

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON ORGANIZATIONAL

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m. 20¹³

1. Call to Order:

The organizational meeting was called to order Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor David J. Held.

Mayor Held: Okay. Thank you all for coming. I'm David Held, your Mayor, and this is our organizational meeting that we hold at the beginning of the new term here. And, so, I'd like to call the meeting to order. We will begin with an opening prayer by one of our new pastors in the community, Pastor Steve Marshall. He's from MissionView Church, and for those of you who would be interested in attending, they do have services at 9:30 a.m. over at Hoover High School. Thank you, pastor.

The following members of council were present for the organizational meeting: Cerreta, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, and Werren. Council Member Griffith was not present for the meeting.

Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Grimes, Director of Law Fox, Director of Finance Alger, City Engineer Benekos, Director of Permits & Development Bowles, Police Chief Wilder, and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

2. Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was delivered by Pastor/Elder Steve Marshall of MissionView Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oath of Office – Elected Officials:

Mayor Held: You can have a seat. Alight, the next step in our organizational meeting will be, what we'd like to do has been a tradition in North Canton, for the swearing in our elected officials we invite one of our judges to do the swearing in ceremony. Today, we actually have two judges here. We have Judge Werren who is one of our North Canton residents and Judge, congratulations on becoming Judge.

Judge Werren: Thank you.

Mayor Held: And we also have then our guest of honor here today, is Judge Frank Forchione. And the Judge and I have known each other for a number of years dating back to when I first was the City Administrator for North Canton. So it's been a little over ten years. And all his nieces and nephews go to Hoover High School, so that's even better. And Judge, we're glad to have you here today, and what we're hoping you will do is you'll share the message about public service with us.

Judge Forchione: First of all, Mayor, thank you for letting me come here today, Council and all the Administrative members, ...inaudible... happy, I will keep my words very brief. Fellow Judge Werren, who is much more intelligent and smarter than I, ...inaudible... a good friend. I don't know what the definition of a public servant is. And some of you obviously have been in it a long time, and for your family members it may be the first time. So when Mayor Held was kind enough to ask me my definition of a public servant, I really thought about it and tried to give you what I think is the right definition. And let me just read it to you. " A public servant or public official, in my eyes, is an unselfish individual who tries to make a difference, working countless hours for minimal pay, sacrifices time with their family, sometimes criticized for second guess, yet not deterred from facing the challenges, they find a way to make the community a better place to live." That's the best definition. And I've been a public servant for 27 years. And I think it's the greatest thing in the world to give back to the community. I learned a few tips that I'm sure everybody probably already knows, but things that have helped me. It's number one to remember that a public official is the highest difficulty that you could have. It takes a lot of different things: courage, commitment, and dedication. Number two, I think it's very important that you speak with the dignity of the office, and I know that's done up here regularly. To respect one another, especially in the ...inaudible... Number three, consider the

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input of others. I know Mr. Snyder and I have had conversations at Fishers regarding government. But it's very important that you hear both sides. You talk to different people out in the community, whether it's at the Hoover football games or whether it's in the park, the walking park by Price Park. Number four, is transparency. It's important to let the public know the reasons behind your decisions. Actually, sometimes you may win them over. Lastly, accept the fact that you may be on the wrong track. A Mistake does not become an error until you refuse correct it. As I see here in North Canton, I have five sisters, believe it or not they're all talking to me at the time, which is good, and I think it's just an incredible, incredible community. I think what has happened here in North Canton with the public officials, Mayor Held and everyone has taken tremendous amount of courage for what they've ...inaudible... six years ago with the Hoover Company. It's now about 50% full, if not more. I read an article in the *Repository* where now there's ...inaudible... and condos and restaurants and things of that nature. The event that I like the most is the 4th of July race, which is nice because we have probably ten of our family members run in it together. And it's not really about winning. It's about getting everybody together in the community. Price Park is where I played soft ball. Where's Mr. Cerreta at; my old team mate? A wonderful family event. Education here in North Canton, whether it's Walsh or Stark State. There's so many wonderful things but I want to say, it's taken time of these Council members, leaders, mayors, meeting, discussing, debating. At times not agreeing, times are agreeing, and then when it's all said and done, you have the wonderful, wonderful community. So thank you for letting me talk here today. And with that, I'm going to swear in...

Mayor Held: Judge, if you don't mind...

Judge Forchione: Yes, go ahead.

Mayor Held: because we have all of our members...

Judge Forchione: Okay.

Mayor Held: fortunately all returning, typically what we do is we'll have the Mayor is typically sworn in and then depending on how many different Council members were newly elected, we could do that individually or collectively. But because we're all returning and we're all working so well together, we want to keep that same spirit of cooperation going, so if you don't mind, if you could swear us all in at the same time.

Judge Forchione: The Mayor and Council?

Mayor Held: The Mayor and Council.

Judge Forchione: But, I generally charge 500 a head so

(Laughter)

Mayor Held: We can all stand if you like.

Judge Forchione: All stand. Raise your hand. First of all, just say "I" and your name, and then repeat after me.

Judge Forchione, Mayor Held, and Council: I, ..., do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton, Ohio, and to faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Mayor / Council Member of the City of North Canton. And this I do as I shall answer unto God.

Judge Forchione: Congratulations and God Bless You.

Mayor Held: Okay. Thank you, Judge.

Mrs. Kiesling: Thank you.

(Applause)

Mayor Held: You know I always like to tell this story about, since we're on swearing in and taking the Oath of Office, when I was first sworn in as Mayor, I had one of the Supreme Court Justices that came down and did the Oath of Office for us, Judge O'Donnell. And he said it so quickly that, and the sentences were so long, I know I didn't say all the words, so I'm not sure if my first term was technically official. But

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thank you for making it nice and steady because it makes it a lot easier for us. But Judge thank you very much for being here today. This is - it really is a very special day because, as the Judge had mentioned, we're all public servants here and we're here to serve the greater good of the people of North Canton. And there are so many great things that are happening now in the City. I mean, we did, we took a really, Judge, I think you mentioned about a "body blow". It was a really tough hit when the Hoover Company left. And - but we've all come together just like the people of North Canton do. We come together. We put together a plan and we're overcoming it. And we're not quite there, but we're on our way. So what I'd like to do now is, we will move on and we will go through the formality, or the process. I want to make sure that we're doing everything legal here. I would like to call to order the Organizational meeting, Monday September 2, 2013 at, well now it's actually 7:45 p.m. We've already had our opening prayer, pledge of allegiance, and now we'll move on to the election of the President of Council. I now open the nominations for the President of Council. I would need a motion and a second.

5. **Election of President of Council:**

Mrs. Kiesling: I'd like to motion Jon Snyder for President of Council.

Mayor Held: Okay, we have a motion for nomination for Councilman Jon Snyder.

Mrs. Werren: I'll second.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to nominate Jon Snyder for the position of President of Council.

Mayor Held: We have a second. Do we have any other nominations? No other nominations? Okay, with a motion and a second, I'll have a roll call vote please.

All members present voting:

Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Werren

No: 0

Abstain: Snyder

Mayor Held: Okay. Now that was - I want to make sure I'm doing this right. That was a motion and a second for the - was that to close the nominations? Did I do this right, Jon?

Mrs. Kalpac: No, that was to nominate.

Mayor Held: Oh, to nominate. Okay. I'm not used to this Council President thing. I need for you to bear with me, alright? I need to pay attention a little better when I'm sitting over in that seat. But anyhow, now we have, so now we need a motion and a second to close nominations.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to close nominations for the position of President of Council.

Mayor Held: Do we have a motion and second roll call vote?

All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mayor Held: Okay, now we need a motion and a second to elect Jon Snyder as President of Council.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to appoint Jon Snyder to the position of President of Council.

Mayor Held: We have a motion and second roll call vote.

All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz

No: 0

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Abstain: Snyder

Mrs. Kiesling: Congratulations, Jon.
Mayor Held: Congratulations, Jon.

(Applause)

Mr. Snyder: I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Werren: And the name tag is back.

Mr. Cerreta: Now, let's pay attention over there a little bit more.
Mrs. Werren: That's right.

Mayor Held: That's right. I'm going to have to pay a little better attention to the process here.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. And to my to my colleagues, thank you again for allowing me to serve again. At this time we'll elect the Vice President of Council. May I have a motion for the office of Vice President of Council?

6. Election of Vice President of Council:

Mr. Cerreta: I motion for Marcia for Vice President of Council.
Mr. Peters: I second.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mr. Peters seconded to nominate Marcia Kiesling for the position of Vice President of Council.

All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mrs. Kiesling: I don't know why you abstained.

Mr. Snyder: That may haunt you. If it doesn't work out I can't blame myself.
Mrs. Kiesling: Oh, okay. Alright, I see

Mr. Snyder: I didn't vote for myself. Yes incidentally, I did. Alright, are there any other motions – may I have a motion to close the nominations for Vice President of Council?

Mrs. Werren moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to close the nominations for the position of Vice President of Council.

All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: Now we need a motion and a second to elect Marcia Kiesling to Vice President of Council.

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to appoint Marcia Kiesling to position of Vice President of Council. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: Do we have to excuse Member Griffith from this meeting?

Mr. Fox: You may. You didn't take roll, but you may.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, may I have a motion and a second to excuse Member Dan Griffith from this meeting?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mrs. Werren second to excuse the absence of Council Member Dan Griffith. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

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Mr. Snyder: We want to make sure we keep as a public record because we'll have a request tomorrow morning for that.
Mrs. Kiesling: Yeah, right.

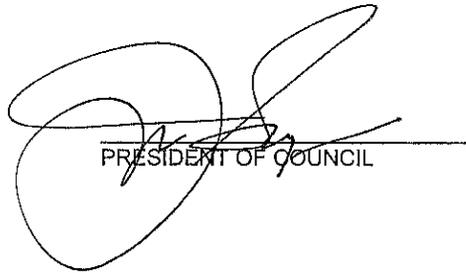
Mr. Snyder: So make sure. Is there any other business that needs to come before this body? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

7. Adjourn:

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to adjourn the organizational meeting. All members present voting:
Yes: Foltz, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta
No: 0

Mr. Snyder: Next Monday night we'll be meeting at 6:30 for Council of the Whole. Immediately following will be the regular Council meeting. So we're going to try that try that out and see how that adapts. If we have maybe we'll put it through and...

The organizational meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:


CLERK OF COUNCIL