

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CITY OF NORTH CANTON

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 19148

Held Friday, December 2 5:30 p.m. 20 11

CALL TO ORDER:

The Organizational meeting was called to order Friday, December 2, 2011 at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor David Held.

Those present for the Organizational Meeting were: Council Members Cerreta, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Council Elect Fox and Griffith. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Grimes, Director of Law Nilges, Director of Finance Alger, City Engineer Benekos, Superintendent of Permits & Development Bowles, Director of Administrative Services Bartos and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

OPENING PRAYER:

The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Thomas Douce.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Held: You may all have a seat. Before we get started with our swearing-in ceremony, I wanted to take this opportunity to first welcome all of you. Thank you all for coming today because this is a very important day. Every two years we're following the Charter requiring an Organizational meeting. This is where we swear in all of our new Council members and the Mayor, and today is a special day because for some they have been serving a number of years and for others it's their first time serving as an elected official. What I'd like to do, though, before we start, is to recognize one of our outgoing Council members and oftentimes I am able to give, have the privilege of giving a proclamation to various people for different things that they do in the community and how they serve others, but this is actually the first time that I'll be giving a proclamation to one of our retiring City Council members. And Patrick DeOrio, if you and your family, Kathy and Natalie and Leighan, if you don't mind coming over here. Right here. This is Leighan and Natalie, and Patrick's wife Kathy. Thanks for coming here today. I don't think that I told you I was going to invite the whole family. When I first became Mayor we had a lot of challenges in the City. We lost the Hoover Company or we were in the process of losing the Hoover Company and 2400 jobs so the City had big, big challenges ahead of us, and we weren't quite sure how we were going to deal with it. And at the same time we had new Council members and Patrick and I, we've talked about this and actually discussed it at the last Council meeting, not only did we have challenges in the City, but our own relationship had challenges in itself. And one thing that comes to mind is that when I first wrote the *Our Town* column we were announcing that the Hoover Company was going to close. We gave a lot of thought as far as how do you present this? We're not sure what we're going to do. We're not sure how we're going to face the challenges, but we knew we were going to face them. And so we shared, we all came together as a community and we worked together, and it's easy to say, but I think it's another challenge to do it in practice. And in closing, I close with take care and God bless. And I think I had shared this with Pat also. I think that probably best illustrated what took place in our relationship over the past six years. The first six years of the relationship, I think, was the take-care part, which was what we had to do. If you love your community you take care of it. If you love your family, as Pat does, you take care of it. You love your job as a Council member, you take care of it. And you love the City, you take care of that. So Pat and I were working simultaneously on taking care of what we love and I think what happens, well I know what happens, is when we do our responsibilities I think that God does bless the work that we do and in that process I think that our relationship has been blessed and so I am very happy to say that the first meeting that we had, that was the challenging part and that was an easy part. So what I'd like to do is read a proclamation if you don't mind, Pat.

Mr. DeOrio: You're not going to read the whole thing, are you? (Laughter)

Mayor Held: Yea. No, this is just the first page. OK.

I, David J. Held, as Mayor of the City of North Canton, Ohio, hereby recognize Patrick DeOrio for his dedication as a North Canton City Councilman-At Large; Patrick held his Council-at-Large seat from 2005-2011; and

WHEREAS: Patrick DeOrio as Chairman of the Finance Committee provided insight in review of the budget and faced the challenge of losing 2400 jobs with the closure of the Hoover Company. Patrick proactively worked with the Finance Committee to provide a more cost efficient operation and effective services to our residents; and

WHEREAS: Patrick DeOrio was committed in the permanent preservation of the City Council's historical records by obtaining a local company to micro-fiche records from 1906 through 1988 to decrease loss off history through deterioration and decay; and

WHEREAS: Patrick DeOrio has provided a more thorough and efficient budgetary process allowing council to fully assess and approve the City's annual budgetary needs. Patrick assisted in establishing timelines governing all matters submitted to City Council in order to allow for preparation, research, analysis and discussion by committee chairmen; and

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WHEREAS: Patrick DeOrio reviewed City insurance policies and secured a substantial savings while at the same time assuring that the City had proper and sufficient insurance coverage; and WHEREAS: Patrick DeOrio was instrumental in reviewing and updating the City's Mayor's Court procedures improving the manner in which the City coincides with Canton Municipal Court; and WHEREAS: Patrick DeOrio provided through legislation that excess amounts in estate tax collection be allocated to fund infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases; and NOW, THEREFORE, I, David J. Held, Mayor of the City of North Canton, Ohio do hereby proclaim December 2nd, 2011 in the City of North Canton: A Day of Recognition for His Honorable Retirement North Canton City Councilman-At Large Patrick DeOrio
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the City of North Canton, Ohio to be affixed this second day of December in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven. David J. Held, Mayor, City of North Canton, Ohio
Applause.

Mr. DeOrio: Thank you all very much.

Mayor Held: Can we get a picture? We always love pictures.

(Laughter)

Mayor Held: That's right. We'll get the ladies in the middle. There you go. The rose between two thorns, right? (Laughter) Eric, can you take one more? As I always tell my kids when we're taking family pictures, keep smiling, keep smiling. Very good. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mayor Held: What we'll do next is we'll go through the swearing-in ceremony and we have Judge Rosemarie Hall who is here to conduct the ceremony for us. We are grateful to have you here today, Judge. Judge Hall is actually a judge down in Family Court, and she has served there for, since actually August, as newly appointed to Governor Kasich, which was really, it's nice to have you here serving the county. I know that's not an easy job, the Family Court, but I know it's in good hands. The Judge also served as a magistrate for seven-and-a-half years and then previous to that served for 12 years as an attorney with the Family Court so she has 20 years of experience and she is really doing a nice job in the county, and we are just very pleased to have you here today. And what we'll do is we'll start out by, we'll go through each elected official and we'll start with myself, as I will take the position up here briefly as the Council President, and then we'll have each elected member based on their order come up, and if you'd like to come up by yourself, that's fine. If you'd like to have your family up with you, that's fine. We'll just ask each elected official to stand here and the Judge will stand across from us. And before we get started the Judge would like to share some comments.

Judge Hall: I am honored to be here at your swearing-in ceremony. I wanted to say a few words about Theodore Roosevelt who gave a speech in 1883. He wanted to talk about public service. He said it ought to be axiomatic in this country that every man must devote a reasonable share of his time to doing his duty in the political life of the community. He thought public service was very important. He thought every person in the United States should devote some time to the best of their abilities. But he went further than that. He stated that the first duty of an American citizen is that he shall work in politics. His second duty is that he shall do that work in a practical manner. And his third duty is that it's done in accord with the highest principles of honor and justice. He felt very highly of political service and public service in this country. I know most people out there do not think that this is actually a duty of citizenship. They would rather pass the buck and let somebody else handle it and don't want to actually make any commitment. The public thinks you're nuts for doing this, to tell you the truth. (Laughter) But we need good leaders. We need people who will step forward and make good decisions in our government. And I know that you have stepped forward, you have accepted this tremendous duty and that you will serve with honor and justice. And with that, I would be pleased to start the swearing-in ceremony as you step forward and take these duties, and I know that you will serve with the utmost integrity.

Mayor Held: By the way, this is my wife Sharon and again, feel free to bring family members up or if you'd like to come up by yourself, that's fine. You know, we've left our six kids at home because we didn't think there would be enough seats.

(Laughter)

Judge Hall: If would raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mayor Held: "I, David Held, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

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Judge Hall: Jon Snyder.

Mayor Held: Jon Snyder. Thank you.

Judge Hall: Raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mr. Snyder: "I, Jon Snyder, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Council Member of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

Judge Hall: Jon, congratulations.

(Applause)

Judge Hall: Douglas Foltz. If you'd raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mr. Foltz: "I, Douglas Foltz, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Council Member of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

Judge Hall: Congratulations.

(Applause)

Judge Hall: And Marcia?

Mrs. Kiesling: Come on. We're having so much fun. Reluctantly, these are my three kids.

Judge Hall: Oh, this is the daughter who is the softball player. I saw pictures of you guys. Marcia, if you would raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mrs. Kiesling: "I, Marcia Kiesling, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Council Member of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

(Applause)

Judge Hall: Congratulations. And Mark? If you'd raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mr. Cerreta: "I, Mark Cerreta, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Council Member of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

Judge Hall: Congratulations.

(Applause)

Judge Hall: Dan? Have your kids come up?

Mr. Griffith: Oh no.

(Laughter)

Judge Hall: If you raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mr. Griffith: "I, Dan Griffith, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Council Member of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

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Judge Hall: Congratulations.

(Applause)

Judge Hall: Tim. If you'd raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mr. Fox: "I, Tim Fox, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Council Member of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

Judge Hall: Congratulations.

(Applause)

Judge Hall: Dan.

Mr. Peters: Jeff.

Judge Hall: If you'd raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Judge Hall and Mr. Peters: "I, Jeff Peters, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Council Member of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and this I do as I shall answer unto God."

Judge Hall: Congratulations.

(Applause)

Mayor Held: Thank you very much, Judge.

Judge Hall: Thank you.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Held: OK, now what we have is election of Council President, and I would like to open up nominations for the position of Council President.

Mrs. Kiesling: I nominate Jon Snyder.

Mayor Held: OK. We have a motion for Jon Snyder. Do we have a second?

Mr. Foltz: Second.

Mayor Held: We have a motion and a second. And for Jon Snyder, a roll-call vote. I'm sorry. Are there any other nominations for Council President? No other nominations. OK. Since there are no other nominations, I would ask for a roll-call vote to elect Jon Snyder.

Mrs. Kalpac: To close nominations.

Mayor Held: Close nominations. You can tell that I am new at this.

Mrs. Kiesling: Motion to close nominations.

Mayor Held: A motion to close nominations. OK. A motion to close nominations and do we have a second to close nominations?

Mr. Foltz: Second.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to **close nominations** for Council President. All members present voting:

Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder.

No: 0

Mayor Held: Now I would like a motion and a second to elect Jon Snyder as Council President.

Mrs. Kiesling: I'll motion.

Mr. Peters: Second.

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Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **elect Jon Snyder** as Council President. All members present voting:
Yes: Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta.
No: 0

Mayor Held: Is it official?
Mrs. Kalpac: Yes.

(Applause)

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mayor, I appreciate that. And I would just like to say at this time to my fellow colleagues, thank you for the confidence that you bestowed upon me, and I hope I can live up to your confidence. I appreciate it very much, and to Administration and to Finance and Law, thank you very much for everything.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Snyder: At this time, we will open the nominations for the office of Vice President. Is there a motion from the floor for the office of Vice President?

Mr. Foltz: I'd like to make a motion to nominate Marcia Kiesling for Vice President.

Mr. Snyder: Is there a second?

Mr. Peters: I'll second.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **nominate Marcia Kiesling** for the office of Vice President of Council.

Mr. Snyder: Are there any other motions for office of Vice President? At this time I move that you close the nominations for the office of Vice President.

Mr. Foltz: Motion to close.
Mr. Peters: Second.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **close the nominations** for office of Vice President of Council. All members present voting:
Yes: Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz.
No: 0

Mr. Snyder: At this time I'll entertain a motion to **elect Marcia Kiesling** to the office of Vice President of the City of North Canton Council.

Mr. Foltz: So moved.
Mr. Peters: Second.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **elect Marcia Kiesling** to the office of Vice President of the City of North Canton Council. All members present voting:
Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Fox, Foltz.
No: 0

Mr. Snyder: Congratulations.

Mrs. Kiesling: Thank you!

(Applause)

Mrs. Kiesling: I just want to say thank you very much. I really appreciate it and I promise if I ever get up here to gavel, I'll know how to use it.

Mr. Snyder: I've had one replaced so I'll move this gavel over to there.

(Laughter)

Mrs. Kiesling: You might need to.

Mr. Foltz: You better get titanium.

(Laughter)

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ADJOURN:

Mr. Snyder: This being a special Council meeting, there can be no other business conducted in regard to this, and at this time I'll entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adjourn** the Organizational meeting. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith.

No: 0

The Organization meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL

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