

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NORTH CANTON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

1. Call to Order

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, September 10, 2018, 7:06 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer - Jake Tovissi, Canton Baptist Church gave the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Clerk, please call the roll.

Roll call found the following Council members in attendance: Cerreta, Foltz, Fonte, Peters, Revoldt and Werren.

Thus having 6 in attendance.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to excuse Member Kiesling.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Yeah, she will be joining us shortly.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Motion and a second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to excuse Councilwoman Kiesling.

\*\*\*Councilwoman Kiesling arrived at 7:27p.m.

Also present: Mayor Held, Director DeOrio, Deputy Director Farina, Engineer Graham, Law Director Fox and Finance Director Brown.

5. Consideration

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you very much. At this time, motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: August 27, 2018

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: August 27, 2018

Special Council Meeting Minutes: September 5, 2018

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to approve as presented.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to approve the above minutes.

6. Recognition of Visitors:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, before we have recognition of visitors, I'm going to turn it over to the Law Director. He's got a little housekeeping measure to make us aware of. So, Tim?

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Thank you, Mr. President. The past couple of days we had a couple eagle eye residents that thankfully pointed out a couple issues that occurred with our last Planning Commission meeting. And they were spot on one issue and just slightly off on a second. So I want to point those two issues out. Because they're certainly substantive for an item that would have come to us pretty quickly. The first was, well actually both of them were related to looking at a map change for the Main Street Business District. And the first concern was whether or not notice was provided to all of those that have parcels within 200 feet of the Main Street Business District. Now, for changing the map for 10 parcels or fewer, that does require notice by regular mail. However, beyond 10 parcels and certainly the entire Main Street Business District would contemplate more than 10 parcels. Notice then is provided by being placed in the local newspaper, in the Repository. So when the Planning Commission met, I believe in good faith, they believed that notice had been provided properly, because they were provided with a document that states "notice." And in this document it did have three of the items that were on the agenda, two of those had withdrawn at the meeting. But it did include in the notice, discussion and adoption of the Main Street Business District map. However, there was a second document called the legal notice of the public meeting. And once we had obtained from the clerk, we haven't obtained an affidavit, and that's what the Repository provides. But they did print out what was printed in the newspaper. It had the three items that were listed to be heard before the Planning Commission. But it did not include discussion of the Main Street Business District. And so because that was not properly published and notice, their recommendation to include that map as a recommendation for Council to adopt, must be re-accomplished. And so that will be scheduled at that the next meeting. We

thank them both for letting us know that. It would have been much worse had a decision been made based on a parcel being included in the Main Street Business District. And then finding out that the notice wasn't proper, it would invalidate that as well. So, the first one that noticed that was Miriam Baughman, quickly followed by Chuck Osborne. So, thank them for that. That's all I have.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Good stuff. All right, thank you, Tim. At this time, if you wish to address Council please step forward, state your name and address.

**CHUCK OSBORNE:** (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I've spoken to this body before regarding our Planning Commission. And instead of things getting better, the way it's conducted, the way applicants are treated, it has really declined. I think the last time I spoke, applicants aren't being guided, advised. That's a big problem. As Mr. Fox pointed out, I've given you several documents here. The first one is the Planning Commission agenda. As you see it's titled "Public Hearing and Adjudication Hearings." But there's no break out of what the public hearings were about. The topics. Nothing. You should have had a public hearing for the conditional use, and a public hearing as Mr. Fox said for the Main Street Business. I am not a big proponent on this big Main Street Business, up and down North Main Street. Many of these properties need to be zoned out of existence. How long are you going to keep 80 to 100 year old homes functional for today's needs? I also have a great deal of concern about this whole PAV's mess. And that's what it has been from day one. The Repository ran a story here on the second, and PAV's is basically complaining "we would ask for provisions or variances, and they would deny us every time. Our zoning is being called restrictive." Well yes, zoning is restrictive. That's why you have it. When this was initially approved a year ago, Mr. McCleaster was very alert to ask where is all this overflow parking going to be put. They presented a license, claiming they could use the gas station property next door. A license, the full name of it is revocable license. And yet, after the PAV's people presented it as a license, suddenly Mr. Fry and Mr. Fox started calling it a lease. Which cast a whole different view and understanding of the situation. And I've given you stuff off the internet, what's the difference between a lease and a license. And I've given you the actual license. And on page 2 it says it can be revoked. It can be gone just like that. So you have no assurance that you're going to have parking tomorrow. That they can use for overflow parking. At any rate, last Wednesday's meeting, well, I called it a circus. It was very obviously they were very unprepared, unprofessional. I even asked the clerk who drafted the agenda, "where's the public hearings?" "I don't know" is what she said. I asked one of the Planning Commission members, he didn't know. How is a regular every day citizen going to look at that and find any meaningful information? I have never seen such an unprofessional, inept group of people. Another question here, is interference from the Administration. The whole PAV's situation has been going on for a year. They've been frustrated because the Planning Commission meeting, they didn't know how to deal with this, because they didn't meet code. Period. So, they sent it to the Zoning Board of Appeals. They couldn't give variances, because it didn't meet any kind of code. This has bounced back and forth, and finally we had pressure from Mr. DeOrio here. The Administration is now just pushing to get this approved. That is not how this process should work. You have given them laws and procedures to follow, let your designated members do their job. So, all I have seen is the deterioration in the way this city continues to run. And it's going to have to get better. The last thing you see I handed out, I think your Law Director misrepresented that license as a lease. And it's all detailed in the video. And I presented that to the Stark County Bar, and as Mr. Fox continues to enjoy, they said you were wrong. We all know they're not going to punish an attorney unless he has committed murder. Anything short of that, and they're not going to do a thing. So, I still maintain... .

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Mr. Osborne.

**CHUCK OSBORNE:** And is detailed in everything I've got there.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** I gotch ya. Thank you.

**CHUCK OSBORNE:** And please, I don't want to see your self-appointed Council spokesman berating us out here.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** You've had five minutes, thank you, sir. I appreciate the time. All right, anyone else wishing to address Council, please step forward state your name and address.

**MELANIE J ROLL:** 308 Portage Street. I too, want to speak on the Main Street Business District, which I'm actually a proponent for, if everybody is notified of what's going to happen in their surrounding properties. But what happened at the Planning meeting last Wednesday was unfortunate at best. It's my understanding that Council did their job on this Main Street Business District. There was a resolution, first reading was October 9, 2017, second reading on October 23, 2017, third reading on November 13, 2017. I don't know what happens after that. I assume that somebody notifies the chair of the Planning Commission. But I don't know that for sure. So that would be helpful if that information could be provided. But, it was very unclear at the meeting of the Planning Commission on Wednesday, of what public hearing was for what category. Just for the record, I did get up and ask when the meeting first started "is this the public hearing for the Main Street Business District?" Someone said "yes." Then my second question was "has it been notified in the Repository newspaper?" And the answer was "yes, it had been." I think that letting people know what's going on in the City, and I want to know that things are done as they should be. People are notified that should be notified. I wasn't aware of the parcel number and folks not being needed to be notified if it was more than 10, I believe you said. So, that's good information. But people get notifications and they're not really sure what it all means. So if the letter that people do get could be more specific in what's going on in their neighborhood. That would be helpful. And surely some kind of notification that there is a public hearing. I think it's only good process. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, anyone else wishing to address Council? Okay, we'll move onto new business. May I have

a motion and a second to read by title only first reading of Ordinance No. 58 – 2018?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT**: So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA**: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 58 – 2018.

7. New Business

8. Ordinance No. 58 - 2018 Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

An ordinance amending CHAPTER 1151 - SIGNS, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, specifically Section 1151.16(b)(1)(c).

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS**: Thank you, Chairman Revoldt.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT**: This is part of an effort to update our sign ordinance. And this has gone to Planning Commission for its recommendation review. We will have a public hearing for this later in October, on the 8<sup>th</sup> prior to a third and final vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS**: Is that it?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT**: That is it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS**: Motion and a second to adopt.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ**: Motion.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA**: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 58 – 2018

ORDINANCE NO. 58 – 2018 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS**: Thank you, onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only second reading of Ordinance No. 55 – 2018?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ**: So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA**: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 55 - 2018.

9. Old Business

10. Ordinance No. 55 - 2018 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a contract for professional auction services for the sale of vehicles and equipment that are obsolete, or unfit for public use, or not needed for municipal purposes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS**: Thank you, Chairwoman Werren.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN**: So this is I think the third time we've talked about this. So if there's no other questions, I move to adopt.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ**: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 55 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 55 – 2018 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS**: All right, thank you. Motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 56 – 2018?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ**: So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 56 – 2018.

11. Ordinance No. 56 - 2018

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into contracts for the sale of certain City vehicles, on file with the Administrator's office, that are obsolete, or not needed, or are unfit for public use, and that because the City has need of other vehicles of the same types, it will be in its best interest that the sale of the obsolete, unneeded, or unfit vehicles be made simultaneously with the purchase of new vehicles of the same types, and have the selling prices credited against the purchase prices of the new vehicles.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairwoman Werren.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Again, we've talked about this. This is very customary that we do every single year. So if there are no other questions, I move to adopt.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 56 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 56 – 2018 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you. Reports, Member Fonte?

12. Reports – Council

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** I just wanted to say that I've been monitoring the Zimber Ditch area all around town. Over the course of the rain it was nice steady rain, I was concerned. But everything looked good. We didn't have any issues, no complaints. Also I just want to say, you know, I surely remember the day 9/11 happened. I was on my way to a sales meeting, and I saw the whole thing on TV while I was getting dressed. And, you know, it was definitely a wakeup call. So, it's been several years, you know, many years. But boy, I'll tell you, that changed everything. So, I just want to say, keep everybody in your prayers. And we'll just keep a vigil, keep our eyes open.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Werren?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Just I wanted to thanks again to Rob for all the help you have been on our parks. And just all the road paving. I go up and down Easthill and South Main a lot, and they did a really good job of even if traffic got backed up, whether it was the police helping or the road crews, and really marking those lanes. They did, I mean it was a lot, and for a while. So, thank you to everybody who helped with that. And I didn't get to thank Brian Hill last time. But he's helping me with some park projects as well. And got back to me immediately. He went out to the site, and I think that's what you get always with Brian. So, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Revoldt?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Cerreta?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** One thing, I wanted to aim it towards Laura Brown, who got the award here recently for our auditors. I think that's a congratulations to her. One of my favorite superhero quotes is "it's not, I believe, who you are that defines you, basically, you know, we're Mayor, we're Councilmen, we're Finance Director, but it's what you do." And we want to thank you for what you're doing there making a difference over there. I think it helps all of us, I think as members or representative of our community want to thank you for leading the charge over there. And your people, you've got some great people over there. So that's all I have.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Foltz.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Thank you, just to piggyback on Member Werren's comments. Brian Hill is an excellent employee. I've known that for years. Probably last 25 years. But it's just refreshing when you call people, and the Administration too, Pat and everybody, Engineer and Laura. You get Johnny on the spot, gets right back to you and takes care of it, and lets you know what's going on. So, that's a reflection of City government, the Administration. Having good people working for you. So, I just wanted to make sure, pass those compliments onto them. It's important to have good people. Make a difference.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Director of Law?

13. Reports

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Yes, sir. Just two quick things. One, is to point out the parking agreement that's provided in our codified ordinance, it does not state whether it's required to be a lease or a license. What you've been presented this evening from a resident, is actually Connecticut law. That's not relevant here in North Canton. The only thing that's required in the parking lot agreement, according to the ordinance, is a binding agreement between the parties. Whether it's a lease or a license, a contract, agreement. Essentially, they're all the same to make this work. All of them are revocable under different conditions. So, that's really a moot point. The second is an item that I wanted to point out, from the thoughtfulness and generosity of a Canton resident. A local artist, his name is Ted Lawson. And the reason I'm bringing him up is that a few weeks ago, we had a requirement for an indigent burial. And we haven't had this happen for five, six years. And the situation when it presents itself is the Coroner's office will contact us and let us know that someone passed away in the City, and no one has claimed their remains. And it's the responsibility of the City, or a township to take care of the burial and expenses for that. And I received a message from Mr. Lawson, and the message was simply that he wanted to point out that he didn't believe the person really was indigent. He wanted to speak to me about that. And so first I thought it just might have been someone that may have been a neighbor or someone that knew the deceased and simply wanted to say they weren't indigent and so you should do something about that. But what he did was he told me that he became the special administrator of the estate. And his relationship with the deceased, he was willing to take that position. And the important thing about him notifying me that they opened a case in the probate court, that they opened an estate, is that he had no obligation whatsoever to let me know that the City has an opportunity to simply file its claim with the estate. File the invoice that we had paid, and in Ohio within 180 days after a person passes away, if they have an estate open, if you've not filed a claim then you're not permitted to file a claim. Your time has lapsed, the probate court will look at the assets and claims against the estate, they will rack and stack the claims based on the type of claim. And ours is certainly one of the top ones. So, I want to point certainly it very kind of him, he just said he thought it was the right thing to do. That the estate, he felt she and her family would feel obligated if indeed that was case for someone to, you know, perhaps this was a situation where family lives out of state. We certainly don't know. But it certainly was very kind and courteous of him to put us on notice that the estate has been opened. He asked me how I thought it should be handled. He was ready to write us a check. I asked him if he had an attorney, and he said yes. And I said that was good, and that I would contact his attorney, and I'll file some paperwork, it looks as though it's a little bit kind of blunt and straightforward. But it is the way that the probate court requires that a claim to be filed. So I let him know that I would be obligated to file one of the forms that the probate court has. And I'll send him a letter, as well as his attorney by certified mail. Which I did. And so it appears that the City will be reimbursed for that indigent estate out of the kindness of Mr. Lawson, and the estate of the deceased.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Good of Mr. Lawson. All right, let the reflect Member Kiesling joined us. Marcia, we've already gone through Council reports, do you have anything?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** I do not.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Finance Director Brown.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** I'll just thank Mr. Cerreta for his nice comments. I'll pass those onto the team. And no report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Director of Administration?

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Just one item. Minor in case members of the aesthetics committee pick up on. But the drinking fountain out here between the Huntington and City Hall, was replaced. I was not happy with the drinking fountain that was there. When it was first installed I had inspected it, tested it, and I felt that the spout that was used to fill up your water bottle didn't line up properly with the drain hole. So that if you turned the water on first it misses the drain, and water goes down the side and onto the cement. Unacceptable. So, I wanted it replaced. And this is Brian Hill's department, and Brian Hill worked on it for a long time. We actually had a replacement come in. The shipper damaged it in such, that when we opened the box it just fell out in pieces. So, we had to ship that one back. We got another one in, and the company was so grateful for our patience that they upgraded us to a better model. And the color that we wanted originally, which is black. And so that's out there and it looks so much better. Thank you. That's all.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Pat. Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR HELD:** So, when it comes to, Chuck, I'll bring up your comments about the Permits Department. It's always been a goal here at the City, that we want the absolute best service possible from every department. That's always our goal. And in the Finance Department, you can't get a higher distinction than having a perfect audit. We know that when we take care of the finances and we take care of the safety, that's a large portion of, of what is required to keep the City running. So with the Permit Department, and I've talked with the members of Council about this too. We're, the first phase of this continuous improvement process was separating the Economic Development from the Permits. Because we felt that there was a conflict there, where you're trying to pull the businesses in. And at the same time the person who's trying to pull the businesses in is also responsible for enforcement of the permits, and the process and the nuisances. So we've done that, we've separated it. And now the Administrator, and the Administration is taking care of the Economic Development. And the Permits is separate. So, with that we've brought in our new Superintendent and we have some additional employees down there. And so there's really two things. Balancing the enforcement, making sure that we're enforcing the code, and the state code. But at the same time, giving timely service to the residents. And the code clearly, I think, if there were complaints it's been on the side of being too rigid. And that's been a pretty common complaint. But at the same time, you know, if it's what the local code is or the state code, you don't have a choice, but to enforce that. So that's #1. And if there's a problem with it, then we can always change it. You know, here locally. You can't change the state code. But that's one issue that we're looking at. But that ties into the second issue, which is

the service. And that's what we're going to be focusing on, is giving more timely service. And also just making sure that we're getting satisfaction from the businesses and also the residents. So what are we doing? Patrick is, made this one of his top priorities. He and Cathie, now that they're up here in this office, they are pulling the Permits Department up to City Hall. And that will do a couple of things. When there's people that are on vacation, or they call in sick, if we have a limited number of personnel, now we'll have backup up here. So, we know that we're going to have better, more people to provide better service. And then we want, and Patrick can actually share this with you, because it's his idea. He wants to bring a more systematic approach to the Permits Department. So if you look at all of the departments, just like he ran down at the City of Canton, with the tickets, people bring down their municipal court tickets, and you talk about a volume of residents that come through that municipal court. I mean it is nonstop. Making payments, seeing the judge. So Patrick actually totally revamp that when he was down there. And it's really one of the most efficient departments in, I believe, in the State of Ohio, when you look at municipal courts. So, he's going to do the same thing to our Permits Department. Have everything be processed oriented. Because we are recognizing that one of the things that I think is a weakness is that there's too many steps. And Laura, you know this being in finance. That are being recreated. You know, letters that are being recreated. It's going to be more systematic. Which will free up more time. And it will be more efficient. And then we're going to make the information that's given to the contractors and the residents, because we've talked about this with our Councilmembers. That it has to be easier for the residents. There can't be any confusion, as far as, you know, the time. If you turn in a permit, when is it going to be approved? What are the requirements for the resident, and for the business owners? And so I can assure you that is going to improve. And we're going to make it one of the best Permit Departments around. But, it's going to take a little bit of time. But we're starting with bringing up the department to City Hall.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** In two weeks.

**MAYOR HELD:** In two weeks. So that's good news. So I know that Chuck, you're points are well taken and we've spoken with the Councilmembers on this. We're not ignoring it. And it's going to be addressed. And that's all I have.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Engineer?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just a few quick updates for you. Our South Main Street repaving project, the asphalt work is all done. That new polymer asphalt is down, and rides quite nice. The thermal plastic markings the striping, that's due to be put down within the next couple of weeks. We want that asphalt to season a little bit, before we get that down. We've got six manholes to adjust. But other than the striping, and manhole adjustment, and just clean up, you know, that job is basically done. But a little bit more inconvenience ahead. Speaking of inconvenience. We're going to get started on West Maple Street, right outside the building here, tomorrow. We're going to have daily closures, for probably three weeks. Just close it off its safest. We have an easy detour route, literally around the building with Ream, Charlotte and North Main. So I hope to get that wrapped up and without traffic on it, it should go a lot quickly. Obviously, a lot a safer. We'll work with the bank and with the businesses right here, the hearing aid place, and just work with them. And they're aware it's coming. I've already talked to St. Paul's. And lastly, Price Park Path, you know, the northern loop was supposed to start today. Thanks to three and half inches of rain beside the Zimber Ditch. We're going to put that off till our contractor feels more comfortable starting the middle of next week. They pushed it back. I think it's a good decision. The worst thing you could do is get in there and make a swampy mess. So, it was a good decision on their part. Other than that, that completes my report, Mr. President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you very much. Deputy Director Farina?

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR FARINA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just have a quick update to announce that the City of North Canton currently has three open positions. They are a part-time client coordinator in the utility billing. We have a full-time administrative assistant, and a school crossing guard. So we'll begin taking applications, resumes for those positions. And welcome new people to employ with the City of North Canton.

**MAYOR HELD:** And the crossing guard is part-time. No full-time crossing guards.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Madam Clerk?

**COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY:** No report.

14. Final Call for New Business:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Daryl, did you have something?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Yeah, just wanted, just a quick comment to the Mayor's discussion about code enforcement. Had an opportunity review the City's housing code today. And it's sort of my sense there's a huge gap between the code as its written, and enforcement. And I think it's really critical that we devise a plan and get on some of these, these residences that are far outside compliance. Language is clear, it's very precise, and we need to find ways to communicate to those property owners that there is a higher expectation that are currently delivering. And I know we want to be understanding and sympathetic, but the bottom line is this, a broken window damages the entire neighborhood. And I think we've got to do that. I think the second thing is this, and I listened to Chuck just briefly. I'm probably behind Chuck, I'm the oldest guy here in the room. And as I look at our business zoning, I think it's important to understand the context in which that zoning was written. In the last '60's and early '70's. It was designed for suburban community. The one that the people who envisioned this building and constructed the

Hoover Headquarters wanted to conceive. And that business area was essentially north of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and south of Schneider. It was never designed for what I call old North Canton. The central corridor. And this is the challenge Chuck that we have is, and this is why I think this business corridor is so important to us. It's the very area that we think provides the strongest opportunity for growth and development. But it's the one in which the zoning ordinance written in the '70's doesn't work. It just doesn't. And so we've got come up with some ideas regarding parking and outdoor use, and patio dining and all the things that we believe are important. We're going to have to have some latitude to make that work in that old area. And again, it's the zoning ordinance works fine at Washington Square. It works great at ACME. Works wonderfully on South Main Street. But it doesn't work in the core. And if, we have two choices. We can sit aside and say "well, we can't make it work, and you know we can't find enough parking. And we can't do this, or we can't do that." Or we can try and get creative. And I think our future depends upon our ability to be creative. I mean using good judgment along the way. But again, I think and Chuck's got a point, is we need to make sure that we're business friendly, as we go through this. We have a Planning Commission that's fully staffed up. The Planning Commission understand what's at stake. We get a decision that's good and sound. And get some business on its way. Let them take care of their stuff, we'll take care of ours, and be done with it.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** If we had the Main Street Business District that would solve a lot of the problems. And remember this is since from '03. You know, '03 this was put in place and it slept until last year. And it took a whole year to get it to the goal line. And we're not there yet. And this would have solved the whole PAV's issue anyhow. You know, honestly. And again, zoning. So, so, we need it.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Yep, okay. That's my monologue.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Well, I would like to respond. You know, certainly what we've heard here is nothing new. Okay. So, it shouldn't come as a revelation to anybody that what we're attempting to do, we've attempted to do for a while. But now we're actually got the requisite number of people here that can execute on the mission and we're doing that very thing. So we're working with a group now to put together a downtown redevelopment district. A DRD. It's the latest thing out of Columbus. Kirk Schuring invented it. There's, you know, a couple dozen maybe tops in Ohio. Canton has one. We're going to get at least one. We're going to get more than one. Because we want to identify those areas in this community that are in need of some redevelopment opportunity. And we think this is a means to do it. In conjunction with that, we're looking at innovation districts within the DRDs. We're looking at entertainment districts within the DRDs. There's a whole host of things that we are pushing forward, getting things together. And you all will be involved in that. But I didn't want you to think that we're just sitting here, you know, idly waiting for opportunities. We're creating those opportunities. And as far as the Building Department goes, I don't want to belabor it, but these are issues that we've been working on, and had dialogues with all of you members on Council, you know, for a year. Well, you know, there's change in leadership at the first of the year and now we're executing on plans that were developed then to get this department here. And, you know, why it was ever let go the further away from it is, the harder it is to manage. We want it here where we can manage it. We can be more involved in it making sure things are getting done right. You talk about the housing code. Something that Doug and I've talked about, we want to get there. And we think that when we get everybody here, we'll be able to drive this home. And in addition to that is a commercial building code. There isn't one now in North Canton. So if it's a commercial property that's falling into disrepair, we don't really have a mechanism to make them fix it up. Those are things we want to address. But we feel that we can do that once we get people here and we can be involved with them on a day to day basis. Monitoring them, managing them, setting the expectations. So, thank you.

15. September Meeting Schedule:

Monday, September 17, 2018 - Committee of the Whole meeting  
Monday, September 24, 2018 – Council meeting

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, as it relates to the remainder of our legislative schedule for the month of September. I want to entertain a motion and a second to move the Committee of the Whole meeting to Monday, September 24.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to reschedule the Committee of the Whole meeting from Monday, September 17, 2018 to Monday, September 24, 2017.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** So there will be no meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** No, I don't think we're going to have a quorum.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Yeah, that's the other point of moving that, is that will be no meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY:** Mr. President, do you want that to follow the Council meeting then?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Yes.

16. Adjourn:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

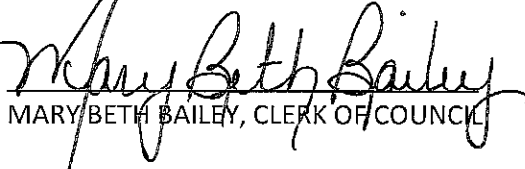
**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to adjourn.

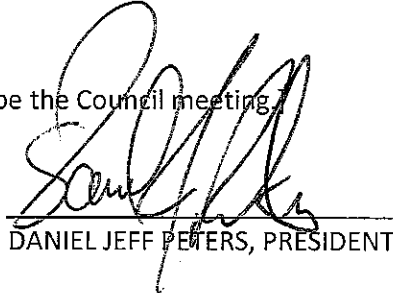
**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to adjourn.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, we are adjourned.

[Let the record reflect Charles Osborne set up a tripod and appeared to videotape the Council meeting.]

  
MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT