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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

REGULAR

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. 20 10

CALL TO ORDER:

1. The council meeting was called to order Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council Daryl Revoldt.

OPENING PRAYER:

2. The opening prayer was delivered President of Council Daryl Revoldt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Revoldt: Clerk, would you please call the roll.

4. The following members of Council responded to roll call: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt and Snyder. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Wise, Director of Law Nilges, Director of Finance Zumbar, Director of Economic Development Bowles, Superintendent of Streets & Utilities Chufar, Chief of Police Grimes, Fire & EMS Chief Bacon, Rental Coordinator Mary Raymond, and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

5. Consideration

Minutes of February 8, 2010

Mr. Revoldt: Council has for its consideration its minutes from the Council Meeting of February 8, 2010. Are there any corrections or additions to those minutes?

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, I would move that those be approved as submitted.

Mr. Peters: Second.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Peters seconded to accept minutes of February 8, 2010 as presented. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No: 0.

6. Committee Minutes:

Mr. Revoldt: We have no Committee Minutes to approve and we will now move to the recognition of visitors.

7. Presentation of Proposed Plans

Mr. Concatto spoke at the conclusion of public speaks.

8. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Revoldt: What I'd like to do if I can is we have a number of people here who would like to address council in advance of Mr. Concatto, so with that, is there anyone here who wishes to enter on the record? Mr. Osborne, you are first and I would ask that you come forward and state your name and address and please abbreviate your comments.

Mr. Osborne: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview St. SE, North Canton, Ohio. I generally have prepared remarks where I have spent a great deal of time preparing them. My comments tonight are impromptu. I would like to speak to the recent efforts in selflessness of President Daryl Revoldt. It's not often that I come up here with praise - I feel there's not enough debate about the downsides of issues. The issue I am talking about has a great downside, I believe, for Mr. Revoldt, but it speaks to the highest level of service that I think a public official can give this city, and that's in taking a stand on an issue that has no political upside for himself. I'm speaking to his position in opposition to the fast food restaurant that is planned for Washington Square. Mr. Revoldt's long tenure of public service gives him a unique vantage point of what promises were made in exchange for initial approvals of Washington Square back in the late 90's. He knows what representations and what promises were made and he has taken a stand to oppose that. Again, there is no political upside - all he has done is, I don't know how to delicately put this, but antagonize two (2) developers here in the city. Mr. Revoldt, it surprises me even as the argument grows tougher for him and the political ramifications maybe grow a little graver, continues to stand by his position and I hope this council will support him on that. Washington Square is a nice development. It started out as a very nice development. It has an architectural style which was promised years ago to be maintained. As Mr. Revoldt put it earlier, we have kind of wavered from it with the addition of a Wendy's and now a Taco Belle, and in my own opinion as well, I think it even takes a lower course of action with the architectural style that's, we all know, of a Sonic Drive-Thru. I hope

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city council will support Mr. Revoldt and fight this. Either deed restrictions that were made by the developer, are worthy of their print on paper as recorded at the Stark County Recorder and we will press ahead to maintain those architectural standards. And again, I would just like to – I have never in my life seen a politician who despite the political downsides, has stood up and continues to fight for the architectural standards that we want to maintain here in North Canton. Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Thank you, Mr. Osborne. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the council? Mr. Repace, don't worry you're headed...is there anyone else who wishes to address this matter? Please step forward to the microphone.

Mr. Weaver: Good evening. My name is Dennis Weaver. I live at 1851 Wendover Circle, NE, obviously North Canton. I live at Washington Square. I would just like to say that I am not happy at all with the Sonic Burger going into our area. I also remember when they first started – we've been residents for over thirty (30) years and when Washington Square started, you know it was going to be an upscale great looking place and it is, and now, for the sake of money, we're going to put in a Sonic Burger and if you've had any opportunity to drive over to Jackson and take a look at that monstrosity, it's like an airport landing field. I mean we're going to have more lights than you could possibly ask for and it's a drive-thru – it's not even a place where I, personally, would want to go and I see it as a detriment to the area. I see it as a detriment to my value of my house and I see it as a detriment to North Canton. I mean, why would we let this go forward? That's my only question. And I know it's going to cost us a lot of money to fight DeHoff and they have deep pockets, but I can't believe that a guy who's going to make his money helping North Canton go forward is willing to offend so many people by putting a Sonic Burger in here. Surely we have some other options. Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Is there anyone else who wishes to address the council on this matter? Seeing none, then thank you for your comments Mr. Weaver. Mr. Repace, we can bring the microphone to you.

Mr. Repace: My name is Jim Repace, 1353 New England Dr., SE. I want to address the council about our Veterans' Memorial once again. It's been several weeks since I have been here. I don't want to have to keep coming up to the podium. I know some other individuals have done that. I don't want to be tagged like that, but since I addressed council last, my understanding is that they were going to consider a resolution to put the plaque in Bitzer Park – in the memorial in Bitzer Park. They were going to vote on it. I realize it has not been done yet, but I want to give you, before I go further with that, I want to give you an update on some things that have transpired. First of all, I understand there was a couple of questions – one on insurance liabilities, and one on a completion date. Am I correct in saying that, Daryl?

Mr. Revoldt: Yes sir.

Mr. Repace: Well I have those answers for you. I hope that will help.

Mr. Revoldt: It will.

Mr. Repace: First of all, we have decided to go with Gary Burns Construction – he's a general contractor. He is a union contractor which that is very important to us, especially me. What – he has his own liability insurance and he will give us a letter on that which we'll forward to council and he has Worker's Compensation Insurance so we're completely covered insurance wise using him as a contractor. We have decided to go and have him do the whole entire project instead of piecemealing this with some volunteers. Our fear was with volunteers that you get a couple of guys that come in and may not be able to show up for another two (2) or three (3) days and the project just sits; or somebody different comes in and tries to pick up where that individual left off. We decided it's not a good thing. We also decided that we want to go ahead and do the whole entire wall, even though we may not have the side plaques ready, the whole entire wall. The reason being is structural issues. We're going to use extra rebar to tie this whole wall in together which, after talking to the contractor, we've decided that that's probably the very best thing to do. If you piecemeal it, you're going to create a seam which, it's going to be hard to tie it into the existing structure and moisture could get in there and cause us problems in the future. We don't want that to happen. The cost of doing that is going to be roughly about \$22,000 to do the whole wall – that does not include the side plaques. Also, we're going to have Gary Burns do the walkways. He's going to do the whole project. Timeframe to do the wall is thirty (30) days or less, once it's started. Right now the ground is frozen so it's not an ideal time to start – probably won't be until the end of March, early April. The walk will probably take an additional couple of weeks to complete. He's going to take up the old bricks and reuse them. If we need extra bricks then we'll have to go get extra bricks. We have a nice little design plan for that – to use the existing bricks from each side coming up towards, and if we need extra bricks, we're going to use that for the middle. It might be a little bit different design. It's going to be very very nice. It's going to really make

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Bitzer Park a showcase. Those answer your questions unless council has any other questions for me on the project?

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Peters?

Mr. Peters: Does that timeframe, does that include, are you still thinking about moving the Boss Hoover?

Mr. Repace: Yes, that's included in this – not in the \$22,000, that will be included in the walk project.

Mr. Peters: But in the timeframe, it is...

Mr. Repace: In the timeframe – probably in the walk timeframe – the extra two (2) weeks. So the whole project shouldn't take more than six (6) weeks once we can get started on it.

Mr. Davies: Who's going to maintain this in perpetuity?

Mr. Repace: Well, we understand that the Veterans through the Commissioners, there's been money set aside to maintain memorials. Now there is a little – there is a question on that, whether it's just memorials that are in a cemetery, or other structures – memorial structures. I have the language on that but it's – I think it's open for interpretation and I'm not even sure the Commissioners can answer it.

Mr. Davies: I think – you know the Law Director, somebody – we should understand who is going to maintain it. Who's going to pay for electricity for the lights? Who's going to pay for the insurance for the structure? In other words, where's all the money going to come from to maintain this – insurance, lighting, etc., etc. in perpetuity?

Mr. Repace: Once the plaque – once the memorial is given to the city, then it's going to be the city's responsibility from there, but you know, that's the way any memorial is – it's the location of it, you know, who maintains it. It's going to be something that's going to enhance that park, it's going to bring people to North Canton from all around Stark County. You know, Jeff, you're shaking your head like, you know, you have one (1) vote – if you want to vote against it, vote against it, I mean it's up to you.

Mr. Davies: Jim, well I do, I have one (1) vote and that's, but, we're facing deficits from now, forever. We can't maintain the streets and stuff that we have. Your street in your neighborhood needs to be redone and the gutters need to be replaced and so, we don't have the money. We have – there are no projects – street projects scheduled and yet we're going to do more infrastructure that the city has to maintain with money that they don't have. You know, I'm sorry. Somebody has to think about this and we can't maintain what we have now.

Mr. Repace: Look at the park today. The park today is in dire need of being rejuvenated.

Mr. Davies: You just made my point.

Mr. Repace: It's a mess. It has been let go for years even when we had money – even when Hoover's was strong. When I was sitting on council I talked about Bitzer Park. I talked about how the bricks are sinking, how water lays in there – mud flows into it, how the weeds are three (3) feet high by Boss Hoover, so this, what we're going to do is, we're going to take some of that vegetation out of there for one thing so we don't have that problem. It's going to be easier to maintain because there's going to be more bricks, there's going to be more concrete, it's going to be a nicer looking park that we hope people will come and enjoy, sit in there during the summer and the springtime and fall and enjoy the park, rather than try to pull their pant legs up and trek through mud. It's a beautiful park. It's right on our square and it's an eyesore.

Mr. Revoldt: Any other questions?

Mr. Foltz: No, not to be redundant but I'm 100% behind this and we'll find a way to maintain it. I welcome this as the Chairman of the Committee of Parks and Rec.

Mr. Revoldt: I would add, to answer your question, Jeff, good questions regarding cost. My guess is that there would be, if there's any, it would only be a nominal add to our insurance – very nominal. My guess is that as we take things off of our insurance, it will be an offset. In terms of electricity, sure there will be a little expenditure of electricity but at the end of the day...

Mr. Davies: It sounds like the Federal Government...

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Mr. Revoldt: I understand that...

Mr. Davies... that's all it sounds like, Daryl, is the Federal Government – oh it's just a little bit, it doesn't matter, we can afford it and this city is facing a million dollar deficit next year...

Mr. Revoldt: Okay, alright, well I understand we're facing a deficit. We're going to have an opportunity to deal with that in much greater detail in the next six (6) months. But, the fact of the matter is there are certain things in a community that warrant our sacrifice and support and to honor the people who have given their lives in service of this country from all over our community is, I think, a noble thing at the end of the day. The recruiters come to our community and regularly talk to our students about their commitment to our nation in its principles – I think for us to take a step back and honor them is not too much to do – it's a small thing. I agree with you, trust me, we're going to have an opportunity to make a lot harder decisions in six (6) months. Jim, just to move this along, what we need to do is have Gary Burns talk with Hans to make sure that we get all that paperwork set up. We can have this put on an agenda for further discussion and then I think we're pretty well prepared to move forward after that through the normal councilmatic process and we can get an up or down vote.

Mr. Repace: Okay, well here's our dilemma today...

Mr. Revoldt: Okay, what do you need?

Mr. Repace: Our dilemma today is, before we can go to the foundations that we have planned to go to...

Mr. Revoldt: You need approval?

Mr. Repace: I need approval – I need that resolution because what our plan is, and I think you might be aware of this already, is to put a nice packet together so Mr. Johnson, Dave Johnson, can take our packet, you know, and actually show these foundations what our plan is and that we do have the resolution and we are ready to go.

Mrs. Kiesling: I have a couple questions. Did you guys get it resolved, the whole – who is in charge of the committee as far as the charity and setting it up with the Secretary of State, and then Jim Dansizen was...

Mr. Repace: Yes, that's all been done. Statutory Agent today is Kathy Fernandez.

Mrs. Kiesling: Okay.

Mr. Repace: Okay, so that is done, that has all been completed – it's all filed with the State. The other individual in question is not the Statutory Agent.

Mrs. Kiesling: And how much do you guys have currently in...

Mr. Repace: In our funds?

Mrs. Kiesling: ...in funds?

Mr. Repace: \$18,682. It is not enough for the \$22,000 project. That is why we have to move on this right now. And I think we could get enough money to do this whole thing and get it done and over with but I need this resolution to get going and I can make sure you get this stuff from Mr. Hines, I mean from Mr. Burns, Hines is another contractor. Do you, what all do you need, do you just need the insurance policy?

Mr. Nilges: I'd like to see a copy of the insurance policy. We should probably be named as an additional insured on it, but if you just want to have him contact me directly, we can...

Mr. Repace: I will do that. I will do that.

Mr. Revoldt: Clerk, if you would have this placed on the agenda for next Council of the Whole under Finance and Property...

Mr. Snyder: That's fine...

Mrs. Kiesling: Or Parks or Roads...

Mr. Revoldt: Parks, place it under Parks. Alright, is there anything else, Mr. Repace?

Mr. Repace: No, that's it. I just appreciate your quick action on it. Thank you.

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Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Dansizen, we'll give you the last word on this subject.

Mr. Dansizen: Jim Dansizen, 502 South Main Street, North Canton, Ohio. I urge council to pass a resolution to allow us to use Bitzer Park so we can go on with this project. It's almost there, we just need this much, and I would like to thank Jon Snyder and Jeff Davies for attending the New Work City presentation on Thursday evening at the Hoover facilities. We did that to create jobs. Mr. Stu Lichter was there. There was about one hundred ten (110) people there and we had a really good time. Thank you gentlemen.

Mrs. Kiesling: Jim, can you get us a copy of the Statutory Agent, filing?

Mr. Dansizen: I can get you one. I definitely will, I believe it's on the internet. Jack Baker is the one who did it for us.

Mrs. Kiesling: Yeah we can also download it. The last time I looked, it was still Rod Covey, so...

Mr. Revoldt: Clerk, would you follow-up on that, please.

Mr. Dansizen: Excuse me?

Mr. Revoldt: The Clerk will follow-up on Mrs. Kiesling's request.

Mr. Dansizen: Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the council?

Mr. Osborne: On this topic?

Mr. Revoldt: I'll tell you what, could you make it maybe just sixty (60) seconds of opinion so we can move on? We've got Mr. Concatto who has been very patient and the students, and you know the mind absorbs and the body endures and they're just about done.

Mr. Osborne: I would like to remind this council that we need to wait and see what plans that the Y has for extension. It's a little bitty park and I think you need to resolve that and plan for that before there's money put into putting this all in place.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Benekos has, to answer your question, Mr. Benekos has been in consultation with the parties and I believe has a plan that is workable for all and...

Mr. Osborne: Well, again, you're trying to put twenty (20) pounds of potatoes in a ten (10) pound sack over there. I'd like to see the city, you know, I thought they were going negotiate some added property from Mr. Lichter and that group over there - Mr. DeHoff and Lemmon, they want "gimmies" from the city but they don't want to "gimme" back. A dedicated park on North Main Street up around the fire station, like a one (1) acre park, call it North Canton Veterans' Memorial Park, people will instantly know where it's at. Bitzer Park is Bitzer Park. Nobody is going to know that there's a Veteran's Memorial there, and again, you're trying to put twenty (20) pounds of potatoes in a little ten (10) pound sack and you're not going to have much park left. I hope I didn't go over my sixty (60) seconds.

Mr. Revoldt: Thank you. You did, but it's okay. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the council with the park? Seeing none, I'd like to move on to Mr. Concatto's presentation. Students, you are officially free to leave, if you'd like to. Otherwise, you can stick around for about another forty (40) minutes for fun and adventure. So, it's your call.

Mayor Held: You don't have to be bashful.

Mr. Revoldt: Let me just put it this way - other students have left when so prompted.

Mr. Concatto: I will not be insulted if you leave.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Concatto is not insulted. Joe, welcome.

Mr. Concatto: Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Would you please state, for the record, your name and address.

Mr. Concatto: Yes, my name is Joe Concatto and presently I live at 5031 Schuller Drive, NE, Canton, Ohio and in the future, I'm moving to North Canton.

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Mr. Snyder: We've got great dispatchers over here.

Mr. Concatto: I am the project manager for the Countywide 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, the proposed center, and I'm here to just discuss this with you a little bit. I have received a list of questions, thank you. And I did reply to those questions in writing. Let me just give you a little bit of update on where we're at with the Countywide 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, especially since the sales tax failed. Obviously, the sales tax was going to be a funding mechanism for this Countywide 9-1-1 System and the results of that was hopefully going to be a lot of savings for the thirty-seven (37) county entities in the county. That did not work out; however, we did maintain and have the funding to build a Countywide 9-1-1 Center from a capital standpoint. We have the funds to build – to use for capital. Understanding that a dispatch center has three (3) parts to it – one (1) of those parts is the 9-1-1 system – that is the system side that receives the 9-1-1 calls. There is a CAD System, which is called a computer aided dispatch center, computer aided dispatch software which helps us with our dispatching, and on the other end of that is a radio system that helps us dispatch and keep in contact with the public safety responders. We do have the capital to build that, and we are in the process now of writing our specifications for a IP based 9-1-1 system. This IP based system is what they call The Next Generation System. As you know, in today's communication world, it is almost all IP based – Internet Protocol based. Our dispatch centers are analog based which is basically hard-line types of connections. It is very important, I think, that we move our technology from the antiquated technology that we have and move forward to an IP based system and that is the progress that we are going to make. Hopefully, we will have the IP based system in place by the end of the year. The Chiefs, both the Fire Chiefs Association, the Police Chiefs Association has asked us to work very diligently on getting that part of it done – that will help in stopping the transferring of calls. Right now all of your 9-1-1 wireless calls go into one (1) place and that's the Stark County 9-1-1 in the Sheriff's basement and they are transferred to eleven (11) different dispatch centers from there. Hard-line calls are going into two (2) different places, one (1) the Stark County 9-1-1 Center and Canton. Canton dispatches its own 9-1-1 calls. All other calls are transferred. The idea of this Countywide 9-1-1 System is to eliminate those transfers of calls. So, we are in the process of, we are proceeding with the capital and building this center. I have sent you all, I have sent out to the thirty-seven (37) entities in the county, a resolution or an MOU, however you want to look at it, which we are asking all of the entities in the county to look at this Countywide 9-1-1 Center and we're trying to get a commitment, not a financial commitment, not a commitment that says that you all are going to participate, but one that says you are very interested in participating. Along with that MOU that I sent out was a draft or a copy of what, or how we potentially look at funding this on an annual basis. The annual operating costs for this Countywide 9-1-1 Dispatch Center is approximately 5.2 million dollars. In order to operate it on an annual basis, we need to have the parties that will join into this system pay. So, user fee, however you want to define it, and that MOU, and the attachment showed, I believe, North Canton was paying...

Mayor Held: Four eighty (480)...

Mr. Concatto: I have it here, but that's what you were paying and I think I have it again, what you would be paying if you went to the Countywide System. I can get it here. The user fee is \$168,000 - \$169,250. Your present, your current expenses that we show is \$481,000, showing a savings of \$312,700.46. The fee that we use, the user fee was based on population, not on runs. We felt that that was a fairer way of going with all of the communities and we used a \$10 fee if you were dispatching both police and fire. That fee came from taking our total expenditures minus the funding that we would get from our 9-1-1 wireless and the funding we would get from the property tax and dividing that by 380,000 population of Stark County. That's how we reached the \$10.

Mayor Held: May I ask a question, Joe – can you clarify when you were talking about how you were doing the assessment based on the number of – did you say the number of runs?

Mr. Concatto: No, population.

Mayor Held: Population.

Mr. Concatto: Population of each community. There are a number of – there's – other dispatch centers use runs as a means of doing it, but it's very difficult to define a run in a lot of cases.

Mayor Held: Everybody has different standards.

Mr. Concatto: So we decided, and a lot of communication centers use population. We decided population would be the fairest way, so we did use population as our charge of the annual cost.

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Mayor Held: I agree.

Mr. Concatto: So that would be your savings and that is a gross savings and we understand that and we understand one of the major questions that you have and that is what do we do with the calls that don't come to the center and still come to North Canton? Let me tell you that in this Countywide Center, we are looking to taking all the 9-1-1 calls, both wireless calls and the landline calls and all emergency calls – if you look in the phonebook, you have an emergency phone number in the phonebook besides 9-1-1. We would incorporate that 10 digit number in our Dispatch Center and that would be answered by our dispatchers. So, any call that would come over either 9-1-1 hard-line, wireless, or any call that came over that 10 digit phone number would be answered by the dispatchers. If that call happened to be a non-emergency, which a lot of them are, that call would be still handled. It would be transferred if it was, you know haven't plowed my street, we would take that call and we would transfer it to whoever you would want it transferred to – whoever you have handling that call right now, whether it's your street department or however you are handling that call. However, we would not take a call that would come to the Mayor's office or Council chambers or any of those non-emergency calls or non-emergency numbers – we would not take those calls. So, is that going to mean that you have to keep a 24-7 operator, I mean that is something that you will have to decide. I don't know that – I don't know what your system is. I don't know if you have people available on a 24 hour basis or if you have people available during the day and you wouldn't have to do that, but when we show that we show it as a gross savings. It's not, we did not put in there what it would cost you to handle those non-emergency calls because there is no way that we would be able to know that from each community. So those are gross savings. I did answer all of the questions that the chiefs, that was given to me, and I appreciate that. There are a lot of questions that we don't have answers to yet. They talked about KNOX BOX, they talked about the lifts in the Water Dept. Those types of things are answered in the Canton Dispatch Center and we assume we can still answer those but we didn't get into that detail yet. That's some of the devilment detail types of situations we are looking at. They asked about dispatchers. We have in our governers board, we have a police and fire training committee that will establish the qualifications for a dispatcher. It is certainly in our best interest to have qualified experienced dispatchers, so we would certainly want to have all the dispatchers in the county that, most of the dispatchers that work on a full-time basis have those types of certifications, so – it would be in our best interest to hire them if they would so-want to be hired. I don't know if you all have anymore questions of me. I can tell you that there's a couple things that you need to look at, in my opinion. One, obviously is a financial one, and we all look at that. I've been in city government for forty (40) years and I understand how we have to look at how it matches our budget, but, most importantly I think also you have to look at the advantage and the progression that we're making. We're getting into a new world of communication and we need to progress there. You need to progress there in your dispatch center as does the other eleven (11), so why don't we progress there as one (1) instead of all eleven (11) trying to do it on their own. You need to look at the fact that we're moving forward. Too often, and I've been in city government, too often we try to find ways not to do things and I appreciate the questions people have about the center and we need to answer all those questions. But we also need to look at how we want to go forward with doing things, not how not to do them, but how to do them. And I think that's another issue that we all need to look at. I think, this is very important to me. From having so many years in safety, I believe this is what this community needs. I believe it will save lives. I believe we'll increase our response time and I believe that we'll protect our first responders better.

Mr. Snyder: Joe, I have two (2) questions. What's your projected start-up time on this, is it twelve (12), twenty (20), twelve (12)?

Mr. Concatto: It's two (2) years. But it progresses. It's a work in progress. We would start with the 9-1-1 System. The CAD System which is a computer aided dispatch system, actually takes about eighteen (18) months to build. It's a software that we have to include all the safety forces in the county. That's probably the thing that takes the longest. We want to move in our communication and one of the questions asked that, because North Canton is not on 800, I'm not sure if you're on high ban or low ban, or which one, but this communication center will be able to dispatch on all conventional radio systems so this dispatch center does not mean that North Canton has to go 800. I would like to see North Canton, and I would like to see all entities in the county go to the 800 so that we could have one (1) radio system. We have now, and by the second week of March, we will have the City of Canton and the County will have merged their radio system and we will have available to everybody in the County, one (1) radio system that they can come onto. But this Countywide Dispatch Center does not require that to happen so you would be able to dispatch over that radio system.

Mr. Snyder: And then your plan to go ahead with this is predicated on how many of the municipalities participate?

Mr. Concatto: That's correct. Obviously, the fewer that participate...

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Mr. Snyder: The higher the cost.

Mr. Concatto: Well, the fewer dispatchers that we need. I mean, it does, but we'd have to evaluate – right now we're looking at sixteen (16) work stations – sixteen (16) positions and two (2) supervisors' positions; and we're looking at that as if everybody came aboard. If everybody didn't come aboard, we would have to scale that down which would be a savings but in order for us to be able to begin, we begin with trying to get the communities out there to at least make a commitment that you are in favor of it. There are some that says, we don't want anything to do with you. That's fine. That's there position and they can take that position. We're just looking to say, North Canton, if you're looking to someday be a partner in this, and if it all works out, that's all we're looking for, so that we can move forward. It's not a financial commitment. We're not saying to you, that's the savings that you're going to have, we don't know that. We're just giving you an idea of how we're figuring that out. And I want to go back to your question that was on the radios – on the radio side, you are going to go also on the radio side to an IP based, what they call Project 25 – P-25 based radio which is a 7X platform, and what that does – it gives us the ability to talk all over the State of Ohio. Once this whole 7X System is put in place, it's what Marc's wants to do which is the State radio system and that's in the future. But, that's how you build, you progress to the future. We have the capital to build that and that's the direction we're going. Again, I'm trying to see this thing go forward, not to find reasons not to do it, but to find reasons to do it.

Mr. Revoldt: Questions or comments?

Mr. Davies: No, I would be for doing it. I just worry about how much cost savings there would really be. Because I know there are certain things the dispatchers do for the police and so forth. So, we're not going to get rid of everybody and what the cost would be to maintain here and then plus the \$169,000. The other thing you mentioned – new radio systems and moving towards the future, which, obviously, we don't like to do that, but I worry about unfunded mandates down the road where, say not everybody has to be on 800 megahertz systems, but at some point, now you have to be and who's going to pay for it when upgrades have to be made? That bothers me. You're going to have to address that. I mean I'm all for the study. Don't misunderstand. I think we should look to do it but I think we need some safeguards because, you know, if you decide we want to go to the future and now every city has to buy this or buy that, where's that money going to come from?

Mr. Concatto: I think you also have to look, not locally, but also the FCC then. They may be, they're already going to narrow banding, and I'm not sure if your radios fall into that or not, and the chiefs would know that. They probably already researched that. But by 2013, you have to narrow band your radios and if you can't and if your radios are too old to do that, then your radios will be obsolete. We have just put in for an earmark for the appropriations of 2011 to buy more radios for the County. Most of - the Sheriff has distributed a thousand (1000) portable radios - I'm not sure how many North Canton has – I have it but I don't have it in front of me. What really has to happen now is they have to start giving these entities talk groups, so that they can start using those radios that they have. And with this new grant, if we got it, we would look at purchasing more mobiles for the County.

Mr. Davies: Another thing is the fee and what guarantee do we have – how many years are you going to guarantee that before there's raises and what kind of raises would come because, again, we go into it, we're stuck and we're at your mercy and that's a little uncomfortable. I know SCOG and all that, but still...

Mr. Concatto: Trust me...

Mr. Davies: I know, that's what the Federal Government says.

Mr. Concatto: Obviously, there is no guarantee when we first initiate this, so there would be a contract for two (2) or three (3) years but there is no guarantee. You have no guarantee of what your dispatch center is going to cost you in the next ten (10) years. We don't have that same guarantee. But, we are part of SCOG and all thirty-seven (37) entities of the County belong to SCOG and it's a non-profit. I mean we certainly wouldn't be doing things to try to – only to keep the facility running, no different than what you're doing here.

Mr. Snyder: You know at present, if say, and this may be a little off the question, but it comes to support your fact of centralization, if we would have a large mutual aid request or anybody would, or you have a large disaster, presently, is the capability that the same commander is able to talk to every responding unit no matter what jurisdiction they would come from?

Mr. Concatto: One of the reasons that the Sheriff gave out the portables – that they do have a Countywide Disaster Channel. I'm not sure what they call it but it's a talk group that everybody can get on right now, if, in fact, they have their portables but it's not locked up in

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some locker but they have a portable inside their command vehicle. If they have that 800 portable radio in their command vehicle, they can turn to a channel and they can talk to each other, even today, without going to the 800 system. I would think the chief has that radio or more available for that situation.

Mr. Snyder: If you went to this new, that wouldn't enhance the ability to do that with this new system, unless we have those radios?

Mr. Concatto: The dispatch center, we need to be clear that the dispatch center has nothing to do with the radios.

Mr. Snyder: Okay.

Mr. Concatto: We'll be able to dispatch and listen to all the conventional and 800 systems, so I don't want to confuse it. But there is confusion in the County that the radio system has something to do with the dispatch center – I mean the dispatch center can handle the radio systems – all the radio systems. The goal on the radio side would be that everybody has just 800 radios in their talk groups. That's the ultimate goal, at least in my mind. That's the ultimate goal. But that is not a cheap process. I will be honest, but there's a lot of grants out there. There's a lot of fire departments getting fire grants and other grants out there – Homeland Security, and if you're going after a radio grant, you won't get a radio grant unless you're going after an 800 radio, because that's what the inter-operability in the State Inter-Operability Plan is, and I don't believe you'll get grants, at least from them organizations if it's not 800.

Mr. Revoldt: You know, Joe – administration do you have a question? I have one final comment.

Mayor Held: Joe, if you can – I know you've spent a lot of time working on this and you read so many different stories in the paper and you talk to different people that are involved in this with this with SCOG and yourself. Would you be able to just summarize what the present problems with the present system is right now. Like what are the major problems with this system as it is right now?

Mr. Concatto: The real problem sits on the 9-1-1 side where all the calls come into one (1) area, one (1) call center and they have to pick up a phone and transfer that call to North Canton, transfer it to Perry, or transfer it to somewhere else. And sometimes, although that may seem simple, I can give you a couple examples, a number of examples where the call went to the wrong dispatch center. There is a number of examples that we had, one (1) on Rt. 62 and I won't give – there was a motorcycle accident, it was right on Rt. 62 and when the call comes in, the lady that calls, whoever is calling, calls that call center. She gives all the information and then that call center will transfer it – she transferred it to Canton. So now the lady that was on the phone watching this poor young man bleed from the head, had to give that information to Canton. Canton realized it wasn't theirs, so now the call center had to take that call from Canton and transfer it to Plain Township. Now this lady that was on the call, watching this guy bleed, had to give all that information again to Plain Township.

Mayor Held: Now wasn't there

Mr. Concatto: That's what can happen – it doesn't always happen that way. A lot of times it just happens a call comes in, she'll transfer it to North Canton, North Canton will take it and they'll dispatch it.

Mayor Held: Now wasn't it true that – and I believe we're talking about the same story where they had asked where the person was lying, on which side of the street, is that correct? Is it literally down the middle of the road in some places where the jurisdiction changes, or...

Mr. Concatto: Yeah, it could be – 62 is sort of that way. If you're on the south side, it could be Canton. If you're on the north side, it could be Plain Township. There's a lot of areas, I'm sure North Canton and Plain Township border – you border with a number of different townships. Those same issues could happen. If we're sitting in one (1) countywide dispatch center, then we would see the whole picture. We would see the whole...

Mayor Held: Okay. So then if, under the new system, the call will go through to 9-1-1 and that same person will do the dispatching, is that correct?

Mr. Concatto: The call – we would still have call takers but we would be sitting like you and me are sitting – I mean I may take a call and hand it off to you because you are dispatching fire. The person that's calling would not be transferred to you. That screen would just be sent to you and you would be able to dispatch that.

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Mayor Held: But they would be in the same location?

Mr. Concatto: Same location.

Mayor Held: So the dispatch and 9-1-1 basically would be under the same roof and working with each other, rather than 9-1-1 is in one (1) separate geographic location and the dispatch is in another community.

Mr. Concatto: Well, that's correct; however, you need to understand that there will be two (2) locations. We will have nine (9) dispatchers in Canton and nine (9) dispatchers in the Stark Sheriff's Dispatch Center. But they are under the same system. And, with the IP base, they all see the same thing.

Mayor Held: See the same thing?

Mr. Concatto: And that's when we do this new system we're looking at remote hosting. In fact, when we go to remote hosting, North Canton may want to take in a work station and become a secondary dispatch. We can get into that in more detail. I don't know that we want to talk about that technical detail now, but we are looking at remote hosting that would help even the dispatch centers that exist today without moving directly to a new dispatch center until that new dispatch center is built.

Mayor Held: Have they determined where the locations, the two (2) primary locations would be yet at this point?

Mr. Concatto: Canton Dispatch Center on 30th Street and the Sheriff's Dispatch – because we have a connectivity already there – we have redundancy there already.

Mayor Held: Okay. And the purpose of the two (2) systems is backup?

Mr. Concatto: Redundancy.

Mayor Held: Okay.

Mr. Revoldt: Anyone else? Joe, I want to thank you for coming up and taking some questions. You know I would just offer – just two (2) very general comments. I think the first is that we as a community need to be very careful, and I wish Jeff were here, that I'm not sure at the end of the day, we're going to achieve savings. My guess is we will have to have 24-7 staffing to take down emergency calls. That's an expense that we're going to have to cover. That's my guess, Mayor. So, what we're really talking about is financing and participating in new and modern telecommunication system that is going to cost, maybe, more than what we are currently paying, and I think as we make our way around here, we've got to be very careful about making a claim to savings and if I were advising you, I might strike that from your column of figures because I'm just not sure that savings works – even with a little disclaimer. I think, sadly, and this is just sort of a gentle critique, I think we lost an opportunity with the way that sales tax got handled and now that that opportunity has pretty well closed itself, those costs are going to fall on our communities and I think many of us around this room have very serious doubt, or very serious reservations about this committee's willingness to acquire additional expenses or bear them with a tax levy, and I think that is something we have to be very very careful about.

Mr. Concatto: And I understand that. I just hope you look at the fact that this is also beyond finances – this is about safety. This is about creating a system within our community that is IP based, that is progressive – that gets us away from the analog. I mean we can talk...

Mr. Revoldt: That is exactly my point – is – that's the issue – it's not savings, because I'm not sure that it's there.

Mr. Concatto: As long as you understand that that issue is there, because some don't even want to consider that as an issue that we're moving forward; and I appreciate that you would consider that – that this is, in my opinion, this is the progression that we need to make in our community. Today we cannot take video stream, we cannot take text messages, and this is how people communicate anymore. And we have to move forward with how communication is in today's world. That's all I can tell you.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Concatto, in light of the fact that you're soon to be a North Canton resident, we've given you more than five (5) minutes.

Mr. Concatto: Thank you. It's three (3), but that's okay.

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Mr. Revoldt: Is there anything else that we need? Thank you – thank you very much and Clerk, if you'll place this on the agenda for deliberation next week.

Mr. Concatto: And I have my number if anybody wants to call me – I think you have my number.

Mr. Revoldt: Well thank you for your patience. We appreciate it.

Mr. Concatto: Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Alright, that concludes our recognition of visitors and public speaks.

OLD BUSINESS:

9. Mr. Revoldt: Let's move on to old business and we have two (2) items. Let's wrap this up very quickly if we can. Item 9 is a motion to read by title only, third reading, of Ordinance No. 6-10.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **read by title only, third reading** of Ordinance No. 6-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No: 0.

Ordinance No. 6-10 – 3rd Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids; and for the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a contract for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for use by all city departments, for either a one (1) year or two (2) year period commencing June 1, 2010 and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. This is standard, we do this every year, we used to do it every year and he's now bidding one (1) and a two (2) year. We have an emergency clause in it. This is the second reading of three (3) that we'll do and...

Mr. Revoldt: Third reading.

Mr. Snyder: Third reading, excuse me, third of the three (3) we'll do, and when it gets read today, we will pass it and he'll go out for bid.

Mr. Revoldt: Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, then a motion to adopt the third reading...

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to **adopt the third reading** of Ordinance No. 6-10.

All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz.

No: 0.

10. Mr. Revoldt: Item 10, motion to read by title only, second reading of Ordinance No. 18-10.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, second reading** of Ordinance No. 18-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling.

No: 0.

Ordinance No. 18-10 – 2nd Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of North Canton, Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President and members of Council, we've looked at this. We've held hearings with the department heads and the budget was submitted by the Administration and we looked at and changed a couple things – it's now in balance. We did say that we would have at least two (2) readings. The Finance Committee has signed off on it. We did have a couple calls – it was directed to the Director of Finance who answered the citizens' calls and questions and we've completed that and at this point, the budget is ready to pass and move ahead.

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Mr. Revoldt: Mr. DeOrio and Mr. Davies, any comments on this budget? Seeing none may I have a motion to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 18-10?

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **adopt the second reading** of Ordinance No. 18-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters.

No: 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 18-10.

Mr. Davies moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 18-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No: 0.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended Ordinance No. 18-10.

Mr. Kiesling moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 18-10. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No: 0.

REPORTS:

Mr. Revoldt: Reports, Director of Law.

Mr. Nilges: None

Mr. Revoldt: Director of Finance.

Mr. Zumar: None.

Mr. Revoldt: Administration.

Mr. Wise: No, sir.

Mr. Revoldt: Mayor.

Mayor Held: Yes, I would like to thank Mr. Dansizen and the people that put together the program to create jobs across the street at the Hoover facility. I think that it was a great event. I was not able to attend it but I'll tell you, I think that's really what separates the City of North Canton, the people that we have, and the leadership that we have in this community from other communities – is that there's such an interest to make the community better and to help the small businesses and so, Mr. Dansizen and all those that worked on that, I can't thank you enough.

Mr. Dansizen: Thank you very much. That was the great job of Vicki Stanley who has the American Medical Personnel. (inaudible – speaking from audience) Thank you very much for the compliment.

Mayor Held: That's all.

Mr. Revoldt: City Engineer

Mr. Benekos: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Clerk.

Mrs. Kaipac: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Bowles:

Mr. Bowles: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Foltz.

Mr. Foltz: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. DeOrio.

Mr. DeOrio: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mrs. Kiesling.

Mrs. Kiesling: No report.

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Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Snyder.
Mr. Snyder: Nothing.
Mr. Revoldt: Are you sure?
Mr. Snyder: I could make something up.
Mr. Revoldt: Okay, you've got five (5) minutes.

FINAL CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Revoldt: Is there anything else that needs to come before us?

ADJOURN:

Mr. Davies moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to adjourn the council meeting. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No: 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:


CLERK OF COUNCIL