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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
JUNE 17, 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, June 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

3 Doug Foltz, Council Vice President, Ward 1

4 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

5 Daryl Revoldt, At Large

6 Marcia Kiesling, At Large

7 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

8 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

9 Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration

10 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

11 Laura E. Brown, Director of Finance

12 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

13 Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of  
14 Administration and Development

15 David J. Held, Mayor

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1 MR. PETERS: Okay. Good evening. I'd like  
2 to call to order the committee of the whole meeting  
3 Monday, June 17, 2019, 7 p.m.

4 Laura, would you please call the roll.

5 MS. BROWN: Peters?

6 MR. PETERS: Here.

7 MS. BROWN: Foltz?

8 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

9 MS. BROWN: Cerreta?

10 MR. CERRETA: Here.

11 MS. BROWN: Revoldt?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

13 MS. BROWN: Kiesling?

14 MS. KIESLING: Here.

15 MS. BROWN: Werren?

16 MRS. WERREN: Here.

17 MS. BROWN: Fonte?

18 MR. FONTE: Here.

19 MS. BROWN: Seven present.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you very much.

21 First up, Finance and Property, Chairman  
22 Werren.

23 MRS. WERREN: Laura, I'm just going to see if  
24 you want to say anything about this.

25 MS. BROWN: Sure. Item A and Item B kind of

1 go hand in hand.

2 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

3 MS. BROWN: They're basically the same,  
4 except for the type of levy. Last week you guys  
5 approved sending those levies off to the county  
6 auditor.

7 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

8 MS. BROWN: I did that. They sent back a  
9 certification that 1 mill would generate \$369,221, so  
10 that for storm sewer and for street each. And then  
11 this is the second piece to put a levy on the ballot.  
12 This is actually the ballot language to submit to  
13 board of elections.

14 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

15 MR. PETERS: So A and B, does anybody -- is  
16 everyone in favor moving to the agenda? Daryl?

17 MR. REVOLDT: That's fine. But before we do  
18 that, if you would look on page 2 of each of those in  
19 the legal description as it will appear on the  
20 ballot, if you notice that we have on the first one  
21 we have ten cents and in the second one we have 10  
22 cents numerical. So could we have consistency in  
23 either one of those?

24 MR. PETERS: I see.

25 MR. REVOLDT: And we've got five years and

1 five and the numerical 5, so we just need on the  
2 first one just adds -- just add those in.

3 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Do you see that, Tim?

4 MRS. WERREN: That's funny.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

6 MS. BROWN: Actually, I think we've been  
7 taking those out of most legislation.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Well, then remove them.  
9 Whatever our preferred editorial style is.

10 MR. PETERS: So we have -- is everyone in  
11 favor of putting it on next week's agenda at  
12 emergency?

13 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, uh-huh.

14 MR. FONTE: Yes.

15 MR. PETERS: Item C.

16 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Laura, do you want to  
17 talk about that, this moving different funds around?

18 MS. BROWN: Sure. A couple years ago I asked  
19 council to create the capital reserve fund, a 335,  
20 and we did that. And last year we did our first  
21 transfer into that fund. This year we'll do it  
22 again. And basically what we do is we look at, in  
23 2018, what did department heads not spend out of  
24 their budget lines for things like supplies,  
25 materials, and then we allow them to carry that over

1 into this capital reserve fund. It's a little  
2 savings account. And we keep track of it by  
3 individual departments. So even within the general  
4 fund. Police, parks, Dogwood Pool, all those things.  
5 And then in future budget years, those departments  
6 can use those funds for capital purchases.

7 So this year we did better than last year.  
8 Last year we only did about -- I believe it was  
9 150,000, this year is about 335,000 that was not  
10 spent in '18 that we will then save for a rainy day  
11 for a capital purchase.

12 MRS. WERREN: And then there were times you  
13 said we're going to use those monies, I can't think  
14 specifically for certain projects, but -- right?  
15 Like, didn't we use it was some for the generator,  
16 was some for --

17 MS. BROWN: Not for the generator. We had --  
18 the only piece that's been used so far is there was a  
19 piece of equipment for the street department.

20 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

21 MS. BROWN: That's because salt was so much  
22 more expensive this year they didn't have a lot of  
23 extra operations money but they would pull from the  
24 capital reserve and still be able to get the kind of  
25 equipment. I believe it was the excavator.

1 MRS. WERREN: Got it.

2 MR. REVOLDT: So if I understand this, the  
3 typical complaint by any government is that as it  
4 ends the end of the fiscal year, various departments  
5 spend everything they can with the fear that their  
6 budgets will be lower or disrupted. But in this  
7 particular instance, what you're telling us is that  
8 our various departments have been good stewards of  
9 the public treasury and these are monies that have  
10 been unspent and will be held in reserve. In other  
11 words, they're being responsible.

12 MS. BROWN: That's right.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

14 MS. BROWN: We don't want anybody going the  
15 last week of December buying a lot of stuff they  
16 don't need just to spend that money.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

18 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor to put that  
19 on the budget -- budget. On the agenda?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

21 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. Done, Steph?

23 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

24 MR. PETERS: All right. At this time I need  
25 a motion and a second to amend the agenda to include

1 an item on Community and Economic Development.

2 MR. REVOLDT: I move we add Item 3 to the  
3 agenda under Community and Economic Development, and  
4 that item is the industrial commercial job creation  
5 incentive grant agreement.

6 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir.

7 MS. KIESLING: I'll second.

8 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.  
11 Chairman Kiesling.

12 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

13 MR. REVOLDT: We need to do 2 first.  
14 Personnel and Safety.

15 MS. KIESLING: Oh, jeez. Yeah.

16 MR. PETERS: I jumped ahead of myself.  
17 That's my committee as well. Personnel and Safety.  
18 Unbelievable.

19 Okay. We have a legislation request from  
20 Director DeOrion. Pat, do you want to give us a quick  
21 overview? And we have Chief Minnoch here.

22 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. I'm going to ask Chief  
23 John Minnoch to come up to the podium and be able to  
24 kind of, you know, lay out the narrative of where we  
25 are with -- my chair just collapsed.



1                   MAYOR HELD: Did you get that on camera?

2                   MR. DEORIO: The layout of the manpower with  
3 the police department, particularly as relates to the  
4 patrol. And as you know, we've done some things this  
5 year with the school resource officers and how that  
6 affects us and the agreement that we put together  
7 with the school and getting some additional funding  
8 from them. But we do have some manpower  
9 requirements. So, Chief, why don't you go ahead and  
10 talk about this because we've been working on this  
11 really since the last budget cycle on getting this  
12 piece moved forward.

13                   CHIEF MINNOCH: What this does is just get me  
14 back to having the same number of guys on the road  
15 that I had prior to giving two of them to the school  
16 district. I shouldn't say given to them because  
17 they're reimbursing us for the time. But we had had  
18 17 on the road and we were authorized 18 as a maximum  
19 by ordinance, so in dedicating two of those to the  
20 school district we did fill the 18th position but  
21 that still left me one short and we were not  
22 authorized to go beyond the 18. So this is  
23 authorizing us to go to 19, which is the 17 on the  
24 road that I had before plus two, and then we put a  
25 clause in there to make it contingent upon having

1           them dedicated and reimbursement from the school  
2           district so we don't end up with surplus people later  
3           on.

4           MR. PETERS: Chief, I have a question.

5           CHIEF MINNOCH: Sure.

6           MR. PETERS: How does this relate to -- say  
7           we have an officer that's being deployed. Are you --

8           CHIEF MINNOCH: It helps because I'm not  
9           short like I am now. But really wouldn't -- it  
10          wouldn't cover that per se because this, again, is  
11          based on having the funding coming in for the  
12          additional officer beyond -- I think beyond the 18.  
13          I don't have it in front of me, I'm sorry.

14          MR. PETERS: Okay.

15          CHIEF MINNOCH: Which we are facing that  
16          situation this fall. We have an officer in the Army  
17          Reserve who is going to be deployed for 13 months.  
18          We also have an officer that's been off on sick leave  
19          and we have an officer that just had a shoulder  
20          surgery. Which these things do happen. You have  
21          people get injured, you have people get ill, you have  
22          retirements, you know, and sometimes you have a  
23          couple months, it might take, or several months to  
24          get the position filled or somebody trained and  
25          that's just part of our, you know, our daily business

1 and we've been through that numerous times in the  
2 past. But having these two dedicated to the school  
3 district on top of that other business going on can  
4 really put us in a short situation on a pretty  
5 regular basis. I try not to play catch-up all the  
6 time.

7 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

8 MAYOR HELD: Chief, if you could just  
9 clarify. So typically in the city we have just over  
10 five square miles, and so we'll have, on any given  
11 shift, the total number of officers patrolling?

12 CHIEF MINNOCH: This could be -- including  
13 the shift sergeant, there should be a minimum of four  
14 for days and afternoons. Nights can be down to  
15 three. Typically there would be four on nights, and  
16 days and afternoons can range from four or five or  
17 six officers, depending on the rotation.

18 MAYOR HELD: So that's one of the advantages  
19 we have in North Canton is because we have a smaller  
20 geographic area to patrol, and that's why we get  
21 excellent coverage with the four to five police  
22 officers. And with the two police officers that are  
23 now covering the schools, the schools are paying for  
24 a large -- or for all the portion that they're being  
25 utilized at the school, which is about 70 percent?

1 CHIEF MINNOCH: It's 75. Nine months of the  
2 year we're receiving a check.

3 MAYOR HELD: So the school is paying for  
4 those police officers, and in the summertime you have  
5 them to utilize for patrol.

6 CHIEF MINNOCH: To a certain degree, but the  
7 school -- and a lot of people don't realize the  
8 investment that we have in that school safety  
9 program. In the summer, those guys have a big  
10 conference that they go to for the school resource  
11 program. We actually have additional officers beyond  
12 those two that are -- that go to building assessment  
13 training, they learn to teach the ALICE drills to the  
14 school staff. And then we generally discourage them  
15 from taking vacation through the school year as well,  
16 so that's when they're taking their time off is  
17 during the summer. So it's not like it's a bunch of  
18 extra people because there's a lot of extra  
19 responsibilities going on with that.

20 MAYOR HELD: And also, too, this is a part of  
21 the plan because you've had, you know, redeveloping  
22 the security plan for the schools. And that's in  
23 process coming in the final stages too.

24 CHIEF MINNOCH: Uh-huh.

25 MAYOR HELD: And we've been working on that,

1 we've been working on that for the past year.

2 CHIEF MINNOCH: Pretty much the past school  
3 year to get their assessments done, their personnel  
4 interviews and that kind of thing.

5 MAYOR HELD: So we should be ready to go,  
6 ready to go by the next school -- school year.

7 MS. BROWN: Just a point of clarification.  
8 The chief had mentioned that 18 officers, and the  
9 number in the ordinance is still 18. But if you look  
10 at the paragraph just above the chart, it says that  
11 the department can't exceed that number unless  
12 additional budgeted positions receive funding from  
13 outside sources by written agreement. And that's  
14 something the chief and I went -- kind of went back  
15 and forth on and work on together. Because, you  
16 know, I didn't want -- not that he would do this, but  
17 I didn't want a future chief to just run wild and  
18 have a blank check of officers. So it has to have  
19 outside funding by written agreement and then those  
20 positions be budgeted as well.

21 MR. REVOLDT: You answered my question.  
22 Thank you.

23 MS. BROWN: You're welcome.

24 MR. CERRETA: Hey, John, if you don't mind me  
25 asking, what would happen -- I don't know what the

1 contract is. If the school decided to get their own  
2 two officers then at that point and give us ours  
3 back.

4 CHIEF MINNOCH: From outside? From a  
5 different source?

6 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

7 CHIEF MINNOCH: That was something I spent  
8 some time on up front and we actually got them into  
9 different length agreements, which I felt covered us  
10 pretty well. I believe the first one is a three-year  
11 and the second one was a five. So that put us out  
12 beyond several anticipated retirements. So that --  
13 and they have to give us the year's notice, too. So  
14 we'll be in a good position if they do decide to do  
15 something different. We'll have a vacancy anyway.  
16 We won't have to worry about any layoffs or anything  
17 like that.

18 MR. CERRETA: Good. Thank you.

19 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

20 MR. PETERS: Any other questions for chief?

21 MRS. WERREN: Makes sense.

22 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Chief.

23 Okay. Everyone in favor of moving that  
24 forward?

25 MR. CERRETA: Yes.

1 MS. KIESLING: Yeah.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Now, next up we have  
3 Community and Economic Development. Chairman  
4 Kiesling.

5 MS. KIESLING: Yes. We had an exciting  
6 announcement this afternoon. We landed Diebold  
7 Nixdorf into our facility across the street. We have  
8 a -- they signed a five-year lease with IRG, and we  
9 are -- we have created this job creation incentive  
10 grant agreement with them giving them 50 percent of  
11 their income tax back over the next five years. 50  
12 each year over the next five years. So we'll collect  
13 all of the income tax and give them back 50 percent  
14 at the end of each year.

15 Anything else to add, Pat?

16 MR. DEORIO: The standard clauses in there  
17 concerning if they don't meet the incentive agreement  
18 what happens, and this isn't the council's first  
19 endeavor with this. You did this for Akron  
20 Children's, so a lot of the language is very similar.  
21 It's just been modified to accommodate them a little  
22 bit more specifically. Laura, I'm sure, could tell  
23 you that, you know, by the time they pay the income  
24 tax and goes through RITA and comes back through here  
25 and gets there, it's 18 months into the future

1 before, you know, any of that's eligible to be paid  
2 to them.

3 On the split side, the 50 percent to the  
4 company and then the other 50 percent, 45 percent  
5 would be for the city, 5 percent to the CIC.

6 MS. KIESLING: It is extremely exciting. We  
7 get to send some money back, recharge our CIC, which  
8 is the first time we've really done that other than  
9 putting our own income tax money into it.

10 MRS. WERREN: Pat, was this the one where you  
11 talked about helping them with some moving expenses  
12 before, too, and kind of being creative with any of  
13 that, or no?

14 MR. DEORIO: This -- I think that is what  
15 you're looking at, that real creative part came out  
16 of the CIC.

17 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

18 MR. DEORIO: So this part is really the --  
19 what you see from, you know, most municipalities --

20 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

21 MR. DEORIO: -- in trying to lure jobs into  
22 cities is offering some type of income tax incentive.

23 MRS. WERREN: Right. Okay.

24 MS. KIESLING: If everybody is okay, we're  
25 going to put it on the agenda tonight; correct?



1 MR. DEORIO: No, next week.

2 MS. KIESLING: No, it is next week. Okay.

3 Good.

4 MR. PETERS: Is anybody opposed to putting an  
5 emergency provision in there? Is everybody going to  
6 be here next week, the 24th?

7 MS. KIESLING: Is everybody going to be here?

8 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

9 MS. KIESLING: Okay. I put it on and put it  
10 with an emergency.

11 MR. CERRETA: Good job. Good job with that.

12 MS. KIESLING: Thank you.

13 MR. REVOLDT: I was just going to add, the  
14 incentive package is not -- or let me rephrase that.

15 The incentive package nicely corresponds to  
16 what CIC offered to Myers Controlled Power. Total  
17 all-in costs. And as we know that that particular  
18 project produced a nice ROI and saw subsequent job  
19 gain and long-term -- long-term presence here. So I  
20 think this lays the foundation for it again. It's  
21 not out of line.

22 MR. CERRETA: I think one of the greatest  
23 incentives that we have is to get people over there.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Absolutely.

25 MR. CERRETA: The more people are there, the

1 more -- I think we mentioned that, Dave mentioned  
2 that, we were talking in the back of the room. The  
3 more people we can get down here, the more businesses  
4 will reap that in and maybe across the street there  
5 we'll start seeing that there is an area that they  
6 need to work on to make that area more presentable  
7 for all the people coming into town. So I'm  
8 encouraged about that.

9 MR. FONTE: Pat, so they're saying 215 on the  
10 jobs, and what they think it will project, so it's  
11 performance based. Like they can't get 215 jobs? Or  
12 if they get 250 jobs, what's the incentive like?

13 MR. DEORIO: Well, you're going to be looking  
14 at the payroll, so it's 8.4 million, just under  
15 8.4 million that they need to get to. Whether they  
16 get that with, you know, 215 or they do it with 220  
17 or 210, whatever it is, but they got to get that  
18 8.4 million. And then as we've done before, if -- if  
19 you don't hit it, if you miss it by a mile, like you  
20 only get 50 percent of that number, you're going to  
21 miss out on your incentive. But if you get  
22 75 percent of that threshold, you're still eligible.  
23 You may not receive it, but you're eligible to get it  
24 in future years if your payroll exceeds the  
25 8.4 million. Say it's 9.4 million, then we would

1 allow you to apply excess payroll from, say, 2021  
2 back to 2020 if you missed it in 2020. So it's  
3 unique.

4 MR. FONTE: Performance based then.

5 MR. DEORIO: It's definitely performance  
6 based. They have to hit the numbers. If they don't  
7 hit it, they don't get it.

8 MR. FONTE: I like that.

9 MAYOR HELD: And the other point, too, we're  
10 collecting the income tax. So it's not like we're  
11 advancing an incentive to them through this income  
12 tax. We collect it, and based on the amount that we  
13 collect and based on their performance, then we'll --  
14 we will issue a, you know, a grant back to them. So  
15 in that respect, we're, you know, we're ensuring  
16 compliance.

17 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

18 MAYOR HELD: And the same with the CIC,  
19 Community Improvement Corporation, which we approved  
20 that earlier tonight, it's the same thing. That  
21 we're reimbursing for the permits and plans  
22 examination up to a hundred thousand dollars. But in  
23 the event that they were to -- and that's something  
24 that is done more up front. But if they were, you  
25 know, the lease says five years, so let's say if they

1 left in the first year, it's -- they have to pay  
2 back.

3 MR. DEORIO: 100 percent.

4 MAYOR HELD: 100 percent. Second year,  
5 75 percent. Third year, 50 percent. Fourth year --

6 MR. DEORIO: 25.

7 MAYOR HELD: -- 25. So really the agreement  
8 covers -- covers the city.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Good stuff.

10 Okay. Before we adjourn out of this  
11 committee meeting, a couple housekeeping measures  
12 regarding the meeting. Upcoming meeting schedule.  
13 Just a reminder, regular council meeting next Monday  
14 the 24th. I'll have committee on the 1st of July.  
15 We need to schedule a special council -- or we have  
16 already scheduled that, Laura?

17 MS. BROWN: No, we need to schedule that  
18 tonight.

19 MR. PETERS: Okay. So --

20 MS. BROWN: With the topics that it's going  
21 to cover that we talked about.

22 MR. PETERS: Yeah. The capital reserve  
23 transfer and police authorized manpower. So but at  
24 this time I'll entertain a motion and a second to  
25 schedule a special council meeting July 1 for second

1 reading of the capital reserve transfer and police  
2 authorized manpower.

3 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

4 MRS. WERREN: Second.

5 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

8 And that will follow -- okay. Then on the  
9 8th will be our last regular council meeting before  
10 the break. Okay.

11 MR. FOLTZ: We're going to do a motion for  
12 the transfer for the committee.

13 MS. KIESLING: We're not doing the first  
14 reading tonight.

15 MR. FOLTZ: Right. Yeah. We'll just do it  
16 next week.

17 MR. PETERS: Okay. That concludes this  
18 agenda. I'll entertain a motion and a second to  
19 adjourn out of this meeting.

20 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

22 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. We  
25 are adjourned.


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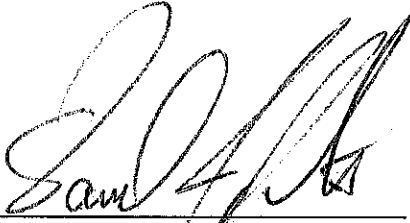
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(Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.)

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Attest:

  
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Laura E. Brown  
Director Finance

  
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Daniel Jeff Peters  
City Council President

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