's mirage legislation that we are
25 trying to be something we are not right now.

1 And if it was just in the downtown area, I
2 would be in favor of it, but for -- to go a
3 quarter of a mile, I think we are just
4 creating something that we are not. So I'm
5 going to maintain that I'm against it for
6 that reason.

7 MR. FONTE: Hey, Mark, this is Dom.
8 Thanks for your input, but I do believe we
9 are just like thinking ahead, long view.
10 This isn't something for today. This is
11 something to kick off what the long-term goal
12 is. And I think you guys are going to find
13 when the 720 Group comes, you're going to see
14 it's going to go over really well. And I
15 think once we get our feet wet and our
16 comfort zone up, we will be adjusting our
17 sail if we need be.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Well said. Anything else?
19 If not, I move we adopt -- Revoldt moves the
20 adoption of the second reading of Ordinance
21 28-21.

22 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

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

24 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

25 MR. PETERS: Aye.