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Minutes of COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON REGULAR Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014B

Held Monday, October 28

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Call to Order:

1. The council meeting was called to order Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:29 p.m. by President of Council Jon Snyder.

Opening Prayer:

2. The opening prayer was delivered by Pastor Gary Plauger, Hope Family Church.

Pledge of Allegiance:

3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

4. Mr. Snyder: Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

The following members of council responded to roll call: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, and Werren.

Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Grimes, Director of Law Fox, Director of Finance Alger, City Engineer Benekos, and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

Consideration:

5. Council Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2013

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. May I have a motion and second to approve, as presented, the council meeting minutes of October 14, 2013?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to approve, as presented, the Council Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2013. All members present voting.

Yes: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta

No: 0

Committee Minutes:

6. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and second to approve the following committee minutes as presented: Ordinance Rules and Claims held the 14th of October, 2013.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to approve, as presented, the committee report minutes. All members present voting:

Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz

No: 0

Ordinance, Rules & Claims Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Ordinance, Rules & Claims Committee meeting held October 14, 2013.

Presentation by Paul Beinlich – Character Counts:

7. Mr. Snyder: Mr. Griffith, you have, or the Mayor – the Mayor's going to do this for Mr. Beinlich? Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Griffith: Paul, grace is not on the six listed of pillars, but you're showing one of them tonight. So, let's do a presentation for you and we're glad to hear how Character Counts Week went and we're glad to welcome you here.

Mayor Held: Yes. Okay. Thank you, Dan.

Mr. Beinlich: Thanks, David.

Mayor Held: Yes, for all of you that are here this evening, we have Character Counts Week, this week here in the City. And it's actually from October 20th till the 26th. And Character Counts, that started back probably...

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Mr. Beinlich: It started about five years ago.

Mayor Held: Five years ago. And really as far as the City is concerned, we really think that it's a very valuable program. And Dan Griffith had called me and asked if we could give a proclamation. We've done this in the past for Character Counts and the reason we think that it's so important is because we have a group of volunteers and this is really an off-shoot of what Paul's done for his entire career at the North Canton YMCA, because they have the Colors of Character at the YMCA that are hung from, I think on every wall at the Y. And so this really was an extension of that. And so if you'll allow me, I'd just like to read the proclamation that we have here for the Character Counts Organization. "Now, therefore, I David J. Held, as Mayor of the City of North Canton, hereby do proclaim the week of October 20th through October 26th, 2013 as Character Counts! Week in North Canton community. Whereas, young people will be the stewards of our communities, nations and world, and the present and future well-being of our society requires involved, caring citizens with good character. Whereas, concerns about the character training of children have taken on a new sense of urgency as violence by and against youth threatens the physical and psychological well-being of the nation. Whereas, more than ever, children need strong and constructive guidance from their families and their communities, including schools, youth organizations, religious institutions, and civic groups. Whereas, the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens, and the public good benefits when young people learn that good character counts in personal relationships. Whereas, scholars and educators agree that people do not automatically develop good character and, therefore, conscientious efforts must be made to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise of good character. Whereas, character development is, first and foremost, an obligation of families, while efforts by faith communities, schools, and youth, civic and human service organizations also play a very important role in supporting family efforts. In July 1992, the Aspen Declaration was written by a group of educators, youth leaders, and ethics scholars for the purpose of articulating the coherent framework for character education appropriate to a diverse and pluralistic society. Whereas, the Aspen Declaration states that the effective character education is based on core ethical values which form the foundation of democratic society, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship. And these Six Pillars of Character transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences. Whereas, a group of North Canton community leaders, led by Paul and caring citizens, have joined together to form an organization known as Character Counts in North Canton, dedicating themselves to bring this program to the homes, businesses, schools and organizations of the City of North Canton. I encourage all citizens to model the Six Pillars of Character in an ongoing commitment to promote character development and ethical behavior in the youth of our community. Thank you.

Mr. Beinlich: Thank you, David.

(Applause)

Mr. Beinlich: Well, I don't have to say a whole lot because it was all right there. You heard it all. I mean, not trying to be funny, but I mean, honestly that is a summary of what we're about. The uniqueness here though is, and I do want to share this part with you, is that right now North Canton is the only community in this county that has a specific Character Counts Program for its community. We have about fifteen volunteers on a Board, and we're trying to take an initiative of just values, if you will. We have no building, we have very limited funds, and we're trying to get that message out, which David, in the proclamation, really summarized. We're trying to get the message out of what is special in values and what is special particularly in North Canton. Our goal is building on our strengths to promote strong character values within the community of North Canton. That is an exciting concept. It's a little hard to get your arms around sometimes. And our goal is to try to make it happen in the businesses, in the church community, in the schools, and everywhere that we're going and about in this community. So we're excited about going forward on it. We're thankful that the City has been supportive of this, certainly with the proclamation, with allowing us to put the banner up last week in the park, which I think a lot of people in the community saw. There are businesses in the community that put it up on their signs. Hopefully some of you saw that last week. It was the week of Character Counts. So we're trying to get the word out. There was a great presentation at the

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football game for those of you that were there at halftime. So we had a lot of great support. And we hope to have that in the future. We're just thankful to all of you. We would like all of you as a Council, to consider too, that maybe at one of your meetings a month or whatever you feel possible that you might be able to have a character moment. And we would be glad in Character Counts to help you with that in order to make that happen, and that can be something that you can talk about at a later time. I share with you this little synopsis of who we are and our website and what we're trying to do. We have high school students who are actually on our Board too. So we're getting youth involved. And we have a great young man from the high school, a sophomore actually, who is doing our website for us. And he's got a lot of excitement and inspiration, and he's going to continue on throughout his high school career helping us. So finally, I want to thank the YMCA. I guess I thank the YMCA now because I am no longer officially a part of it. But the YMCA is the supporter of this program and they are our fiscal agent for whatever funds we do have. So I'm thankful for that and I thank all of you for taking time to listen. And thanks to David, the City Council members for all.

Mr. Foltz: Thanks, Paul.
Mr. Peters: Thank you, Paul.

(Applause)

Recognition of Visitors:

- 8. Mr. Snyder: At this time the Council will recognize anybody wishing to speak. Step forward and state your name and address for the record.

Chuck Osborne: 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. Mr. Cerreta, I like to hand out at-a-boys when I get a chance to people, because I will acknowledge when they try to step up and do the right thing. Yes, North Canton is a nice community. We think very highly of it. And obviously you do because you - you're continually up here speaking about what North Canton has to offer. I applaud you for speaking out. Why do we continually feel the need to pay people to come to North Canton? You're just giving out school money, and we know how desperately they need every dollar of revenue they can receive. I'm often reminded here a few years back when this Council seriously was beginning consider a tax abatement for Sherman Williams up on Applegrove. A twenty-eight billion dollar a year company and you guys were ready to march down the path to give them a tax abatement. They're given out like candy. A few years ago you gave one out to Acme Click, after they had announced in the paper as a result of a successful liquor option, they were going to expand their store, refurbish it, because it hadn't been refurbished in years, and build on an entire liquor department in the store. They'd already promised to be here, come here, stay here, and you ran up there and gave them a tax abatement. You're giving this stuff out like candy. We have a nice community. When it comes to real estate, what are the top three things - location, location, location. It apparently is the right location for them. This is a community that will support their mission. Why do you continue to give out tax abatements? Someone ought to run down to South Main, and I - you'll have to forgive me, I forget the name of that doctor that moved in down there on South Main, almost clear to the Everhard intersection, he made extensive renovations at that facility, and it's come to North Canton. Did he ask for a tax abatement? Gervasi down here, they initially wanted a tax abatement, but there were issues and they quickly rescinded their request; they're still here in North Canton. But, we continue to give out tax abatements. It's wrong. It's wrong. You can always use a threat. Well, they won't come here if we don't. Well, they apparently don't want to become a pillar of the community, they apparently have no character, because they've got their hand out. What can you do for me first? You mentioned it was very little, I guess, annual abatement. If it's just a little bit of money, is that make-or-break for coming to North Canton and moving into this fine community, which Mr. Cerreta champions almost on a weekly basis up here. And again, I thank you, Mr. Cerreta. Fifteen years? Mr. Cerreta, he tried to break the ice on that. Why fifteen years? You're just handing out money that your school system needs badly. And when this school system suddenly starts struggling, this City is going to have nothing. Because that's all it's got now is a strong, well-recognized school system. And you guys routinely give away their money on a regular basis with these tax abatements that are requested. No character there. Thank you.

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Mayor Held: Excuse me, Mr. President. Am I able to respond?

Mr. Snyder: Yes, go ahead.

Mayor Held: Okay. Just to, first off, Chuck I do agree with you. The a - when you look at the advantages that we have in the City of North Canton, you know clearly it is unmatched. We have, you know, obviously we believe it's the best city in the country, in the world. And we have a safe community. It's very attractive to new businesses to relocate. But as Councilman Griffith had mentioned, the new development typically seeks to move outside of a municipality because of the income tax, they have to pay less to their employees. And when you look at the incentives, I have absolutely no regrets for any of the incentives that we have offered since 2006, because we've brought in with those incentives from the State, from grants from our CIC, from the Community Reinvestment Area, we've brought new jobs. And I think when you look at communities our size of 20,000 in population or less, we are definitely in the top five percent for bringing new jobs during a time when communities are losing jobs, and losing revenue. We were at seven million back in 2000. We dropped to 2010 to 5.4 million in our income tax. But right now we're projected at what 6.1 or 6.2 million? So we've hit the bottom and we've went right back up. And as Councilman Cerreta was mentioning, it's - there is no right or wrong answer for this. Oftentimes myself and the Council members, as you can see, we've wrestled with what do we give them? You know, what incentive do we offer? But at the same time, if we were going to err on being competitive with the incentives, typically we've erred on that side. But we have always received a return. One of the areas that I think we have struggled with is the revolving loan fund. You know, we've given money out to businesses. That has not always been successful. But more often than not, we have been a success with that. But when you look at the CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) and the Job Ready Sites Grant, it has been a success. When we first made that decision with Meyers Control Power, buying the gantry crane, for the anchor developer, a lot of communities thought that we were crazy to purchase a \$400,000 gantry crane for Meyers Control Power. But because of the gantry crane, they came to the City of North Canton, we had an anchor tenant, then we had the Schroer Group that came, then Meyers Control Power, and it was a triple effect after that. So I do agree with you, Chuck, that we are a great community and we have so much to offer. And as Councilman Cerreta had mentioned, we've got to examine every one of the incentives. But I can tell you it's not an easy decision, but overall we have been a success in that area. So I do thank Council for reviewing this. And you know, again, I'd hate to see the company, the Insight Realty leave and go to another location because it is a competitive situation. So I would say that even though it's only a small dollar amount, I would say that I wouldn't want a small dollar amount to prevent from them coming to the City. So I appreciate Council's review of that.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Anybody else wishing to speak to the Council this evening? Alright, seeing none, we'll move to Old Business. May I have a motion to read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 66-13?

Old Business:

9. Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, second reading** of Ordinance No. 66-13. All members present voting:
 Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith
 No: 0

Ordinance No. 66-13 – 2nd Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton ("City"), through the Board of Control, to enter into an agreement by and between the City and the North Canton Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC"), to convey to the CIC the real property located in the City and known as parcel numbers 9280699 and 9280795, located at 220 West Maple Street and Harmon Street SW, which the City does not require for its municipal purposes, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Again, we're working on transferring that property over to the CIC for the appraised value of the property. And then should they dispose of it

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at a greater value than what it was transferred to them for, that money would come back to the City. So as we begin to do that, we're running this in tandem with Mr. Bowles' ability because he is time challenged there to get that up and on the market which we hope to do, and have a CIC meeting to have them okay the actual acceptance of it. So we'll give this another third reading here in a week or so. But hopefully we don't want that building to lay there unoccupied and deteriorating ...inaudible... So that's why we're going towards that. So that being said, if there's no other questions, I'll entertain a motion to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 66-13.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 66-13. All members present voting:
Yes: Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling
No: 0

- 10. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and a second to amend the agenda to include Item 10, Ordinance No. 71-13, and waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to amend the agenda to include item 10, Ordinance No. 71-13, and to waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes. All members present voting:
Yes: Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters.
No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to read first reading of Ordinance 71-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Peters seconded to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 71-13. All members present voting:
Yes: Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Peters, Snyder
No: 0
Abstain: Kiesling

Ordinance No. 71-13 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton upon concurrence of Council, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for administering a self-insured health insurance program for the of period December 1, 2013, through November 30, 2014, for the employees of the City of North Canton and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: We do have members of the corporate Aultcare here with us if you have any questions relative. Thank you for coming and being a part of our meeting. We appreciate that very much. We presently have the Aultcare insurance. As we said it was bid. We had three proposals. One did not meet the required length because we're bound by the labor agreements and bargaining agreements to provide certain things to certain units of the bargaining agreements. And our health care must cover all that and continue to cover all that. And I will assume, not seeing the bids, that some of that was not covered. Karen, who was the other bidder on that, that was high? Was it Summa?
Mrs. Kiesling: Summa? I'm not sure.

Mrs. Alger: No. Hold on just a second. I didn't write that down. Kliais and MedBen, which is out of Columbus, I think.

Mr. Snyder: Again, you know, we've been fortunate in our community to have two fine health care institutions, Mercy - Aultman and Mercy. Mercy in the past has given two - there's two or three employees who prefer, I think that's - their physicians are in that network and they honor that at the prices through Aultman. Aultman's been good enough to accept that so that takes care of those employees - our employees. We did do a poll both times, they want to stay at Aultcare. They like the facilities. They like their physicians. So we try to hope that the bids come in that way because even though they must remain competitive. So that being said, if there's no questions, I'll entertain a motion to adopt the first reading. As I said, that must be in place here according to this by that, so we'll give it a place by the first of December.

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Mrs. Kiesling: And, I'm going to abstain because I'm an employee of Aultman and actually a provider that accepts Aultcare now. So...

Mr. Snyder: Well we don't want to

Mrs. Kiesling: Yeah.

Mr. Snyder: violate anything. We'll let the record so note that Mrs. Kiesling has abstained from any discussion. Any other discussions? If not, I'll have motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 71-13.

Mr. Peters moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to **adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 71-13**. All members present voting:

Yes: Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Peters, Snyder

No: 0

Abstain: Kiesling

Mr. Snyder: By next week on the second reading, I will have, will provide you with the actual cost and comparison of the other two so you can make an informed, so you can understand where you're at. So, we'll put that in your - I apologize that that was not included, but we'll get that to you. Thank you.

11. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and second to amend the agenda to include Item 11, Ordinance No. 72-13 and to waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to **amend the agenda to include Item 11, Ordinance No. 72-13 and to waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes**. All members present voting:

Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance 72-13?

Mr. Peters moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 72-13**. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta

No: 0

Ordinance No. 72-13 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, Ohio, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the General Fund to the Transfers – Municipal Road Account in the amount of \$130,000 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

Mr. Snyder: Again, the County does require that we pay the funds prior to the reimbursement. We'll transfer this from the general fund into the muni road fund. And when the project's complete, we'll get our grant money of \$130,000 and place it the legislation does require that 130 be returned to the reserves of the general fund. There being no other questions, I'll entertain a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 72-13.

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to **adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 72-13**. All members present voting:

Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to suspend the rules of council for Ordinance No. 72-13.

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Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 72-13. All members present voting: Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May we adopt under suspend the rules Ordinance No. 72-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 72-13. All members present voting: Yes: Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling No: 0

- 12. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and second to amend the agenda to include Item 12, Ordinance No. 73-13, and waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to amend the agenda to include Item 12, Ordinance No. 73-13, and waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes for Ordinance No. 73-13. All members present voting: Yes: Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters. No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and second to read by title only, second reading of Ordinance 73-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No.73-13. All members present voting: Yes: Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder No: 0

Ordinance No. 73-13 – 1st Reading – Community & Economic Development An ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of North Canton and Insight Realty, LLC providing for a real property tax exemption pursuant to Ohio's Community Reinvestment Area Program.

Mrs. Kiesling: Yes, this is what we discussed earlier. The Eye Clinic wants to build a new building on vacant property on Portage. The fifty percent over fifteen years estimated cost to us would be about \$7300 over the fifteen year period. If everybody's comfortable with the fifteen year period, we'll move forward. We're going to do three readings. So if for some reason you know, you want to discuss it again, we can throw it on the agenda next week, if you have any questions or anything, but it will get its three readings. Does anybody else have anything? If not, I motion we adopt.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 73-13. All members present voting: Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren No: 0

- 13. Mr. Snyder: Okay. May I have a motion and second to amend the agenda to include Item 13, Ordinance No. 74-13 and to waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to amend the agenda to include Item 13, Ordinance No. 74-13 and to waive the rules of council requiring committee report minutes. All members present voting: Yes: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta No: 0

Mr. Snyder: I need a motion and a second to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 74-13.

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 74-13. All members present voting: Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz No: 0

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An ordinance authorizing the Spectrum Medical Office Building Waterline Extension, located along the east side of Frank Avenue, Starting at Applegrove Street and extending south, in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the North Canton City Engineer, and accepting any necessary easements associated with said waterline extension.

Mr. Snyder: Chairman Cerreta

Mr. Cerreta: Yes, we just talked about this. This is going to be at no cost to us, but all the cost is to the developer or contractor running that line down Frank Road to the new Spectrum Building. So, I move that we move forward with that.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 74-13. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith

No: 0

Reports – Council:

Mr. Snyder: Reports of Council – Mr. Foltz.

Mr. Foltz: Yes, in packet – oh excuse me, I just got a letter from Stark Parks. Mike, did you get this? It's addressed to me at Parks, Rec and Grounds, Park and Rec Department. They're having a surplus auction list that they provided to me. I'll pass this on to you. You can look at it with pertinent employees as far as what might be available. It's free to charge for us before they put it in the auction. So if something grabs your eye, look at it. Unfortunately most of it does not work; parts only kind of deal. Knowing Bob Fonte he's very resourceful so doubt that really there's a diamond in the rough here, but we'll look it over and I appreciate that he wants to see if we have any needs, you never know. So I'll pass that on to you. The second thing I want to do is, I think in everybody's packet about a month or so ago, there was a legislation request for a North Canton Rental Property Registration Program. And Jon as President and Stephanie is Chairman of Ordinance, Rules and Claims. I'd like to get this on the committee next week. You all have received copies. If not, Gail can provide another one to you. But it's a wonderful committee I've been working with for about a year, it includes Miriam Baughman; Melanie Roll, that's in our audience now; Ron Woolton who is a real estate person and property investor in our community, who's very much in favor of this; and Allen Wells, previous candidate for Council, community activist; and Eric Bowles. We've met about a year, looking over things. Eric came in, and we've got some review with our existing ordinances, but I wanted to get it on and see if we can pursue this so it provides a nice data base for Eric and everybody in the future as far as registering your rentals. So let's do that. We'll have a discussion next week hopefully on that. Questions from anybody on Council, Administration? Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mr. Foltz. Mr. Peters

Mr. Peters: No report.

Mr. Snyder: Mrs. Werren

Mrs. Werren: Two things. First, that Walsh event was so nice. I'm so glad we got to go. And it was so neat to be there, not only with all of you, but with so many community members from all over Stark County. And to see what they're doing with the Intelligent Community and the progress that can be made, it was just a really neat event and a well done evening. So I'm glad we did that. And second, I work downtown at the Chamber of Commerce, and I see on a daily basis what the Chamber itself does to try to get businesses to come – not only to Canton, but Stark County. I mean that's not even looking at what Canton City does. And the benefit we have is we do have a great city. I mean like you had mentioned, and you may – he's right, Chuck's right, you mention it all the time, the water, the fire, the police, the beautiful streets. We're not written up on Sunday's paper. Crime in Canton and our business is afraid. I mean we have that benefit, but it's not enough anymore. Businesses want abatements. They want to be wooed to come to your City. And we have to do that to keep up because when I've been walking the streets, the number one thing people say is, are we going to have more jobs? What else are you doing? What are you doing to make people want to come to our City?

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And we have to do what it takes to do that. It's not enough that we have nice ball fields or nice parks or water. It's more than that these days. And I think we're doing it. And the numbers show it, and they continue to go up. So David you've done a nice job, and Eric Bowles, that we have a very good economic developer like Eric is essential to the City, and we have to keep working in that way. So thank you to the committee for keeping that going and to the City for making that happen.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mrs. Werren. Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Griffith: Just a couple of quick things. I was glad to see a few of the new big street signs up.

Mrs. Kiesling: Those are great.

Mr. Griffith: Very, very good. Glad to see the progress going there. So kudos to you. We have our big meeting on Wednesday to talk about the joint economic development...

Mr. Snyder: I think 6 o'clock, isn't it?

Mr. Griffith: At 6 o'clock.

Mr. Snyder: Jackson Hall.

Mrs. Kiesling: Is it six or seven?

Mr. Griffith: It's six.

Mrs. Kiesling: Okay, six. Thank you.

Mr. Griffith: And there was one other thing I was going ...inaudible ... I was going to say -- I was going to add ...

Mrs. Werren: The first of two?

Mrs. Kiesling: No, just one.

Mrs. Werren: Just one, that's all we're having?

Mrs. Kiesling: At this point.

Mrs. Werren: Okay.

Mr. Griffith: At this initial meeting we'll be discussing broad strokes, so I would encourage everybody to participate, but again, a good conversation starter. I wanted to say, too, Paul did a great job, and it's really neat being a part, I've been blessed to be part of it. One of the things that we have here that a lot of communities don't have is, this year for the first time, the school district in their -- the teachers actually -- in their collective bargaining contract, allowed for a position to support Character Counts. So there are now actually two teachers, they split the position, two teachers who as, they're kind of after school activity rather than the coach or the honor society representative. They work on Character Counts. And so I think that's a commitment you have here in the community and we're going to see that, not just in the school system, but they're going to be coordinating a lot of that outside of the school system, too. But again, kudos to the school system for, and the teachers, for making that commitment to do that as well. So I think that speaks well for North Canton.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Mr. Cerreta.

Mr. Cerreta: I want to touch on the Walsh thing, too. I want to thank all of your for joining. President Jusseaume personally said that he was very happy afterwards we had a good discussion with it that the City government took its time and you know, changed the meeting around, which meant a lot to them, because there were people there throughout the world. And for us to be four blocks down the road and not be there and, you know, the fact that we were there showed, you know, how much support we give to Walsh in front of those people that were here throughout the world. So not every City does that. And they are our biggest employer outside of that, but we should -- that's - there's so much future with that college there. And if you look at all of the cities that are growing, it's because they usually have a college right now that comes driving it, people coming into the town, people seeing everything, and we've got that. We are so fortunate. So I know on behalf of the Jusseaume, he told me to say thank you to everybody that made the effort to be there. And as far as what you're saying about the city stuff, I'm learning about this stuff that you guys are going through, but I don't think it should be right away. I think we should discuss, there should be a balance between, and we should look at that balance.

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Mrs. Werren: Right, it is. It's just that now a days, it's more than water, it's more than tree-lined streets, you have to get people to want to come to your community. But we have so much with the schools and there is so much here. So it gets them here, but then we have to keep them here. But I liked your question, too, because I was surprised for fifteen years as well. That seems like a lot. So I appreciated you asking that.

Mr. Cerreta: Outside of that, that's it. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Mrs. Kiesling.

Mrs. Kiesling: No report.

Mr. Snyder: One thing, you – to tell you talking about the amount of money that we're anticipating in abatement to this company. I was in a meeting two Wednesdays ago, and the townships do not give direct tax abatement on real property because they do not have CRA's. They give abatement in other ways. And you asked about strip two. That water line will be in place for strip two. And strip two is asking for twelve million dollars in infrastructure repair that they're not going to pay. So that is a large number to swallow for the township. So consequently they're looking to us to enter into some type of relationship with them possibly because there are venues whether it be TIF's or other ways that we can – the State of Ohio will not give them the money in this particular case. And the development will not happen.

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Snyder: He simply said, I will not do the development.

Mrs. Werren: It was supposed to happen previously.

Mr. Snyder: Well, he's ready to go. The land is ready to go. It is a joint ventured, and it's all – the financing is in place, but unless the infrastructure is changed to accommodate that amount of traffic, which would be a total ...inaudible... if you cross that intersection. And that's right, he will not do it. So consequently they're looking at ways that that can possibly come together. And the township's looking for ways and cooperation as we are the closest City entity to them to do that. So we'll be bringing that to you a little later, but that's a lot of numbers, twelve million dollars, as well as other abatements. But our water will be there. Not like the – unlike the present strip which has Consumers Water in it. So that's something for later. And that's it. Director of Law.

Reports:

Mr. Fox: Yes, sir. The Mayor's Court tax collections continue to do well. There's plenty of them out there available and we've got a really nice routine. Last week's program brought in about thirty years of taxes and we plan on doing that, probably every two weeks for quite a period of time. Working on resolving a couple of collective bargaining issues, and we'll brief that next week. And that's about it.

Mr. Snyder: Well we appreciate that. Director of Finance.

Mrs. Alger: I want to apologize, we didn't have the bid analysis until I literally walked through the door.

Mr. Snyder: That's all right.

Mrs. Alger: But, I did confirm with him that he will be here at 7 o'clock next week.

Mr. Snyder: He's a good guy. Thank you for that. Director of Administration

Mr. Grimes: Two things. If you drove by the City Hall on the weekend, you seen one of our poles have Christmas lights on it. I'm not trying to rush that, but last week, I think a little bit of the ice and snow that came down, I had Councilman Werren call me, and then about a half hour later one of the City employees called me. They had an idea for some lights, and we just wanted to test it out on the pole there, so that's what we were looking at. And the second thing is, a long-time supervisor employee, I think most of you know, Rich Steinhebel, is going to retire on Thursday. I did invite him here to Council. The Mayor has made a proclamation for Thursday being Rich Steinhebel Day. I did tell him

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that, you know, we appreciated all of his work over the years and that Council wanted to recognize him. But as most of you know, he's a pretty private individual. You know, he just toils at the plant both day and night. And he said thanks, but he did not want to do anything publically. And I think he's not really done too much other than a few of his workers out there, I think they're going to - I think he finally conceded to let them buy him pizza on Thursday. But over the last 18 1/2 years, Rich has really done a magnificent job out there. He's taken our plant from where it was. It's well respected out there. And you know, he's - so if you get a chance to see him this week, or give him a call. You know, I did pass on how we appreciate all the work that he did, but he'd probably enjoy hearing it from you, too. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: And obviously there's no truth that you changed your name to Ariel Macy.

(Laughter)

Mr. Grimes: We'll be opening a gift shop.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Held: Yes, the Walsh program was excellent. You know, what was most impressive about it was, you know, the fact that, as Councilman Cerreta mentioned, that all of us were there. And you know what was really neat is there were multiple countries that were represented there. And the representatives from Tai Ching, right? Did I say that right?

Mr. Grimes: Tai Chung.

(Laughter)

Mayor Held: Tai Chung, Taiwan, they were interested in partnering with us to do a sister city to exchange ideas. And what's nice about that is they are very progressive as far as wiring the city and you know being progressive in a lot of the projects that they're working on. But it was just, you know, different country, same problems, same issues. But it was a really nice event. So I appreciate the fact that Mark, that you arranged for it, and that Council rearranged the meeting and then had us all there. Secondly, as far as incentives, great news recently, the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation is coming to the City of North Canton; that's 110 new jobs. And the reason that, one of the reasons I believe that that happened, is that when Council passed the ordinance to shift the infrastructure JRS money, the two million dollars, at least one million over to making improvements to the Hoover facility. And at the time when we made that decision, again we didn't know what businesses would end up landing in that location. But because of that appropriation, the elevators are going in, the improvements to the second floor are going in there. That's, I believe, over 120,000 square feet that can now be utilized. And with that, the Bureau of Workman's Comp, is only taking like 38,000 square feet. And so Eric, Mike Grimes, Council, again, it really was a team effort. And Mike Grimes and Eric Bowles, they did drive down to the State Control Board down in Columbus the day for the final approval, just to make sure that the deal was sealed and it was. It went without a hitch. But again, 110 new jobs, and what they mentioned to us, is that what they liked the beautiful community right across the street from the YMCA, the daycare is right across the street, the income tax is one and one-half percent, and there was no fee to park, which saves the employees about \$35.00 a month in comparison to the location that they're at now, and it also gives them each a half percent raise. I know that's a small amount, but that really went well. And that will be roughly \$73,000 in annual revenue to the City, and we did not have to offer an income tax incentive, because they wouldn't take one. So that's good for us. So I appreciate Council, that decision to re-appropriate the JRS grant money. It's money that is going to give us a good return on this deal, but also future ones I think. Thank you.

Mr. Cerreta: Good work on that, Dave and Eric and the whole crew - good job.
Mayor Held: Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Engineer

Mr. Benekos: Just a few items. We're wrapping up our projects for this year. A couple waterline projects we're finishing. The paving program, if you've been around, you see some new black streets out there. We'll be continuing that this week and next week. And

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the Main Street signals, the contractor was out today. I saw that he had a couple of bucket trucks up. They've been putting up the new lights, bagging them and getting ready to do that. So hopefully that will be done in a couple of weeks. Two other items: the Akron-Canton Airport is doing a noise study, and they're having a public meeting on Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock. That'd be just prior to the JEDD meeting. And that's at the Akron-Canton Airport, and you're all invited to that. I'll be attending. I'm on the committee there with the airport and representing the City on that. The other item is the Stark County Crash Report and Safety Work Plan is out. It lists the crashes in the County for 2012. North Canton, our intersections are pretty safe. We didn't make the top ten list, with the top 25 list, we're pretty low. We've addressed a lot of our intersections over the past years. This is available on line at the Regional Planning Commission website. So that's it.

Mr. Cerreta: Jim, I have a question for Jim.
Mr. Benekos: Sure.

Mr. Cerreta: The new lights that are going up, I noticed there's like a yellow background to them. Is that like a new standard that we're going with or ...

Mr. Benekos: Typically, on your east/west lights, we'll put those on. Are they on the north/south?

Mr. Cerreta: I didn't - I only saw them east/west actually.
Mr. Benekos: Yeah ...

Mr. Cerreta: I was coming up Schneider. So I don't know - I don't know where they are.

Mr. Benekos: Yeah. I think we just put them on east/west because of the sun ...
Mr. Cerreta: Okay.

Mr. Benekos: in the background, it helps you pick up the signals better.

Mr. Cerreta: I'm sure we're going to get that asked to us. That's why I asked if they're -- we're supposed to know everything.

Mrs. Werren: I have one question, too. In my allotment, a lot of the sewer drains have sunk.
Mr. Benekos: Okay.

Mrs. Werren: And they're redoing them all. So the development - I think it's probably 15 years old. Is that a typical length for the sewer drains to last or...

Mr. Benekos: The catch basins?
Mrs. Werren: Yes.

Mr. Benekos: Previously, they would brick up the catch basins and the mortar in between, because of the salt, would erode that - eat that away and then they would start to sink. The catch basins we put in now are pre-cast catch basins, and we should not have that problem in the future as we replace them.

Mrs. Werren: So is the developer now required to put in a different kind?

Mr. Benekos: Right. A new subdivision will have the new precast.

Mrs. Werren: So, we can never go back on the developer. Once it's done, it's done and it becomes the City's responsibility?

Mr. Benekos: Right. They were approved - the design standards then approved that.

Mrs. Werren: Okay. It looks costly.

Mr. Benekos: We do, I believe, a lot with our in-house forces or we'll work with a local contractor.

Mrs. Werren: Okay.

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Mr. Benekos: and coordinate with them to replace those. And we get them done at a fairly decent price.

Mrs. Werren: Okay.

Mr. Grimes: Yes, we have a lot to do. So that's why we also contract it out. We also take a look at our in-house way of doing that and we've cut it down to three people. We're still safe, but it's cost-effective to do that. It matches almost what we outsource them at. But we just have so many of them to do, and that's why we are trying to knock them out.

Mrs. Werren: Yeah. It just looked like they should have lasted a lot longer, and it seems like the developer, you know, providing how long the developer is responsible.

Mayor Held: You know, if I can add the - you know, historically the City would replace the sunken sewer catch basins with the brick. And then depending on the volume of the salt and the water runoff, sometimes we would get less than five years out of a catch basin, which clearly was not working. And so that's when Jim and the City Superintendent at the time researched the precast. Those last, they're saying, like 30 years. So before we would play catch up. We'd replace them, and they were failing quicker than we could replace them all. And now, Mike has also contracted with a private company. So we're doing - we're up to what, 70 storm sewer catch basins in one year?

Mr. Grimes: Seventy-five.

Mayor Held: Seventy-five. Whereas, in previous years, we were like less than 20. So we're getting more repaired and instead of five years, we're getting hopefully 30 or 40 years of cast ones. So pretty soon, in the next what 10 years maybe, five years, we'll have them all replaced.

Mrs. Werren: Thank you.

Final Call for New Business:

Mr. Snyder: Any other questions? Last call for business. Okay. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

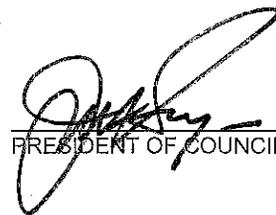
Adjourn:

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to adjourn. All members present voting:

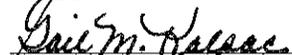
Yes: Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling

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The council meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.


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