

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, October 26, 2015 7:00pm. Opening prayer Reverend Mel Lindberg, retired. Reverend welcome.

2. Opening Prayer – Reverend Mel Lindberg.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Clerk, please call the roll?

Roll call found the following council members in attendance: Cerreta, Foltz, Fonte, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters and Werren. Thus having 7 in attendance.

5. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: October 12, 2015
Committee of the Whole Minutes: October 19, 2015

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes, to approve the above minutes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, may I have a motion and a second to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Ben Wheeler to come up and address council regarding Dogwood Pool.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to amend the agenda.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much. Ben?

BEN WHEELER: Good evening. Thanks for giving me a few moments of your time tonight; just continuing to follow up on our initiative this summer with Dogwood Pool. I had a chance to sit down last week with administration with Karen and Mike and Jim just kind of reviewing this summer and looking at the numbers and from there. And really just stopped by this evening to drop you off a check. So very excited about what we were able to do this summer with the pool and how we were able to serve the community and how we were able to I think be very cost effective at doing it for you guys. So the city's portion for Dogwood Pool this summer I'm not sure if you'll have this number or not but the check I have is for \$41,470. So again I just wanted to thank everybody on council and for administration for their support this year as we took on this project. You know it's the first time we've done this in a few years and get the Y back involved with partner with the city on this kind of a project. Of course always looking forward to finding other ways that the Y and the city can work together to serve our community you know better and to keep everybody strong physically, mentally and spiritually. So, thanks again and appreciate your support.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, at this time if you wish to address council please step forward state your name and address.

6. Recognition of Visitors

CHUCK OSBORNE: 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I hadn't really planned on speaking except Mr. Wheeler prompted my mind. And I guess Mr. Fox here a few weeks ago whose argument against me collecting a synopsis of basically who was using the city's municipal pool. Everybody knows my intent was to find out who is using the pool, inside residents city residents versus outside the municipal limits. And obviously he didn't want me to know that. At any rate my reason for coming up here this evening and this may be just a quirk and I hope it was. I ran across a family up on New England Drive which is clearly in the city limits of North Canton who were refused a Dogwood pass an inside city I guess Dogwood pass. And I guess the confusion was you know they live in Plain Township School District and not the North Canton School District. So there's apparently someone at the Y I'm presuming who was giving out misinformation. I talked with the gentleman at length

and I clearly told him "well, that's not correct you live inside the city limits of North Canton so you should have been sold a pass I guess the lowest rate for the city residents." But we discussed this and he couldn't argue his way through it. I guess someone up there and I'm sure there's more than one person who was selling the passes you know as the schedule flip flopped around. But someone I guess at the Y was under the impression that you had to be in the North Canton City School District and as we know municipal boundaries and school district boundaries do not coincide. So maybe that was just a quirk I don't know if there's other families I just wanted to pass that onto you. Thank you.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Just so you're all aware what he just said regarding the synopsis was the record request that he made for the Dogwood Pool applications. And he just said the reason he didn't get those records is because there was something I didn't want him to see. Now let's be clear and I'll provide you the documentation I believe you've seen it before is the request for that information specifically what he asked for is not a public record. It's under the Public Records Act that type of information is private and confidential. And it would have been illegal for the city to provide those records and the city employee that may have been fooled in providing those records in all likelihood would be terminated. Under the statute they're not permitted to work again in an Ohio municipality, they face incarceration, fine and the city would face the number of those records that would have been supplied regarding the applications was near 1,000. So you know multiply those times the number of the civil suit you want to be clear that there wasn't anything that the city was hiding. What the city was doing is protecting its resident's right not to have certain information that they use to obtain their pool pass so that's not just disclosed at anyone upon request. And that information came through the state auditor's office. They contacted my office and asked specifically for the rationale a legal memorandum explaining why the city chose not to provide those records. It waited 3 weeks and responded and said "the city was correct."

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Just a follow up if I may I know Mr. Wheeler provided our numbers early fall we'll call it. I don't know if they were final numbers when you gave it to us but you still break this down Karen you can verify this you know every year when we look at the numbers you can still provide a record of city residents versus school district residents or city taxpayers, nonresidents. You can give us generic numbers we're not worried about any violations of that or privacy acts on that. So that's still available as far as I know. Right? You know so if that's what we're after well we can compare that from year to year the last ten years even reviewing that when we discussed the Y's contract collaboration with us. So just to make a point for the record.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, anyone else wishing to address council please step forward state your name and address.

BEN WHEELER: I'll just be real quick in reference to that thank you to Mr. Osborne for notifying me that's the first time I've been made aware that anybody had any challenges getting a pool pass this summer with the extended hours at the Y. Of course we're open from 5:00 to 10:00. There's a number of people that do service though so if you'd be so kind to share the information with me who you talked to I'd certainly be glad to apologize personally on behalf of the Y for any challenges they may have had getting pool passes. Its news to me. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: And just so it be known too we are going to be talking with the Y on how even to improve. That's part of the whole negotiations for another year as we move forward and we decide to we'll have...its we're going to go through growing pains it's an evolving of things every time you start something new it's an evolving things. And if there was some sort of thing we can do better we will do that better at moving forward. So...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Just to remind everyone our initial projections when we put it together the first time was about between \$20,000 to \$23,000 and you know we've done very we've done significantly better than that. So I think it was an optimistic piece and we had a rough summer relative to weather too. So I think...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: And we closed early.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: And we had to close early, exactly right. So I think this was a wonderful experiment, it was a great outcome. Ben, I appreciate everything you and your staff did. Absolutely.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, I mean it's not perfect we understand that and I think Chuck needs to make sure we're aware of it so that we can address it because who knows maybe you can take them a free pass, discount their pass.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Don't forget that there's a large number and I don't recall exactly what it was that we're not accounting for in here is that that \$41,000 doesn't include in previous years what we would pay out in salaries for lifeguards. So all of those costs that we would have paid...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: You're saying the \$41,000 is a net revenue source. (Right) Not a gross a net. Yeah.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: And then if we just take say whatever last year's number was or previous year what we paid for lifeguards that added to that number is you know a good opportunity to see what we would have made you know the difference in paying those lifeguards.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, what else can we sub out?

(Mr. Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: No, sir.

CHUCK OSBORNE: You allowed him to come up for a second time?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: You've had your time, you've had your time he came up during public speaks. You've had your time take your seat Mr. Osborne.

(Mr. Osborne spoke out again from the gallery.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Osborne, take a seat please. Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address council please step forward state your name and address.

LARRY TRIPP: 1127 East Maple Street, North Canton. I used to attend these meetings on a regular basis. After two years ago you people taking healthcare, I stopped. I lost all trust in you people. I first would like to thank the new comers in the race and these people behind me that come on a regular basis and speak out in defense of this city. I have followed council on a regular basis through Martin Olson, through the Repository and just talking with some of my neighbors. Martin Olson probably speaks out the best. Two people on this council in his opinion the worst council of politicians in Stark County. This council as a whole in his whole one of the worst. So I took a little test myself I'd heard these people complaining about getting records and this and that so I called my councilman early this spring. In fact I emailed him I said "could you get me a list of the streets that are going to be paved?" Because there were no pavings last year is my understanding. So through I got four emails from my councilmember never did get an answer. Never got an answer. I knew in my own mind I would have to go to Mike Grimes to get an answer if I wanted to find out. But not my councilman. That's the respect a citizen gets. So just recently I read in the paper Mr. DeHoff contacted Mike Grimes about getting the wall fixed. Two years ago this city didn't have money to fix that wall do they? What he did Mr. Grimes went outside the box and got it done himself. And my councilman complains \$25,000 he said something to the affect "\$23,000 is alright but think what \$25,000 for street repair." This is in the Repository I'm not making it up. And his street has probably his ward has probably one of the worst streets Hower Street right behind Hoover. But anyways you know that's, that's the respect you get from the councilman. But thank you Mr. Grimes for working outside the box getting that done. Before that it was an eyesore to the city. The swimming pool has anything been done yet that we were going to get that fixed I thought a new lining this fall? I've not seen any construction in fact that was a big issue at the end of August you folks had a big council session you know things were supposed to be moving September. Unless I missed something you know I would appreciate an answer on that where that stands as of right now. So all in all you know in two years I stood behind this council and I said when we were going through all the...I had no confidence in this council two years ago. And as of today I still don't. You know two years later, two years later. You know my councilmember calls the swimming pool a financial hub. I don't know how you get a financial hub out of the something that's opened maybe 10 weeks of the year. You know I don't understand I can't understand some of this stuff. But at any rate best of luck to the newcomers and thank you all for running and appreciate the opportunity to talk. Thanks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thanks Larry. If there's anyone else wishing to address council please step forward state your name and address. Seeing none we will move onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by titled only the third reading of Ordinance No. 59 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 59 – 2015.

7. Old Business

8. Ordinance No. 59 – 2015 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, Ohio, to enter into a settlement agreement between the City and Zablo & Sons Corporation regarding a dispute over the foundation and construction of a proposed building located at 840 Easthill Street S.E., North Canton, which caused the City to issue a notice of violation and file a complaint in the Canton Municipal Court, case number 2015CRB01881.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I think obviously we've had big discussion about this agreement amongst the parties. It appears as if much of the work has been completed but I'll defer to the other folks. I mean I've been by it...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: It still has pipes.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yes, I know we were worried...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So it still has the black pipes. But it was graded, the grass is coming in. I talked to a couple of residents and they were pleased with what they thought that it was. And so that was good but the pipes are still there. Do you know anything about that Tim or Mike?

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: No, we've asked Mr. Benekos to speak with him in kind of a final beautification if you will. But I hope you appreciate what it was and what it is now. Initially early if was a nuisance it wasn't going anywhere now it's it's more of an annoyance and I think with not much effort those pipes that are sticking up to black corrugated plastic tubes perhaps those could be lopped off or concealed with a couple shrubs. Something along those lines. But as I...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yeah, I talked to a number of residents not even in there but across the street and different areas and they were really pleased and think it looks nice.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: We, we also received from Stark Soil and Water last week did a analysis on the area and approved the work that was done and basically it said you know continue on with you know following the appropriate protocol for this area. So that was important as well.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: That was Stark Soil and Land?

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Stark Soil and Water. And I think right after it was graded was if you recall there was a period of time where it seemed to just not stop raining for a couple of days and there was no evidence of pooling or flooding. So I think the way it was graded pretty flat in the center has prevented any storm water runoff and the analysis from Stark Soil and Water kind of corroborated that.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: And just to clarify for everybody the fact that we're approving this means that we give up no right in the future if the you know if the grass doesn't get mowed and we have the ability to pursue that as we would anyone who has a nuisance and if the pipes continue to be an issue just because we approved this tonight means we still have the ability we're not foregoing or foreclosing any ability to do that. So...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: To wait on Jim's report well he's obviously not here tonight next meeting to move forward. Jim to look at the pipes.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Are you suggesting that we not pass this tonight?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: No, I would have passed it earlier as I said you know on emergency if we could have done it.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I just wanted to make sure.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: No, I'm just saying I think we need to not the pipes issue go. Follow up with Jim whatever conversation you had with Zablo, fine. I have to write him another violation we'll do it. Okay.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah, we're in agreement with that sir; we went down both Jim and I and you know to look it personally for Jim and he just let me know he hadn't had a chance to get with Zablo yet but we're in agreement something's got to be done about those pipes.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Okay, thank you for that.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Are there any other questions or comments relative to the agreement? Seeing none I would move its approval.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 59 – 2015.

ORDIANNCE NO. 59 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading or Ordinance No. 60 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 60 – 2015.

9. Ordinance No. 60 – 2015

Community and Economic Development Committee

An ordinance providing that, upon a close review of the entire record, North Canton City Council finds the Planning

Commission's decision to approve a conditional use permit for the Hoover District South Parking Lot was not unconstitutional, illegal, arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable, and was supported by a preponderance of substantial, reliable and probative evidence on the entire record. Therefore, Council affirms the Planning Commission's decision to approve the permit.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairwoman Kiesling?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Does anybody have any questions? Anything new? I think we've gone through it a number of times. Okay, I motion we adopt.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 60 – 2015. Fonte voted to abstain.

ORDINANCE NO. 60 – 2015 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, may I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 61 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 61 – 2015.

10. Ordinance No. 61 – 2015 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into an agreement with the Regional Income Tax Agency ("RITA") for the administration of City income tax laws and the collection of City income tax.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: As a side note where several of us are planning a field trip on Thursday to go up to the RITA headquarters to see them, meet with them and continue our due diligence. I'm sure that we would be glad to have any of you who would care to join us come up. I hear it's a happening a place. So we're going to see that in person. But obviously I think it's important if we're going to partner with them that we know them and get to know them. We've done a lot of good due diligence otherwise but there's nothing compares to being there and actually seeing it put your hands on the process. So this legislation is the legislation that would initiate us to work with RITA. We're going to read it three times but this is the second reading and everybody seems to have a pretty positive outlook for it. So are there any other questions or concerns? No, no volunteers for Thursday. Seeing none I'll move its approval.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 61 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 61 – 2015 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, may I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 62 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 62 – 2015.

11. Ordinance No. 62 – 2015 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance to amend Chapter 191, Income Tax, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton regarding municipal income tax.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: This is the expansive legislation that we worked on that will keep us in compliance with the new city

income tax legislation that exists. We've had good discussion about it. I don't know that there's a whole more expansive discussion necessary so if there aren't any other questions I'll move its approval.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the second reading for Ordinance No. 62 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 62 – 2015 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance no. 63 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 63 – 2015.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

12. New Business

13. Ordinance No. 63 – 2015 Community and Economic Development Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to prepare and submit an application for the Stark County Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG") Fiscal Year 2016-2018, for a grant for the Woodrow – Pierce Street Reconstruction Project, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairwoman Kiesling.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Yes, this is an exciting development they free opened the bidding process so we've resubmitted an another application for the Pierce, North Main Water it's a whole reconstruction. So we're extremely excited to get an opportunity to apply for this and hopefully get it. We've secured \$1.3 million dollars over several years through the CDBG grant. So this is just giving them authorization to apply.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I had a question about is the portion of Pierce that's covered by this grant which is from 9th Street to Woodrow is that going to get curbs and gutters too? Because it currently does not have curbs and gutters. Does anybody know? Jim isn't here so it's kind of unfair question.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I would support that but I don't think it's on it.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: In the reconstruction project. I'll ask...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Eric do you know?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BOWLES: You'll have to repeat that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Is there going to be curbs on Pierce from running north from 9th Street to curbs and gutters from 9th Street to Woodrow?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BOWLES: 9th Street or 9th Street and Woodrow?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yeah, on Pierce?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BOWLES: No, we're just doing the area from Pierce north to Woodrow, that short area.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Right, well there's not curb and gutter there now. Are we just going to pave it or are we going to look at curb and gutter for that?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BOWLES: I don't have the engineer's estimate right now. So I'm...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I'll ask Jim I should of I apologize.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Cause if we're going to do it now's the time to tie it in. It was one of the streets...

LAW DREICTOR FOX: Why don't you move onto we have several bits of legislation and I'll see if I can get an answer for you.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I'm happy to support it either way. I don't want to hold up the legislation from passing.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: No, but it's a good idea to call him, you can call him.

LAW DREICTOR FOX: Table it for a moment.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Well we even if we're just approving the grant. We're approving the grant we can still come back and revisit the bid process for the contractor. So you know I wouldn't yeah we're just authorizing grant dollars to apply for it.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yeah, I don't want to hold it up if you want to do it I won't hold it up at all.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No, free money.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Either way whatever it is we're going to do it with grant dollars. So we might as well go ahead...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I was just more curious than...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Is there a motion on that?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, we'll find out and I saw the plat they had it a couple of weeks ago.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That was a good thought by Tim, but I think we can go ahead and approve. Are you going to motion that or?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Yeah, I motion we adopt.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I'll second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 63 – 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 63 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 63 – 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 63 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 63 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 63 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 64 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 64 – 2015.

14. Ordinance No. 64 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #1, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000417, and being part of Lot No. 7036, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation ("City"), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, so the next several pieces of legislation are basically all about the same. We probably can't patch

them together but they're about the street light easements. So on the north side of the street along the you know where the expansion took place. There's a small section 3 to 5 foot in diameter where the street lights are so they're just an easement a perpetual easement so we have full access to it until infinity. That's basically the same for all of them. But I know have to probably read each one. So I move that we approve this.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 64 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 64 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 65 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 65 – 2015.

15. Ordinance No. 65 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #2, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000417, and being part of Lot No. 7036, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation ("City"), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: This is a continuation what we just talked about. But it's just moving down the street a few feet to another little spot where we're going to have that ongoing easement until infinity. And it's just to maintain it and it's a street light that's it. So I move we go forward with it.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 65 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 65 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 66 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 66 – 2015.

16. Ordinance No. 66 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #3, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000418, and being part of Out Lot No. 379, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation ("City"), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Same thing it's just right down the street a bit further another little pad ongoing easement to infinity and beyond. And it's just a street light right there that's it. So I move that we move forward with this.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 66 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 66 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for

Ordinance No. 67 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 67 – 2015.

17. Ordinance No. 67 – 2015

Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #4, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000418, and being part of Out Lot No. 379, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation (“City”), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, let’s roll it one more time. So we roll down the street just a hair further and we have another little pad that’s an ongoing easement until infinity. And it’s a street light again. So we just want to get this approved as quickly as we can so we can move on.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: You’re getting a lot of mic time tonight, you’re kind of hogging it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I’m making it quick. So I move we approved this as quickly as possible. Cause we have a couple more.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 67 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 67 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 68 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 68 – 2015.

18. Ordinance No. 68 – 2015

Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, for the real property known as Parcel No. 9202067, and being part of Lot No. 309, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation (“City”), Grantee, and Stauffs Holding, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, so this is just a little bit further to the east. There’s a little house on the corner and there’s a little like traffic light setting right there. So this is an easement for a traffic signal light for an ongoing easement until infinity. So I move that we approve this.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 68 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 68 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 69 – 2015?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 69 – 2015.

19 Ordinance No. 69 – 2015

Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting, for public-use purposes, Maple Street Commerce, LLC's offer to the City of North Canton, to dedicate an additional right-of-way along East Maple Street (Main Street and Taft Ave), for the real property known as being part of Lot Nos. 7021 and 7071, and Out Lot Nos. 376 and 377, and consisting of 0.4545 acres in the City of North Canton, Stark County, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, the final one this evening. We're going to change it up a little bit this is on the south side of the street and it's where the easement is. We are having a right-of-way offering. So where they did the expansion we have a right-of-way and that's all. I move that we approve that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 69 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 69 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 70 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 70 – 2015.

20 Ordinance No. 70 – 2015

Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids for the City of North Canton Drinking Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers Rehab Project, and for the Mayor of the City of North Canton to be authorized, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for the Clarifiers Rehab Project, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Cerreta?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yes, first I appreciate Councilman Fonte's yielding of his filibuster we just went through.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I'm just trying to save time.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: We talked about this in meeting last week. This is to receive advertise and receive bids for these Clarifiers. There's going to be three of them and I think we have budgeted just under \$300,000 for these. So this again is to receive bids for the Drinking Water Plant. So I move that we go ahead and adopt this.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 70 – 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 70 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 70 – 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 70 – 2015?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 70 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 70 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

21. Reports – Council:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much. Reports, Member Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, three quick points. Larry Tripp this is for you regarding the roads so I was appointed a year and three, four months ago and they told me I was in charge of streets and alleys. So once I figured out what I was supposed to do cause we didn't get the roads done that prior year and I got into it a little late in the game. So I talked to Engineer Benekos and we jumped on it quickly so we got 2014 and 2015 done quickly this year. Which is about \$2.2 million dollars in blacktopping.

(Mr. Tripp spoke from the gallery)

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, let me just continue on because you're doing a good job there. 72 catch basins you know how they all deteriorated sunk down? So we were on top of the catch basins which was a big expense as well. Which was 72 catch basins. They're now cement cast so we shouldn't have so that will help with the drainage and everything else. So the 2016 we're going to get an early jump we're going to see if we can get some more money because we want to get on top of these roads. So I've been watching it closely so you can always call me if you see a road that needs you know some attention I'll get on it. Okay, the other thing is is that we have a civic center meeting October 29th at 6:00pm. State Representative Kirk Schuring will be in for an update on what's happening and if there's any more funds and that type of thing. Hope to see you all there. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Just a great job to Jim Davis and his group for getting out there and filling up potholes before it gets too cold. I think I made a couple calls last week and I don't even know if it was 24 hours when they were patched and filled and just getting back to me between Jim and Eric and Mike it's just quick response. Another constituent called about a light fixture and Mike's up there painting it, it was a person on East Maple and you know it does get very bright and it was actually a homeowner on there and they're trying some black reflective or no, heat resistant paint. We'll see if it works. But if constituents have an issue I think they need to call us because it really does help then we can communicate their concerns. And I'm just so impressed with the communication that we've had and just a lot's getting done and I've had really good feedback too on the way the Hoover project looks and East Maple and the trees growing and the parking lot. And it's been some really good comments. So thanks to everybody.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Member Kiesling?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I have a couple of items. I want to say a special thank you to Karen and her group I know I've mentioned a few times before but we're obviously doing the second reading for the RITA legislation and also our whole reset for the income tax legislation. I think it's important to look at and say that it really was only a few weeks ago that this legislation passed the House. And there are a lot of cities right now that are scrambling to try to still understand it to get underneath it and we were able to get ahead of it a great deal and it's because of Karen and her team and Gayle and Tim doing some continuing education as well. Which has been really helpful as well. So fortunately the city's in a much favorable position including getting into RITA this year. If we hadn't taken this move now we would be it would be 2017 before we would be able to do something. So I want to say a special thank you about that. The budget process is underway, the initial stages are in everyone sent in their wish list and apparently everyone thinks they've been very good boys and girls this year. Because the first draft well my 4 year old thought was a little bit excessive. So we're working on that, we're working on that. I think the pool's a good question we were talking about that before I don't know if you have an update on what's been happening; I was just going to ask the question where we are in that process.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: The pool liner.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Just from a the reconstruction process.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Mike?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Oh they've been out over the weekend looking at some stuff. We just there's no heavy equipment or anything in there that you can see. But they've been out working.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So it has begun?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: It has been begun we're still optimistic we're going to make those dates.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: And the final what's the final date for the completion of that project?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: We're trying to get it ready to open for next year.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Be ready to go.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Alright, and finally when we're finished I'll do we have some Open Checkbook stuff but I'll wait for everybody else to give their reports then I'll swing down if that's alright. So...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Cerreta?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Well, first thank you for your leadership on all those things RITA thing and the budget and how we're going to try to do that this year and hopefully multiple years.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yes, I should say to cut into your time now sorry, we are talking about doing...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: First Dominic.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: We're talking about putting together multiple years for capital requests so that we'll have a good idea multiple years what the capital request are not just for this budget but so that we can look out into future times which helps us with longer term capital projections. So that's going to mean more work for Mike and a little bit more for Karen, but I think we're all in agreement that it makes sense. I'm sorry. Alright, I'm done, my filibuster.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Cause I have no report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yes, thanks to Mike Grimes, Jim Benekos I know Jim Davis and the crews been out with the dirt patcher because they took care of some potholes we were discussing on some small streets. And also I'm very happy to get I think Pierce got done from Portage to 7th Street looks good or 9th Street. And then Valley Drive got done; I was after that one. That was a holdover from last year and they really talking to somebody I know a contractor they had a little bit of time with that street. So I'm glad it's done. I just drove it this morning. I mean excuse me this afternoon before I came into the meeting. So happy about those and I think it does make sense to look at the capital because we've got some bigger projects that I'm working on with consultants fees now in engineering with Parkview and Sheraton we're going to try and do something there with some additional drainage. And of course I'm not going to forget about Portage I think we all want to work towards that goal of finding some money somewhere to address those that gateway into the city. So thanks for your hard work on that and this council for stepping up and the administration too for solving these problems. It's always nice when you call and things get done maybe a little longer than we want but it's not always under our control. So I just think we have to be patient as long as we're working towards the goal we'll get there and I think our residents are pleased with that. So thanks to everybody.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, a couple comments in regards to Mr. Tripp of the comments that he made during public speaks. Yeah, I have in the past referred to that not only a recreational hub but also as an economic hub. And it's kind of ironic maybe you weren't here when Mr. Wheeler brought up a \$41,000 check to us at the beginning of the meeting. I'd say that helps the economics of the city. But more importantly and I don't know if you've been in that neighborhood recently Larry; I'm in there quite a bit and all the residents that I've spoken to and I haven't spoken to all of them but a majority of them in that neighborhood all agree with me. That it is an economic hub. And without getting into specifics I'll just give you a quick overview of some of the conversations we've had a lot of those homes were post World War II. Block homes, couple of them don't have basements, a lot of them don't have garages. After the '08 economic collapse that we experienced a lot of those home prices tanked, really tanked. And if you take something like Dogwood pool out of that neighborhood which is a selling point now you can ask any realtor Dominic Fonte, you can laugh about it all you want Mr. Tripp not everyone lives in a 2 story home like you do. Not everybody takes care of their property like you do and you do a great job at it. He does it looks outstanding. It does it's one of the best in the city. But the bottom line is that really is an economic hub for the folks in that neighborhood who are in fact are inside ward 2 who I in fact represent very vigorously. And I'm willing to spend a little more of the money taxpayer money to make sure their home values stay to where they're not going to lose their life savings on the biggest purchase they've made. That may seem you may not be able to understand that but the folks in that neighborhood sure do. Maybe you could walk around that neighborhood and ask them to explain it to you. In regards...

(Mr. Tripp spoke out from the gallery)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Tripp, you can't speak from the audience you know that. I did not interrupt you and I will not allow you to interrupt me. In regards to the email thread that you were referencing at the end I still have that email thread I think maybe you misread it a little differently and if you want to speak after the meeting one on one we'll go over the thread and I can show you. Be an interesting conversation. So thank you for your comments Mr. Tripp I hope I've answered some of your questions and you know you may disagree with me and I understand why you disagree me but it's going to be hard for

you to disagree with the 200 or so residents that live in that neighborhood behind there in my ward and actually for that matter some of the residents over in ward 1 across the street some of those homes as well. Depend on the fact that pool sits there. So and not just the pool its Dogwood Park and the school and everything else. But you know it's all encompassing you know and I understand why you made the comments and I think that's between you and I. But I just wanted to clarify that for the record. Thank you, Mr. Law Director you're next.

22. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes I stepped out on Ordinance No. 63...

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: We passed it.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Okay, yeah, just so it's clear it's not it doesn't include curbs and gutters the price perhaps would have set it off. But if you not familiar with those costs the entire cost is estimated at \$325,000, the city gets a match of its 45% that it's putting in. So it's to simply repair and resurface the street it doesn't include curbs and gutters.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: But if we wanted if we wanted to add curb and gutter we could always do it as an addendum to the specifications of the contract.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: You're right that's the appropriate time to do that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: It's something to maybe look at over there.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Thanks for checking on that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yeah, I appreciate that.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Sure. And you know the issue of whether or not a swimming pool is an economic hub residents and municipalities don't anticipate that a swimming pool is going to be you know an earning opportunity for a municipality. If you look at many municipalities they have artificially low prices for residents. Dover's pool pass for adults is still \$2.00 and its \$.50 for children. And you have to understand they're not making money on that but they understand both Dover and New Philadelphia and here in North Canton this is a service that the city is providing for its residents. And although Mr. Osborne spoke out when we were looking at that contract and recommended that the pool be closed permanently and that that money be used to pave roads. You know those folks that utilize our parks we don't charge them admissions to use the trails and so forth at Stark Parks and the City of North Canton supports. And what admission price this city does charge it just simply helps you know offset those costs that are necessary to you know repair and replenish and so forth the swimming pool and pay for those that work in service the equipment there. So you know I think the issue of whether or not it's an economic you know barn burner although it does certainly improve the outlook for those local residents you know its perhaps in looking at all of the services that the city provides to its residents its perhaps a mute issue whether or not it makes money. We provide that because no one else will. Because of the liability involved in providing a municipal swimming pool you'll generally only find that those outdoor pools when they're provided by the local municipality. Thanks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Director of Finance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: We've been working on the budget as eluded to. Also we have ran our first payroll utilizing both the web time and the web pay. And we've gotten great feedback from the city employees and even the administration. So I'm happy to report that. And one other point I wanted to make on the OhioCheckbook.com which is Councilman Griffith is going to show us here is this is a volunteer basis and I appreciate all of you guys authorization to go ahead and put that up there because it is a volunteer at this time. That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Administration.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah, first appreciate Mr. Tripp and your kind words and what I appreciate from you is when you do write or call me you have patience with me you'll wait a week or two until I get back with you. So I appreciate that. The walls I did take them down because of the safety issue. I did get lucky by having some money there I went ahead and fixed them because I assumed I knew where council stood on that. And as far as the council president he called me immediately after the Repository came out and told me how he really felt about all that. So we're good that way and you know so I'm glad the walls came out the way they did we were hoping to be able to build them back up so that you could have a hard time telling that they'd even been rebuilt on that. The other thing we have is there is on November 18th there's an open house for the Everhard/Whipple Improvement Project, ODOT's and Stark County Engineer are holding that. It's at the Stark State Automotive Technology on Whipple Avenue and it's between 4:00 and 6:00pm. We'll put that on our website too. It's not a question and answer where you sit down its more they're going to have displays up you walk around and then you can find out your information that way. So that's what they refer to as an open house. So I appreciate it. Oh, we do know that patching is important you may have seen us pulling something around town also fixing holes; we're testing out something. You'll see that probably in the budget too we'll have a return on investment in that but we think we can pay for that pretty quick and it's another way to attack holes and patching. Because that seems to be a big problem especially during the cold parts of winter. So thank you sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I'm glad you mentioned that too Mike, I spoke with Mike Battershell and he said that they've finally got it really down pat as far as the mixture on the asphalt. And with the proper mix you don't have a lot of that gravel laying around and then they run the after they give it a couple of days then they run the sweeper over and it's which I've seen the result of that it looks great.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah, there's an art to it and they have gotten better our peoples so they're doing really good at that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, you know with the patching with that Durapatcher that council president was just talking about. There is a technique to utilizing that equipment but what we're hoping at least what we've been told and it appears to be working so far is that when you spread that down it's like a chip and seal. Where you're putting the mixture down but the good thing is because actually they did the street that I live on and when it first is down you do have a lot of loose gravel but then after the cars run over it and it solidifies a little bit it really should stay keep the patch much better than the regular heated cold patch. So it does look a little bit different in the beginning because you have some extra stones but in the long run we think it's going to be more durable that's why they call it the Durapatcher. The other thing is the budget you know when you look at what the city's been through as far as the recession dating back to 2008 combined with losing the Hoover Company this city took a double whammy. And as a consequence we lost 23% of our city income tax revenue, 23%. And if you look at the annual financial reports of most municipalities and villages there are much fewer municipalities and villages that kept their income tax rate the same amount. And we were one of those municipalities that kept our income tax rate at 1.5%. We did not raise the income tax. And why did we do that? Because obviously we want to be cost efficient and effective in our local government but at the same time we didn't want to discourage businesses from coming to the city in a real tough economic time. But as we look through the budget I had this past week this past weekend someone had asked me they said "well you know everything seems to be going very steady and stable in the City of North Canton." I mean we have our challenges and so forth but he said "well what's you know what is it that you folks do differently?" And I really believe it's because we have very simple goals here. And we have the council and we have the administration that gets behind the two primary objectives that we have in the city. Number 1, every decision we make and we've said this back since 2005 every decision we make has to meet one or two objectives. One, does it bring jobs to the City of North Canton. Number 2, if it doesn't bring jobs to the City of North Canton then we're not likely to approve it unless it meets the second objective. Which is cost efficient and effective local government. If we're able to provide our services more effectively and efficiently then that's something that we want to do. And in some cases it meets both criteria. But when we're able to get behind very simple goals, bring jobs, cost efficient local government everything else falls into place. Whether its building walls you know and I know our councilmembers understand this when people are requesting funding there's a number of projects like walls that we've said no to. Year after year after year. But then as money loosen up and as the circumstances change then we're able to you know fund that. But in most cases as you councilmembers know if you ask for something usually the answer is no when it comes to spending money. Just no. We can always go back and revisit that and you can always add more money but it's much, much harder to take it away. So I really am very proud of the work that's been done over the past 10, 10 years and with the support of our councilmembers that you know we just continue to focus on very simple goals bring jobs to the city, cost efficient local government and the other items walls, the pools, the paving of roads whether you use curb or gutter, those things tend to fall in place in the long run at some point. So that's what I wanted to say. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, mayor. Council clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: The only thing I have is Friday, December 4th I will be hosting a civil service exam for a captain's promotional test. So that's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, hold on Member Foltz wanted to make a few comments.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Mayor, I appreciate your comments but it was a really a triple whammy because the state tax, inheritance tax, revenue sharing we didn't add that into it. So really we got hit three times. And we're not out we're you know we hit a homerun I think with what we've been doing. Basically you know there's an article in the real estate section the Repository today compared North Canton School District government house it sells within 30 days I'm sure Dominic knows this. 30 days our houses are selling here in North Canton versus 90 to 120 Canton; comparable prices. That's astounding when you think about that and it's because we've got great schools here, cause we've got great services, we've got great parks, we've got job opportunities, we've got small businesses. People think park amenities don't generate income or economic development they're sadly mistaken because people look for that when they're buying a house "oh they have a pool we can go to." We have a beautiful Price Park or Dogwood Park, we have shelters we can reserve or we can walk around as a pedestrian city here to a lot of businesses and amenities. That's huge. We live here sometimes we don't appreciate what we have. Go drive around. Really. So I know I'm singing to the choir up here but I think everyone should just look at that we're very fortunate to what we have here and how we're progressing. I'm very proud it I'm sure we're all here and I think we've done a good job as a council and administration. So I wanted to say that on the record. I'm proud of where we live and where we're going.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: The real estate values are on the way up too. So if you check your 2015 you'll see an increase which means more money for the schools and what not. But...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: It all feeds itself.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yep and if you ever want to have a little seminar on it I would be more than happy to share that with you.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: To pile on that we were recently at a restaurant several of us were at a restaurant actually and somebody new came in they had just moved in here and we took the liberty of asking them "why did you move here?" And right out of their mouth said "this is just such a quaint, safe city that people can walk at night, run at night the streets." Now when you talk about that just doesn't happen that happens when you rebuild walls that are tore down or when you put more lighting when you need them when things are rusting out and everything. So all that little stuff that you might spend and you might think it's more that just brings even more and more people in here and want to be here and that will do the same for jobs, that will be the same for businesses and everything. So it doesn't happen just because of who we are and the safety of course and schools are great but if you don't keep that stuff up just like your own home. No one's going to buy your home unless you keep it up. And this is our home so we're going to keep it up and so Mike kudos to you for the wall thing I backed that 100% I thought that was terrific.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Just I was in the neighborhood and last week they had just moved and I forget where they had moved from. But the man was telling me how nice it was and how nice his neighbors were and the kid kept chirping in he must have been 10 he goes "dad, dad, tell them how no one cusses around here anymore." He said nobody's yelling and saying bad words and the dad is like "I know son, I know, we're in a really nice neighborhood now." But it was just so nice to hear and so it just made me feel good to see how happy they were to be here.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: On top of that we have Halloween this Saturday so we'll pray of course for a very safe Saturday. It will be something different hopefully it will be something that we'll probably keep doing that. Is that right Dan? (I agree) Okay, and I believe also Greg Seaman is retiring at the end of this month. We want to make sure that...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, you guys all got that I don't know if you guys got the email or yeah you did he's having an open house 4:00 to 10:00. Okay, at this time I'd like have a motion and a second to move to into executive session...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Oh, we need the Open Checkbook do you want to do this first. I'm sorry.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Oh yeah, that's right yeah Dan wanted to speak about the Open Checkbook from Josh Mandel. I'm sorry Dan.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I apologize, I apologize. So earlier this year and probably before that the state treasurer began an effort to open up the state's finances in what the state treasurers call the Ohio Checkbook effort. And it would allow it's in they've done a nice job but it allows any of us at any time to reach in and look and see the expenditures for the State of Ohio. And wisely an effort was made to say well if we're going to do this if we're going to create new software and new technology you should be allowed for the same things to happen at any local public political subdivision. And so the call went out several months ago that they would extend the same for anyone who's interested and was willing political subdivisions could raise their hand and sign up and say "hey, we're interested and willing to do this." And early on Stark County said our county auditor said "yes, you know we as a county wanted to do it we're a large county and it's important to us" and I'm happy to say that again as Karen mentioned before everybody here was very supportive of North Canton doing the same thing. So I'm proud to say that North Canton is one of the first cities I think actually the first city in Stark County who will be up to speed and ready to go too. So the thought behind Open Checkbook is that every expenditure that's made obviously is written in a check or there's certain efforts that are made to do that. So what this does is this allows anybody who will have a link to it and this is you can see it up there a little bit I'm sorry about the quality of this particular one but you'll be able to see exactly what's going on. I'm going to click through a little bit so you'll see what's going on here. It allows you to look at the expenditures that are made to do some comparisons to click through each of the departments, each of the expenditures themselves. So I just wanted to take a few minutes to look and if you're looking up here and maybe your eyesight is like mine so it's not as good we have 2013 and 2014 live. And so what you'd be able to do is kind of a comparison between the two. So these are all of our expenditures total expenditures for 2013 and 2014. These are expenditures that include not just general fund expenditures we kind of often talk about that but it includes expenditures for lots of different things. So if you see if I just roll right over it it shows expenditures like this particular area is the police department and has the number on there so you see the 2013 number, 2014 number what the expenditures are and what I can do is just click through it. If I click that, that piece it shows this particular sub fund pops up how much we spent on police in 2013 and 2014. And as you see there's actually there's a it's pretty similar from year to year. And then below that and I think this is important too I can turn off the visualization there it has by every date from the beginning of 2013 until 2014 all of the expenditures individually. So you can literally see every single expenditure that was made here and I'll chose one that's easy to look at but you can see on which date, which amount and again very, very helpful to do some comparisons. I'll give you a good example here if we click to the water treatment plant you can see the difference between how much we spent in 2013, 2014 obviously a lot lower and you see here there was an expenditure on 12/31 for \$64.36 and I can click here where it says "view check details" and the check actually pops up. You can see again the check date here, what it was, the recipient here and in this case what was there you can see the recipient back there. If you have a question about this on the bottom right hand corner it says "questions about this payment" if you click to this you can put your name and phone number and a message and this message goes right to Karen in her office. So anybody who's out there who wants to look for this can write in a question and say "hey what was this for, how did this work?" And that process you'll be able to go through that as well. So the good thing about it is we've had we had about an hour and a half orientation on the phone with the folks in the state auditor or treasurer and auditor's office the important information that I want to convey to everybody is again there are a few things that are important. It's every single expenditure

that we've had and we'll continue as time goes on to add to that list. Number 2, the information here is all the information that would be appropriate to disclose to the public. So the state auditor has approved to make sure that we're not releasing information for example you saw we had our police expenditures on there. We don't want to show you know expenditures to a certain person's household what the address is etc., etc. So the state auditor has approved that the way we've done it is going to make sure that it doesn't violate any public records law which is important too. And more importantly it's at no cost and anybody can look at it any time. So it's a very important thing and helpful as you look through. So I would recommend again I spent about 25 minutes just looking through checking it out clicking through which is helpful too. You may not want to spend quite as much time doing so but you might want to spend even more. But this will be live here in a few weeks. Again it has to meet the approval of the state auditor's office in order to go live. So what we saw here was the live sight that everyone will be able to see in just a few weeks here. Are there any questions about that?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Very transparent. Nice, Dan.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: You know well again thanks to Karen's office and everybody else for the willingness to move forward. A lot of cities have a lot of questions about this but we've been able to pull the trigger quickly which is good. So...

MAYOR HELD: Dan, first off very nice work on this. I think that this is not only helpful to the residents in the city but to the elected officials and the various department heads. Because now it really allows easy accessibility to the expenditures that we have doing on in our city. Which of course will bring much greater accountability too. So how we're spending the money. Can you explain a little bit the process that the city had to go through in order to adopt this software and what the expenses were or what was required of the city to this?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: There was very little expense, Karen I'll let you illustrate and talk a little bit about that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: All we did was once we have the software system it's called SSI and the reason I wanted to bring that up was the reason you only see '13 and '14 is we converted from an older to a newer one. Which I decided on doing that before this kind of stuff transparency, up to date technology. There is no expense for this expenditure side so all we did was...

MAYOR HELD: So no cost to the city. Just the work that went into we transferring data. Then the software that we have obviously each municipality or political subdivision has different software that they use. So this software has that flexibility to take whatever...

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: Ohio government is doing that for all the different softwares are getting on board SSI is there.

MAYOR HELD: Okay, so it's basically you tell them what software you're using and then they can use that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: Yes, and we work with that and we converted to what particular for the treasurer's office wants to uploaded. So once we did that it's just a matter of its going to be lifted up and accessibility to anyone.

MAYOR HELD: So it really is just transferring the data that you have on your existing software transferring to the treasurers software and but you were able to do it for 2013 and 2014 and you're working on it because you have a newer so we have a new software...

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: In '12 we converted and we couldn't it would just say "converted, converted." So we felt that it wasn't...and the information.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Karen, it's pretty impressive. Does it require more time for people to put this in or how quick is it into the system?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: The initial took a little while but...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: For the history but now as they move on it's always expected. But as they move on it doesn't take them...

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: Not really. It won't take too long. We do it by year that's what's kind of suggested right now you know and once we get more adverse in it maybe quarterly. But I don't want to you know say that right now. It allows us to do our balancing.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Good.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Hey, Karen, is there any additional cost to the city over the long haul or is it the state pay for it?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: No cost on expenditures. There are if you go into other cities some of them are making a cost investment and they're showing the revenue as well. Right now we don't need to do that if anyone ever contacts me I can give them all the revenue information they need. But...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: What are they making a cost on?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Revenue on what?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: The state treasurer said we basically they've said we'll provide you the cost the expenditure software for free. If you want to buy additional software they'll sell it to us but...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: What does that cost?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: It's costly. So right now I'm just...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yeah...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So when you say revenue coming in does that breakdown businesses and all that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: Just as you just saw.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Or is it does that breakdown all the businesses who pay the taxes or just based on...

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: No, no, no, no, no, our revenue here like you know income tax and then local government...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Right, that would be a little bit yeah...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Our level of complexity there isn't so significant that it would be helpful for us. There are other cities that are getting like the City of Cleveland is getting income from all over the place. So they would need of that and it's more of a dynamic process. So I you know Karen and I we've talked about it earlier and I said I would rather first of all let's try this out and make sure that it works before we spend any money. And number 2 let's see you know let's use it and see what analytics are helpful.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Dan are there other areas that are going to start using it in Stark County?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I think that my understanding is the auditor should be up in a couple weeks too. So the whole county any of us that's taxpayers will be able to look at anything in county from an expenditure standpoint too.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: I think said 114 local governments are currently on it. Now the second wave which is what we're in will be...

MAYOR HELD: 114 out of the...

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: For the local government wise for the whole state.

MAYOR HELD: For the whole state. Right, so we are, we as the City of North Canton are one of the first to do this.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: Correct.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: And the first city in Stark County.

MAYOR HELD: Yep, out of thousands, thousands of political subdivisions we are one of 114.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: And that includes everything from parks to...

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, that includes county government, park recreation, all political subdivisions, villages, municipalities, park districts. This is really, really impressive. Really impressive work.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Thanks Dan, nicely done.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I mean again one of our goals is that everybody understands as we go through the budgeting process the more that every one of us understands that the better we can do our jobs. Everybody. So accountability is always a good thing this will help with that.

MAYOR HELD: And the process obviously for 2013 and 2014 has been fairly seamless. Right? I mean there's been I mean the number of hours what would you estimate was the number of hours that your staff had to put into this total?

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER: You know it's just initially understanding it and gathering it probably oh my God less than a week. So it wasn't, wasn't too bad.

MAYOR HELD: Less than a week. So the support from the State of Ohio has been excellent. And very cooperative and supportive.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Training was very thorough.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Nice presentation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, at this time I'll entertain a motion and a second to move into executive session. This executive session is for the purpose of conferring with the City Law Director concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. The executive session will not be open to the public.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Let me amend that I think there I don't know if that's an old one that I had passed on this meeting is to discuss the City's collective bargaining and negotiating with bargaining units. It's not in relation to any lawsuits or whatever it's about collective bargaining.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, we have a motion and a second all in favor?

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn into executive session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: No action was taken. May I have a motion and a second to adjourn executive session?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn executive session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Eric, what?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BOWLES: I conferred with the city engineer that section appears we're just reconstructing and no curbs.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Good to know.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, final call for new business. Anyone got anything more to say?

20. Final Call for New Business:

21. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Is there a motion to adjourn.

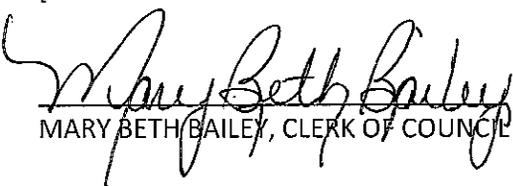
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to adjourn.

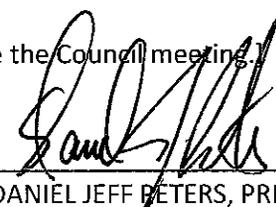
COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: We are adjourned.

[Let the record reflect Charles Osborne set up a tripod and appeared to videotape the Council meeting.]


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