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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

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DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, March 11 7:00 p.m. 20 13

**Call to Order:**

- 1. The council meeting was called to order Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council Jon Snyder.

**Opening Prayer:**

- 2. The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Gary Plauger, Hope Christian Fellowship 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, Snyder and Werren.

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

Mr. Snyder: May we have a motion to accept as presented Council Meeting Minutes for February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Oh, excuse me. I did not excuse Member Peters. My apologies.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to excuse the absence of Council Member Peters. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta  
No: 0

**Consideration:**

- 5. Council Meeting Minutes – February 11 and 25, 2013  
Special Council Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2013  
Financial Statement – January, 2013

Mr. Snyder: We need a motion and second to approve, as presented, council meeting minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> 2013; Special Council Meeting Minutes February 19, 2013; and the Financial Statements as presented January 2013.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to approve as presented the council meeting minutes, special council meeting minutes, and the financial statement. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz  
Abstain: Griffith  
No: 0

**Committee Report Minutes:**

- 6. Mr. Snyder: May we have a motion and second to approve as presented the committee minutes for Community and Economic Development, Finance and Property, Street and Alley all held March 4, 2013.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to approve as presented the committee minutes for Community and Economic Development; Finance and Property; and Street and Alley all held March 4, 2013. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith  
No: 0

**Community & Economic Development Committee:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Community & Economic Development Committee meeting held March 4, 2013.

**Finance & Property Committee:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Finance & Property Committee meeting held March 4, 2013.

**Street & Alley Committee:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Street & Alley Committee meeting held March 4, 2013.

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## Recognition of Visitors:

7. Mr. Snyder: At this time, the Council will recognize anybody wishing to speak. Please step forward and state your name and address for the record. Mr. Besozzi.

Thomas Besozzi: My name is Thomas C. Besozzi. I live at 1235 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE. I am extending an apology tonight, and I'd like to present it in front of Council. The purpose of my presentation this evening is to apologize to Chuck Osborne. The incident that occurred between Chuck and me on February 4, 2013 during the public speaks portion of that evening's City Council meeting. During our conversation outside of the council meeting, we began to have a breakdown in our communication about the Little League Board's functions and responsibilities in regards to the installation of lights on the Little League ball fields and also about the citizens' concerns in regards to the noise and parking situation. The conversation became somewhat frustrating. As a result, I slightly pushed Mr. Osborne and the conversation ended. Although there was no intent to harm Mr. Osborne, this type of behavior on my part was wrong and immature. I again, apologize to Mr. Osborne for the incident. I also apologize to Council and to the citizens in attendance that evening if this incident created a distraction. Now since this incident, Mr. Osborne and I have laid the foundation to start to logically discuss the issues. It is our hope that others will do likewise because the real issue is about children having a safe environment to participate, to grow and to develop within the North Canton community. I conclude my statement and I thank Council for allowing me to address them.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you sir. Anyone else wishing to speak? Okay, seeing none, we'll move to Old Business. May I have a motion to...  
Mayor Held: Jon.

Mr. Snyder: Oh, excuse me. Oh I beg your pardon madam, I didn't see you ...inaudible...

Mrs. McCallam: Sorry. I parked in the back. How do you do. I'm Barbara McCallam. I live at 411 Woodside Avenue NE, North Canton, Ohio. I've been before you before. I have tried to have some circumstances and situations dealt with by the city and different employees in the city. It's been found out that the last advice just isn't working. So I figure maybe it's best that I speak here where the minutes are in fact recorded. I've been doing a little research, and I find that the City - I found a place where we've got some money hiding. And as you know that's very important for anybody. There's a lot of property in North Canton that has in fact been retained under public notice, public ownership, that was considered to be a road, an access, utility access, etc. There's a number of them in North Canton that have hence gone - I mean they're just sitting there. So I looked into it. I did talk to some people in Stark County and they state that the City would have the capabilities of holding easements that they could run utilities, etc., through these lines. But they could at this time, offer to the neighboring properties the purchase of this property. And that way you're getting some income to the city. You are now having the people who are using this property now paying taxes on this property as increase of value of their own properties. And this certainly should be done before any structures, sheds, buildings, driveways, anything's put on public property, it should be divided up accordingly. I understand most of the time it's split up and if there's four adjoining properties it is split up in four with the opportunity of each and every one to purchase that. If they chose not to, then all they have to do is I don't want it and it goes to the next person, and the next person. And if no one is interested, then it's fair market in the public to purchase it for whatever reason. I think it will generate some income for our City. And I don't believe it will put a hardship on anybody because it's not their property to begin with. So it shouldn't have been used as their property. Let's see. And throughout the City it's a quite a bit of revenue. And I was always told "watch your pennies and your dollars will certainly take care of themselves". And I think this is more than pennies. I think that you'll find if you research, just in what I found out today, we're talking thousands of dollars income to the City. The revenue we get from real estate taxes is considerable to operate for the operation of the City. So this makes everybody equal and everybody pays their weight for what they own, and this can be handled in such a way. Am I going forward or backward? Oh okay, I have two more minutes. Okay. If there are any questions about it, I'm certain I can try to lead you the right way, or I'll - I certainly will try to. But as a novice, and just talking to the Stark County people that I talked to today, it's pretty easy to get this information. And all you need is out lot numbers, addresses, etc., etc. And the City's own maps should point out these properties to everyone. And like I said - it was suggested that I deal with the Director of Law for North Canton. That's proven to not be possible. I believe I've tried to always treat this Council, the Mayor, everyone here with respect. But I do demand that same respect back. And I will not tolerate being spoken to verbally or written to in the way that I've been over this matter. And it's trying to be personalized and somebody is not doing their homework. Thanks so very much. You guys have a great day.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, ma'am. We appreciate it. Anyone else wishing to speak?

Mr. Cerreta: May I make a note ...

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Mr. Snyder: Please.

Mr. Cerreta: Mr. Besozzi, I wanted to just to make a comment. It's not easy to come up and apologize like that. So I give you a lot of credit for the citizens of our community to be able to come up here and do that. And you know, the things that was - discussion was very passionate on both sides. So I think that, you know, we can get along. We can do the right thing and still get along. So thank you for coming up and doing that and showing our citizens you do have the right to do that. So well done with that.

Mr. Fox: I agree. It's very articulate. And thank you for that.

Mr. Snyder: Anyone else? Alright, moving to new business - may I have a motion to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 18-13?

**Old Business:**

8. Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 18-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling  
No: 0

**Ordinance No. 18-13 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Water, Sewer & Rubbish**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids according to specifications now on file in the office of the Director of Administration and authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for the Clermont Avenue / Fairview Street / Woodside Avenue Waterline Replacement Project, at a total cost not to exceed \$710,000.

Mr. Snyder: Chairman Mark Cerreta.

Mr. Cerreta: Yes sir. This is part of our aggressive water replacement program that we're putting in place. And this is the second reading for those areas that were mentioned there Clermont, Fairview, Woodside Avenue to replace some of those water lines that are really getting down to two or three inches. And they'll be able to notice a big difference. So I make a motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-13 on second reading.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 18-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder  
No: 0

9. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and second to amend Ordinance No. 19-13, prior to the second reading, to change the monthly consumption in gallons for the business premises located outside the corporate limits of the City in rates of a thousand gallons. Unfortunately, the breakdown of the out there was not enough difference between on the original published ordinance from the 40,000 and up so we did change those rates.

Mr. Cerreta: For the outside, right?

Mr. Snyder: Outside. This is business outside.  
Mr. Fox: Correct.

Mr. Benekos: The rates are the same. It's the...  
Mr. Snyder: It's just that the breakdown of the...

Mr. Benekos: The breakdown of gallons, right, was breakdown incorrect.

Mr. Snyder: There was not a difference, you know, percentage wise versus the inside rates - inside gallons.

Mrs. Kiesling: I motion to read as amended.

Mr. Griffith: We need a motion to amend.  
Mrs. Kiesling: Or do we - oh, yeah...

Mr. Snyder: We need a motion to amend.  
Mrs. Kiesling: Amend first.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to amend Ordinance No. 19-13 as stated above. All members present voting:  
Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren  
No: 0

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Mr. Snyder: Now I'd like to have a motion to read by title only, second reading of Ordinance No. 19-13, as amended.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to **read by title only, second reading, as amended**, of Ordinance No. 19-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

**Ordinance No. 19-13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Water, Sewer & Rubbish**

An ordinance amending Chapter 937 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, Ohio, specifically Section 937.01 WATER RATES, in order to provide for an increase in water rates, and Section 937.05 BULK WATER CHARGES, and repealing any and all legislation inconsistent herewith.

Mr. Snyder: Chairman Cerreta.

Mr. Cerreta: Yes, this is the second reading of the discussions that we've had over several weeks of the water rate increase. And the reason for that, of course, is our aggressive water replacement infrastructure, go on with a list of that. But the rates are 5.5, 5.5, 5.5 the first three years and then to the Consumer Price Index after that point that we would go up with. The price in itself equals about a bottle of water a month; about \$1.50 for the average user. So that's 5.5 for some people may sound like a lot, but at that rate what we're going to do with it, it is well worth it for what we need to do with our infrastructure in the future. They have not had an increase since 2009. So I move that we approve in the second reading Ordinance No. 19-13.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the second reading, as amended**, of ordinance No. 19-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

**New Business:**

10. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 20-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 20-13**. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

**Ordinance No. 20-13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Community & Economic Development**

An ordinance accepting the recommendations of the City of North Canton Tax Incentive Review Council ("TIRC"), concerning the agreements granting exemptions from property taxation, to terminate one of the six existing Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") agreements and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Chairman Kiesling, any comment?

Mrs. Kiesling: No, go ahead.

Mr. Snyder: We did have this come over last March, soon to be a year ago, as we have another meeting on Thursday morning, so we want to do this as housekeeping, that we do clean this one up. And we will terminate it as of December, I believe of '12 and move forward on that. So it will eliminate what was a fifteen year exemption. And I think it's into the fifth or sixth year of the exemption. And that will clear that up. And I just, for the record, the particular party was compliant except for the last year. So and due to the economic downturn did not have the required amount of employees to stay in the exemption, so we eliminated that and will move accordingly. Thank you. Any other questions? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-13.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-13**. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: As time is of the essence, we have another meeting on Thursday morning at 8:30, we want to adopt this on emergency. So, may I have a motion to suspend the rules of council for Ordinance No. 20-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 20-13**. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

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Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to adopt under the suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 20-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to adopt under the suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 20-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren  
No: 0

11. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to read by title only first reading of Ordinance No. 21-13?

Mr. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to read by title only first reading of Ordinance No. 21-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta  
No: 0

**Ordinance No. 21-13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Finance & Property**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, through the Board of Control, to enter into a three year, tax-exempt lease purchase agreement for the lease purchase of a new ambulance, to trade-in one 1992 International Road Rescue Ambulance, VIN No. 1HTSCPEM7PH482176, no longer needed for municipal purposes, and apply said trade-in amount towards the purchase price of a new ambulance, for use by the City of North Canton Fire/EMS Department, to be acquired within the purview of the Ohio Cooperative Purchase Act, at a cost not to exceed \$205,000, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: This is part of the 2013 budget. The rent reason and rationale behind this, the present rolling stock of ambulances as we begin, they run 24/7. The cost of repairing these exceed a new lease payment; the cost to our rent on the older vehicles. And this will be a total cost of \$205,000. However, the lease I believe the first year will not exceed \$100,000. And again this is monies that the citizens that voted for the EMS levy. This allows us to bring in new equipment to save money on fuel as well as repairs ...inaudible... So I'll entertain a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-13.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz  
No: 0

Mr. Snyder: As timeliness is an issue in the health and welfare of the City is at stake, please suspend the rules of council for Ordinance No. 21-13.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 21-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith  
No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May we adopt under the suspension of the rules of council for Ordinance No. 21-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Griffith seconded to adopt under the suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 21-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling  
No: 0

12. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 22-13.

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 22-13. All members present voting:  
Yes: Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder  
No: 0

**Ordinance No. 22-13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Street & Alley**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton of Stark County, Ohio, through the Board of Control, to enter into an agreement by and between the City of North Canton ("City") and the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), for the widening of State Route 43 (Market Street) from 50<sup>th</sup> Street to Applegrove Street, including construction of a sidewalk within the City limits, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Again, this is on the Street and Alley, Chairman Griffith.

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Mr. Griffith: Yes, We had a good discussion about this last week. As Jim mentioned before, in order to do these state projects, the State requires us to do certain ...inaudible... legislation, and this is merely that ministerial act. So I would move that we support this and adopt it in its first reading.

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-13. All members present voting:  
 Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren  
 No: 0

Mr. Snyder: As time is of the essence, may we suspend the rules of council for Ordinance No. 22-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 22-13. All members present voting:  
 Yes: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta  
 No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May we adopt under the rules - suspension of the rules of council for Ordinance No. 22-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to adopt under the suspension of Council Ordinance No. 22-13. All members present voting:  
 Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz  
 No: 0

**Reports - Council:**

Mr. Snyder: Reports - Member Foltz

Mr. Foltz: A few things. I want to think everyone's aware of what happened at the Planning Commission meeting. I was very surprised that they did not support our parking lot addition, which I thought was going to be minimal. I think there was discussion about Phase 2 and 3 with the parking lot, I was adamant that I would not support that. I didn't feel Council would either. We were just trying to solve an existing parking problem whether we have lights, or loud audio systems or whatever over there. So I'm a little frustrated by that. They asked for a site plan. And I will - I guess we'll talk to Administrator Grimes and our Engineer to see if there's something further we can do short term or Councilman Snyder if you have any other ideas. I don't know at this point if we have to go back to Planning Commission, we'll try to put something in place before Little League season starts because I do believe it's the beginning of May, and we have to have everything just go right just to get it done at this point. So I appreciate the Planning Commission's input, respect their position on it, but I just disagree. I feel that we need to still do something there short term. It worked itself out. And I think we all have, as it's been indicated here before, and just from public comment, I think we all have the best interests of the Little League in mind. I think it's a great organization. But we also have to realize that there are safety factors that are involved here. And I would rather err the - put additional parking in and to make sure that there isn't any unfortunate accidents or traffic situations that we have to deal with alongside East Maple or in the adjoining neighborhoods. So hopefully we will reach some kind of agreement or move forward in this in some way. I still want to support that. So I've talked to a few of you last week. So those are my comments there on that issue. Second thing, got an email as far as the Civic Center Rates. Mike, and I don't know if that's something you want to put on for Committee, e talked about lowering the Saturday rates from \$1,200 to \$800. Maybe we should just review everything. There was discussion through the last Rec Board Meeting to readjust some of the pool rates as far as outside users, property owners, and just people who live outside the district altogether. But I feel at this time we're going to table that until next year, because we do have some substantial improvements to do at the pool with the liner, with the gutter system, with the drainage and the pumps, besides some additional work we want to do with the restrooms. So hopefully we can find some bond money or Jon, we can discuss that at a later date, but not too far along. So we can revisit the pool rate structures next year. I'd hate to get involved this year and change some things and go right back next year. So I'm hoping that the Administration sees the wisdom in that. We did talk to Mayor Held and our Administrator about that. So those are my discussion points tonight. So ...

Mr. Snyder: Member Foltz, those are very good comments. If I may address a couple. Number one, the Civic Center. You bring up a very good point. Hopefully we'll be complete very soon. You know our renovation, moving Permits and Engineering which will give us someone there that is able to walk over and show the room when it needs to be shown, With Member Kiesling wishing the new kitchen was put in. We are a little too high on our rentals compared to other venues in the community. We had thought we could work with the Fairways and combine that with them, assisting both publically owned golf course, but now I think what we'll do is we'll move ahead. And I concur if you lower those rates I think you'll get a little more usage. We're down around 14% by

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City residents, the rest is outside. But we are expensive for not having any type of kitchen facility. And we have in the City of North Canton The Fairways, Bill and Mary's, several great caterers that would love to be able to use that venue a little more often and promote it and that's what we need to do. So ...inaudible... we get our price down where they can become competitive with other places we'll do well. And relative to the ball fields, I concur. I got a call from Robert Wang after the meeting - I was surprised it was turned down. However, speaking to both Administration and to our Engineer, he feels that two things: number one, the scope of the project was a little larger than what anybody anticipated showing three phases which we didn't - which eventually they may never come. Phase one 67 to 70 parking places. As you so rightfully pointed out Mr. Foltz, it's a parking nightmare. The people who live there need some type of relief. The citizens need to be safe for their children and the people who come to watch the ballgame. So what we've going to - what I've asked to do is that it be resubmitted to the April Planning Commission. The deadline is this Friday. Which will meet, along with the buffer tree line replaced; as we promised them more trees to cut the sound and screen the neighbors and screen the parking. It will be a gravel surface. So that will be on, and hopefully we'll have a program that they can understand. I think they just didn't understand the magnitude. And ...

Mr. Foltz: Well I think Jon, the discussion went from parking to a site plan requirement because some of the Planning Commission members indicated that we do that for other facilities or other businesses in the City. But it kind of entered into, you know, hearing the loud speakers at certain points throughout the City, the lights. I think we're all looking at what are the long term goals and how are they going to be addressed? I think everybody has the best interest of mind of the Little League Complex and the residents. I think there's some middle ground that could be met. So I think if we're prepared to answer those questions a little more thoroughly, even at this stage, I don't necessarily agree that the discussion should have went there. I think parking was the issue. I think our Law Director brought that to point as well as the Administrator. But if there are some clarifications that need addressed, I think hopefully somebody from the Little League can be there. We're going to hope to back down that loud speaker a little bit obviously. We don't need to hear it over a certain time. I think those are some things that I ask that the Little League present to us as well as a lighting timeframe or days of the month and so forth. We're eventually going to get there. I think we're putting the cart before the horse a little bit with the other - the other lightening rods for the community that we're trying to address. So I think that's a great suggestion. Let's go back to them and maybe have somebody from the Little League there also to address these things. And maybe other councilmen could come who want to support it also. I did say that council was in support of it. I felt everybody was. I think we're doing it for a reasonable price. And if you just look at things, you know, with the Little League complex, there's eight fields there now. If you took seven fields and say you average - and this is probably a minimal, 20 cars to a field, I'm talking two teams playing with relatives bringing children, they don't drive obviously, coaches and everything, 20 times 7 is 140. And you've got a game that's going to come a little later, that they're going to get there early enough to prepare, and warm up, and start, you know, that in itself, is 280 parking spots; I mean just on paper. That's just seven fields in use, not eight. To me it's just a necessity, we have to address this parking.

Mr. Snyder: Well we owe the walking track...

Mr. Foltz: And the walking track. That's not including the walking track. And we heard the comments, well, you know it's just a few days a year. It doesn't matter how many times it is. You know, if it was a parking issue at Price Park, we should address it. That's our role here as Council members for our constituents to solve these problems and use some common sense along the way. So I welcome that to come back to the Planning Commission with a little better planning effort on all of our parts and hopefully it gets passed so we can move forward with it. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Mrs. Werren

Mrs. Werren: I won't repeat anything that Doug said, but I concur. I was surprised that next morning to see that on the front page of the paper. I thought that everything was kind of inline and it was going to go forward. And then I was even more I guess surprised, to see that some of the council members of that group, who were supposed to look at it objectively, had to share their own opinions about living a mile away and the loud speakers. That wasn't the topic and they needed to stay on point and I felt like we were addressing that issue through the parking. You know, we built fields and then didn't accommodate the parking. And when you go over to some of those other areas whether it's the Plain Local soccer fields, they've had to grow in space. Louisville's done it. Jackson has done it. And then you have to accommodate these places. And then secondly, I heard a talk last week by the Copley Fire Chief that used to live in Lake. And he's now the fire chief up there. And they've done a lot of shared services. And we keep hearing about all these shared services; and in the Akron Beacon Journal the other day. And I think Mike, I had talked to you a while back about they shared that grinder that the three communities and you know, this wasn't common before. And now they're looking at all these ways they can save. And it saved approximately \$100,000 per community. And I think it was Tallmadge, Kent, and Summit. It's your friend and one of the Mayors up there. And we don't all need this machine. It sits there, you know, idle so often. And so I just want us to keep looking at that and maybe even have the fire chief

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come down. They believe so strongly in this that they want him to travel and talk about this because they've seen such success with this. And then I look at our budget and or maybe lack thereof and think that we could do some of these things. And I just want to maybe investigate some of these things. And I know we're trying to do this with sharing with Plain and Jackson on some of those areas but...

Mr. Snyder: I just want to, for the record, Mr. ...inaudible... He's been very good about - thank goodness he's been on point about that with both the Board of Trustees at Jackson and the Board of Trustees at Plain.

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Snyder: Meeting and looking at any venue or avenue where we can share right down to a snow shovel.

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Snyder: We're working on that. I appreciate that very much.

Mr. Griffith: Let me state for the record, we're not willing to share any of our snow shovels.

(Laughter)

Mr. Griffith: Everything else is on the table.

Mr. Snyder: Inaudible...

Mr. Griffith: That's right, everything else. I wanted to say two quick things. One, I had the outstanding opportunity to attend a 5 year-old birthday party at Dogwood Shelter on Saturday. And although the party was as exciting as one can imagine, the venue itself I was extremely impressed with. Not only was I impressed with the way that the renovations have taken place, but both sides were rented out and they were all day. And we were by there again riding bikes on Sunday and there were plenty of people in there too. So I think again that's money well spent, a good return on investment for public dollars. And I want to thank you Doug for pushing that. I think that that was really good and it's been very helpful. So now and unfortunately we'll be having a 5 year-old birthday party in July and I'll be paying rent to do that as well.

(Laughter)

Mr. Griffith: Instead of my back yard. So thank you for that as well. Secondly, I wanted to just say a congrats to the boys' and girls' basketball teams. Obviously we're still pulling for the boys but the girls are doing well too. And I think we have yet more things to be proud of in this community. So a good job for them.

Mr. Snyder: Nice comments, thank you. Mr. Cerreta

Mr. Cerreta: Well, just to concur with what both of you said. I'm not going to say much more that's been said. I was a little disappointed in that end result of that. And I think we can make things right there. It's a great idea, we're trying to solve problems, so I won't say anything more about that. I hope we can send that on and that does get approved and I think it will sooner or later. Outside of that, no report.

Mr. Snyder: Member. Kiesling

Mrs. Kiesling: No report.

**Reports:**

Mr. Snyder: Director of Law

Mr. Fox: Yes sir. I just wanted to echo the fine comments for the Citizens Survey Committee. The presentation was very professional and polished. And I know that only comes from preparation. So I appreciate your efforts in that. Also, Mayor's Court this evening and it continues to do really well. I just want to thank the Mayor's Office. Jane Housos does the traffic portion and with Justine and we have Gayle Bruce in Income Tax that assists us with that. The Police Department serves the summons and it just continues to do really well. For example, just this evening we had a gentleman that appeared with his attorney and has paid \$1,400 from 2007 income tax return and made a deposit of \$10,000 as a good faith deposit while they determine what he owes for the remaining years. So that continues to do well and as a result we intend to bring in those violations of our city ordinance for the housing code in the spring. So we'll be bringing those in as well.

Mr. Snyder: Director of Finance.

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Mrs. Alger: I wanted to echo the gratitude of the survey. Director Grimes, myself and Council Clerk Kalpac have been working on getting the web site up to date. And we really would welcome any ideas or suggestions that you may want to put on there for information to residents. That's it.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Director of Administration

Mr. Grimes: Yeah, on the web pages we've got that probably 98% built. We've got it sitting out there. We're training multiple employees so that we can keep it fresh and they can update it from different departments. I think that was one of the things we did in the past. We just only had a couple of people doing that. And so we'll be ready to fly here probably within the next few weeks. So we'll get that out there and hopefully you'll like it. The other thing we're working on is having it on the web page; already you can pay your utilities, but we're also going to have it so that you can pay your traffic fines, court fines and do that online too. So we're trying to get up to speed on that. And then fire, I can't get into too much, but fire is working with some other departments around here and they're meeting to see how they can work some things out, save money on purchases and some of that. They've got that going on. And Mr. Davis, from our Service Department, has traveled around to other service centers to see how they do it, what they're doing, and how we can maybe steal some ideas from them and save some money too. So that is going on. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Held: Yes. Again, the Survey Committee, fantastic job. The information is very, very valuable to us. And you know it's interesting to see that when you look at the first survey that was sent out in 2009, that's really when the City was going through probably the most difficult financial time that we've seen, you know, in the City's history when you look back. And to see what we've went through and where we're at now. We're still getting, you know, the survey responses from the residents have improved overall. And I think that the reason that that happens is number one, the people in the community. Because whenever there's a difficult time, this community always comes through. And also the Council and the Administration, you know we've really worked together. I mean there's always different ways to achieve the same goal and - but I think what has happened is we've really found a place of agreement and we try to build off of that. And I appreciate the service that you folks do. And again, Survey Committee, that was excellent. I hope I can use some or all of it in the State of the City because it was very well done. That's all.

Mr. Snyder: If you pay a royalty to the sum of \$1,029 there might be ...

(Laughter)

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Engineer.

Mr. Benekos: Yes, just two items. We spoke before about working with Walsh on a waterline on the north side into their ball fields area. We've come to an agreement with them on sharing the cost of the waterline. It's much less than \$50,000, our portion of it. It does not need to come back to Council. There's money in an account for that. So just wanted to make you aware of that that construction on that might be starting even next week. Regarding the Hoover Building and improvements on East Maple Street, the JRS Grant, we've been talking with the developer. Construction on the Building 16 on the second floor improvements to that should begin here within a couple of months. Also, improvements on East Maple Street that we'll be making, will start in a couple of months which means detours perhaps and a lot of headaches for traffic. But hopefully by the end of summer that will be done and opened up and everybody will be able to enjoy that.

Mr. Snyder: I have a couple of things. Number one, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month, which is I believe is two weeks from tomorrow, at the Civic Center, we'll be holding a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Crime Prevention Safety Seminar conducted by our local Police and Fire Department. And as we mentioned in an email, any ward representative is privileged to do the same. In the 4<sup>th</sup> we'll be inviting every person, every household in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward to come as crime has become stronger as the economy is weaker it seems to be. They'll do that as well as identity theft and so forth conducted by Lieutenant Strausser and Chief Wilder and Chief Bacon and Gary Cohen, our prevention officers. And then the next Thursday night right after on the 28<sup>th</sup>, I think that's a Tuesday I beg your pardon - on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>, I'll have Representative Schuring and hopefully the three Commissioners, the Director of the Ohio Emergency Management and we're going to invite people from the Department of the Army, of the Army Corps of Engineers to address the situation. I had the full cooperation of the Mayor who sent in for grant money for eleven homes that are down there. And we did - they received our grant and filed it. So we'll be doing that. And then I've since - the Mayor and I were the architects of a letter to Jim Renacci. He forwarded it to the Army Corps who said that the Zimber Ditch is - repair is a priority. And they assigned Mr. Benekos as our point guard. So anybody - we'll direct everybody to Administration when a call comes in on the Zimber to send it to Engineering and he'll take your ...

Mr. Fox: That's Steve Nash

(Laughter)

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Mr. Snyder: But he's been to a meeting, and it's not a laughing matter, but I just thought I'd ... So we are making some progress there. So hopefully if any of you would like to attend, we'll be there. And then finally, on a very sad note, from the Council and Administration our deepest sympathies to Member Werren on the loss of her grandmother. And please extend our sympathies to your parents and to your family. That's not an easy thing anytime and we extend our deepest sympathies.

Mrs. Werren: Thank you. Appreciate that.

## FINAL CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Snyder: Any other comments to come ...

Mr. Osborne: Mr. Snyder, can I make some remarks?

Mr. Snyder: Do it very shortly -- quickly.

Chuck Osborne: 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I'm a little bit disturbed about this Council creating statistics and data which we don't know to be factually true. Mr. Foltz, regarding your comments of seven fields playing, I've received strident emails from people whose children participate out there, people who are connected. They don't play seven of those fields at the same time. So to start generating numbers here -- since this Community is big on surveys and collecting data, I would urge you to go out there and have a city official out there through a season of play and start collecting data, find out actually what is indeed happening there. I don't think the existing parking lot is being utilized efficiently. And if you're going to have hundreds of cars converging in a concentrated time, maybe it's time that we start putting a police department out there during those four hours or whatever, to direct the traffic, to park people. There's no reason to create hundreds more parking spaces to accommodate something that we don't even know exists. And someone needs to be gathering data to see the hours of use, how much incoming traffic we have out there, and maybe to guide people where to park. I dare say - and I'm going to go out there. I'm curious now myself. I'm going to take my own advice. I daresay you have people -- one car taking up two and three places because they're not parking in the painted stall which I did go out there, they do have painted stalls. And I'm getting ready to send a letter to the Administration, there's debris thrown in the wetlands out there. There is a huge sign, about 4 x 6, thrown off into the wetlands a metal sign. There is a wood structure with a electrical panel bolted to it also thrown in the wetlands. There's debris all around the perimeter of that property. If you go over into the Luzio property and the other property, I don't know who we got that from, all kinds of debris in there. It needs to be cleaned up and picked up. And I don't know whether you want to assign that to the leasors or the lessees of the property or you want the taxpayers to pay to clean that up. But I will be getting a letter to the Administration.

Mrs. Kiesling: We'll send you a letter Chuck, and ask you to volunteer.

Mr. Cerreta: Hey Chuck, have you ever been to a Little League game?

Mr. Osborne: You're very cute, Mrs. Kiesling.

Mr. Cerreta: Answer me, have you ever been to a Little League game out there?

Mr. Osborne: And there's also a big ...

Mr. Cerreta: That's all I needed to hear.

Mr. Osborne: There's also a big PVC culvert about twelve feet long, about sixteen inches in diameter. But please, go out there and see for yourself what is going on instead of just making up data to generate what you want to happen in the future. Thank you.

## Adjourn:

Mr. Snyder: That's a point well taken. Thank you. Any member of Council? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

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

No: 0

The council meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



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