

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting, Monday, September 26, 2016, 7:45pm.

2. Opening Prayer – Councilman Cerreta led the opening prayer.

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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Up first presentation by the folks from IRG. Gentlemen welcome.

MAYOR HELD: Mr. President, do you want, are we going to do the Character Counts also? Can we do that first maybe? Because this one might take a little longer.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: How's long the Character Counts going to be?

MAYOR HELD: We're just going to introduce a resolution, or a proclamation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah Brent, could you do me a favor, could we step aside for like five minutes here? We've got a presentation that's going to take very quickly, a proclamation, like to do that for Character Counts. And then, because I know this is probably going to be a little longer. (Okay) Alright, if you wouldn't mind. Thanks Brent, I appreciate it. Alright, Mayor Held.

5. Presentation by Mayor Held to North Canton YMCA, Kathy Yaros – Character Counts.

6. Presentation by IRG

BRENT REDEKER: I'm with Maple Street Commerce. Mr. Cerreta invited me to come out tonight and discuss the progress of the west factory of the Hoover buildings across the street. And I was delighted to come out and share where we're at and we're going. The west factory is a lot older buildings than the east factory that are already occupied by businesses in the area. The east factory was primarily built in the '60s and later. And the west factory is as old as 1915, I believe is when they started the first building there, Building 3. So I'd like to talk a little bit about what we've done to date, and then where we're going. We've had to do a lot of roof replacements. Early reports said that there was life left in some of these roofs. When we got into these roofs we had to do complete tear offs and replacement, discovered lots of damage there. We've also gone ahead and done the improvements related to (inaudible), the curves and everything else needed to facilitate the apartments and the retail. We're roughing in for all the needs of the retail including cooking hood and grease lines up through the roof. As well as dishwashers. So we're prepping it for retail to come in. We reactivated a very large light pod which has a lot of character over Building 5. Some of you may remember that at some point in the past they actually put wooden trusses and shingled it. What we were able to do historically is remove the shingled roof and the trusses and reactivate the light monitor and that's the "v" section, that black "v" section you see in the middle top of the photo there. This is a shot from some of the 4th floor framing of the apartments, and you can really see how much light these roof monitors bring into space. All these apartments are going to have unique views, unique floorplans, very tall ceilings, it's a very exciting piece. One of the things we discovered through the demolition process is there was a lot of hidden damage to the building. There was a lot of wood packed decking, it was destroyed due to leaks over the years. So we had to go back and replace a huge amount of wood decking on the roof deck as well as on the floors. The construction type of this building is called wood packed floor and it's actually where they have 2x4s on edge packed together tight. So historically we replaced it in time to preserve the building. This is a picture looking down the Building 5 corridor between the apartments kind of gives you an idea (inaudible). This is a picture within one of the apartments, walls are built, and right now we're about 95% of the way framed on all the apartment units. Electrical, plumbing, tele data, fire alarm as followed on the roughing. Endless miles of wire, this is just an electrician hard working in one of the units right there. And this is one of the units where we've started hang drywall. We're trying to expedite a handful of units to use them as model suites. We've had a lot of interest in the rentals. We're also putting in a floor topping for sound barrier within the suites. Since we are keeping a lot of traditional exposed ceilings, we need to provide a sound barrier between units, top and bottom. Believe it or not we're replacing all the windows on the outside of the building, the original wood windows look very similar to the ones that were in the building from the '80s and '90s. The ones that we're replacing have simulated divided lights where the grills are actually between the panes of glass. The ones that we're replacing it with are historically correct. Unfortunately from a distance it's a little hard to tell, but if you see stickers in the windows those are the ones that we've already replaced. The corridor overlooking a new courtyard will be activated, I'll talk to that in a little bit. This is just another contractor working on roughing in the fire

alarm system for the entire apartment and retail complex. This is just another interior shot of an apartment underway with finishes and drywall. Building 3 saw some challenges, that's right there in front of the power house. That is the oldest building on the campus. And we've done a lot of restoration to the brick skin of this building. We've replaced three to four entire bays on the adjacent Building 4. Building 3's façade looked like it was in good shape, but as soon as we started to replace the windows we found out that the windows were actually structurally integral to the façade at that point. So we started to remove them, we ran across more issues and we have remobilized with a mason on the corner and we're about ready to restaffel that corner and do all the historical brick structural and cosmetic repair work to Building 3. Now something to keep in mind on Building 3, is here's the west lawn, I know that this is a sore subject and I don't blame anybody in this room. Because I wish the west lawn was complete too. Unfortunately we've been challenged with a lot of things we have to do on the west lawn before we can go back and put in the landscaping, the curbing and everything else. But we're getting very close to being able to do that. And I'm working with the contractor right now to try to get into the west curb lines so that we can finish the restoration of the lawn area between Main Street and the parking area well ahead of all of the rest of the construction activities against the building. Because I feel that enough is enough we need to put that in place back together? This is a picture of what west lawn will look like, work with Planning and Councilman Cerreta and many other people within the city to come up with an approved layout for what the west lawn is going to look like. So we're very excited about this look. As you can see the greenspace, the fountain and the trees being replaced. We created a new courtyard that did not exist in recent memory within the building. Several of these buildings were very long narrow buildings, and as Hoover needed more space over the years they actually infilled, where they've come in and put a new roof in on the first story or second story level. So what we did on this courtyard between Building 10 and Building 5, is completely remove one of these one to two story infilled sections to create a courtyard it's going to be fully landscaped and assessable to the public on the Main Street side. That mason's working in the distance, you can't really see him from here. But if you go to the next slide, this is the same view so it's a pretty radical transformation. And you can really see how close we are with the demolition and the restoration work and everything else we're doing. So...

MAYOR HELD: Because that was all filled in, that was...

BRENT REDEKER: That was inside the building.

MAYOR HELD: So it was all demoed?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Will that be commercial or residential in those...?

BRENT REDEKER: On the second, third and fourth floors are going to be balconies with the residential, and the first floor will be a combination of retail and potential office users. Now a very important piece to us is the Hoover stack. We're trying to be the best possible custodians that we can be to this iconic piece, it had some very severe structural issues. Everything relating from acids from the original coal burning heating the mortar and everything else. We had multiple structural engineers come in and give us advice on what we can and can't do of it, and what can be saved. At the end of the day, they said that we had to take the stack down to a structurally sound level. Believe it or not the upper section of the stack was only two bricks wide. It's not as thick as you might. So with the mortar decaying it turned into a safety issue. So that's why we took it down. We had engineers and architects in place to give us a path moving forward. We hired a company, International Chimney, to do the restoration work and they're like the rock stars of chimneys worldwide. If you can believe there's a company out there that does that. They moved the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse 300 yards in one piece. So we had to wait a little bit of time to fit into their schedule but I didn't want any normal mason that can do a chimney on a house to try to attempt something to this nature. So they're on sight on the building, we had to take it all the way down to the 85 foot level. They already put about 10 feet back on it, and we have 90 feet to go. We are using Belden Brick and historic fire glazed white lettering for the Hoover name to go back on it per the original structure drawings. So we're extremely excited about that. These are just some isometrics of different lofts, this is a two bedroom lofted unit. One of the interesting things about putting apartments in to older commercial space is sometimes the floors are a little too deep and the way that they accommodate that is they sometimes take some of the interior bedrooms and they raise them up a couple steps so they can have the daylight view out of their bedroom looking over the top of the living space down to the outside. This is a one bedroom unit, this particular unit is not lofted, generous living space, nice outside windows for the bedroom. This particular one a nice "u" shape kitchen, solid surface countertops and laminates. This is an example of a one bedroom that is, has a balcony attached to it. So the balcony is actually at the face of the historic window line. The balcony actually comes into the building, there's a solid wall of glass at that point with a door in it, and then pass that is the living space on the inside. So we're able to keep the historic look from the outside, but be able to provide that amenity overlooking the courtyard on the inside. Appreciate the opportunity to update you, just high level of timeline, we've been working through how it's related to the historic tax credits. And the good news is that we just found a buyer for historic tax credits and what historic tax credits allow people to do is to develop historic buildings versus to tear them down and build new. Doing a renovation of a project like this a lot cheaper to build new and to put up something that's vinyl sided. Costs about 30 – 35% more to restore an existing building that already exists. And this particular building has had its share of hidden jewels that we've run across that has taken additional time and additional money to repair. But as custodians we've done it correctly to historic specifications and we're doing it for the long haul of the building properly.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So on the one and two bedroom apartments since it's a historic grant do you have to use them as apartments for the first five years? Is that correct?

BRENT REDEKER: Typically with historic tax credits is that they have to be used as apartments for the first five year.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So is the goal to turn these into condominium units in the near future, after that period of time?

BRENT REDEKER: I'd have to get back to you on the construction side not on a financial side.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, okay, well I was noticing a lot of the stick framing inside and I was just anxious to hear this. I've been bugging Cerreta the whole time, but what's your anticipation now for these units to be completed? The one and two bedroom units?

BRENT REDEKER: We're looking for end of second quarter, beginning the third quarter next year.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, do you think there's a chance that, because I've been watching the Hall of Fame project was quite impressive over the last 12 months. And I know that when you guys get some money you can really make things happen. I'm excited to see getting that yard squared away. You know I saw the scaffolding get dropped today for the front to fix the façade, right? Do you think that will happen before winter and do you have any anticipation of, you know, taking some of the yard, will you be able to put a rough draft of blacktop down before winter?

BRENT REDEKER: That's what I mentioned, is my goal is to get the west most curb line of the parking lot in. So that we can get (inaudible) down to work off, and also get some grading done and the restoration and the grass between the curb line and Main Street.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, I noticed they did some work today and cleaned up the yard a little bit and put some fencing up and just tidied it up, which I appreciate. And I think the smokestack that's going to be, I mean it's, when we had that festival I got a lot of bombarded questions in regards to getting the project wrapped up. You know they thought you forgot about us, and I know what can happen because I've been watching it for a year over at the HOF. So I'm just excited I hope that we you know we can help in any way to help expedite this quickly. So...

BRENT REDEKER: Mr. Cerreta's help and bringing it to our attention, I kind of walked out to the west lawn without my blinders on and just looked at it as an ordinary citizen, the orange fence was torn up, the grass was growing, and one of our other groups took down the leasing signs. That was a little amazing to me, I'm like what does that say to the community when you take down your leasing signs?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, they've been down for about a month.

BRENT REDEKER: It was an inadvertent thing, they're switching they're bringing on the apartment leasing people and they're getting ready to put their signs up. There's just a gap between those two things happening. So I really appreciate Mr. Cerreta bringing some of these things to my attention, so that I could look at it with a fresh set of eyes and say "yeah, we really need to address this".

COUNCILMAN FONTE: We appreciate it, we just anxious to see what the progress.

BRENT REDEKER: We're very anxious to complete it. Had an opportunity to talk to the 720 Markets, twice this year. And it was really great talking to the community and sharing the excitement for all the things that are coming.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I mean capitalize on that, I know you have the wear with all to do it. I mean Stu is a powerhouse, you know, we'll say like a little Donald Trump, right? So we can get it done. That's what I'm excited about, let's get it done.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Brent, I had a couple of questions. We're excited about what's going on, it's just this, the process has been slow. And I know you've addressed some of those issues, being a historic building. But as Councilmember Fonte eluded to it, it seems like the Hall of Fame came and we're all for this area around here. And all the money and all the resources went there, and this is kind of just chugged along, and I'm hoping that's not the case. You know, and I reference this by going back to a January article, I wish I would have brought it, that said that the smokestack was supposed to be up by late spring or, you know, we looking for fall for some of the apartments to be rented out. And now, you know, obviously I know you've run into some things being a historic building. It's refreshing that you show everybody what you've had to do. I think that helps your cause as far as why it's taking so long. I bet most of council that I've had a lot of questions, I don't think the smokestack's ever going to go back up. I've heard these comments from our residents. And really it's frustrating, because we're told that it is and now we have 10 feet of it done. And I applaud you for that, I know you're going to work well into the season as long as it allows you to. But I don't know, you know, in another month is it going to get done? And you explained that you're waiting on the rock star chimney company to come in and do that. I guess those are the kinds of things we need to have maybe more communication with so we knew as a community what was going to happen. I understand waiting to get the best to take care of this. We want this to last 100 years as you do. So I think that's the frustrating thing. We know it's going to be great when it's done, it's just when is it going to get done? And if you're saying next year third quarter, I hope its then. I hope it's not, we're not talking about 2018. Those are my points, and I'm trying not to, listen you've done, you're group has done a great job with the commercial end of this, and we all want this to be finished and to have people move in. It's something we're all very proud of obviously, I just hope it can go a little quicker now since you've addressed some of these internal infrastructure issues. That's all.

BRENT REDEKER: I'd just like to say this project has never taken a back seat to the Hall of Fame, my heart is in this project. It's a wonderful project and a lot of it has to do with timing financial pieces and getting the correct pieces approved and pushed

through. We had to go down to the state architects' office to get clarification on construction types that aren't even on today's code books. So it seems like every change you make you have to go back down to the historic, you know, guidance of Columbus as well as nationally to get any minor deviations approved. So unfortunately it's just a painful, slow process with the care at which we're going at it and the quality we're putting into it I think will stand the test of time. And with the amount of money that we've put it to date I believe it's over \$12 million dollars, we're not getting any return on that money. So it's in our best interest to complete it as soon as possible.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Right to rent it out and get your...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, absolutely and we're excited for you and I know the synergy of the people from the 720 Group and just the festival we had. We had just a beautiful day and we had a lot of conversation, so everybody's pretty excited and I think by communicating with us it helps us to filter it through the community. It's important for us to know what's going on. So we thank you for bringing us up to speed.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Exactly and I've even welcome a tour for some of us where we can look at it to see the progress that you've made. I also would welcome a collaboration with you on Portage, Charlotte. Some of our gateway or entryway areas to work with you financially with maybe some TIF money or something down the road where we can all work together to make sure that when you come off 77, as far as the entrance or exit ramps you want to drive up to here and enjoy this beautiful structure when it's going to be built. The commercial end of it as well as the residential. So I think our heart's right there with you to do this and I'm looking forward to that. Thank you.

BRENT REDEKER: Oh absolutely.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, Brent, thank you very much. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: If I could just quickly add, Brent, that was an excellent presentation. I think one of the challenges that we found through the whole redevelopment of the Hoover District is that there's so much work that goes on into the inside. When you look at the outside it doesn't appear that there's much activity, but then with the pictures that you've shown on the inside there's a significant millions of dollars' worth of investment and construction that's already been done. But when you're looking at just from the corners of Main Street and Maple it looks as though there's not progress that's being made. And we've seen that when we were building the improvements over along Maple Street. When you walk into that building it's transformed. I mean you folks have done a fantastic job. We know you're committed to this, we appreciate you coming in. And also appreciate the work that Councilman Mark Cerreta has put in to communicating back and forth with IRG to make sure that everything keeps moving along. And we appreciate council's patience. One other point on the smokestack, the approvals that we had to go through, that IRG had to go through, not only with the city, but through the state were very extensive. Because there were earthquake requirements that needed to be met, it wasn't just a matter of running up the concrete. And all those requirements have been met so now it can be built. And I did talk to Chris Schmargen who is the owner along with Stuart Litchner, talked to both Stu and Chris Schmargen who is your boss the owner, and he said the delay really was in the financing. Getting the financing approved, he said it's just a lengthy process but they're ready to go. So, thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Wasn't there EPA stuff as well?

BRENT REDEKER: Correct.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yeah, Brett, I'm Stephanie, and we're the ones that have been going back and forth and we are going to be taking on October 23rd, a group of 20 to 30 something year olds from our Spotlight Stark County class on a tour over there. And the response was wonderful, I mean I think I talked to Greg, I interrupted his lunch he told me. I was like don't pick up the phone then it's that simple. But you're response and I conveyed the same thing, we do have these issues, we are looking at it. This is what the perception is and perception is reality. And so for us to be able to take a group of 20 to 30 year olds, I mean one of our prime markets of who we would love to have over there is wonderful. So thank you for being accommodating and you said it's going to be a hard hat tour and these young and professionals this is what they want to see. And they continually say to me "we want to live in North Canton, but we just can't find anything". So I'm thrilled that you're going to have this and thank you for cooperating, it's great.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Hey, Brett, is there any way to get a copy of the PowerPoint presentation so I can post it on my website. So I can share with the community what the pictures and the progress since it's hard to see from the road?

BRENT REDEKER: Absolutely.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay. I can give you my email if you want to email it to me.

BRENT REDEKER: Okay.

MAYOR HELD: Very good job. Thank you for coming in. Very nice.

7. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Okay, moving on with the agenda for your consideration, may I have a motion and a

second to approve as presented:

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COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 5 yes, 2 abstain to approve the above minutes. Griffith and Werren abstained.

8. Recognition of Visitors

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much. At this time if you have anything new to add in the interest of time, I'll entertain comments from the crowd. Nothing new, thank you, I appreciate it. Okay, onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to table Ordinance No. 52 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to table Ordinance No. 52 – 2016.

9. Old Business

10. Ordinance No. 52 – 2016

Community and Economic Development Committee

An ordinance repealing ordinances 5–10 and 107-09, reviving ordinances 71-04, 22-99, and 106-00, and implementing sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Revised Code, thereby reducing and dividing the North Canton Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") into the former and now revived Main Street CRA established under ordinances 22-99 and 106-00 and the former and now revived Valley View CRA under ordinance in 71-04, within the City of North Canton, re-designating a Housing Officer to administer the programs, reestablishing a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council ("TIRC"), repealing any and all legislation inconsistent herewith, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 52 – 2016 WAS TABLED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES, 1 ABSTAIN. FONTE ABSTAINED.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 62 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 62 – 2016.

11. Ordinance No. 62 – 2016

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 9.48, to participate in joint purchasing programs with other political subdivisions for the purchase of machinery, materials and supplies used by various City departments, and specifically, to join the National Joint Purchasers Alliance for said purpose.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: We discussed this briefly, it's an elective program that we participate in, and again participate when it makes sense for us. Mike, anything additional to add?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: It's just a national program, something like the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing that we're in now. So it gives us one more vehicle to look at prices.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: No downside. And if there are no questions I'd move its approval.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 62 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 62 – 2016 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

12. New Business

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to table Resolution No. 5 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Do we need to table it, or can we not vote to bring it to the floor?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: If you don't vote it's defeated. If you don't bring it to the floor, if you table it it's still there.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I see.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Unless our law director has better advice.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: If you're absolutely certain of what you're going to do next week, then don't, then don't vote for it. If you're not certain this is what you ask for the last time you met. So you can table it and bring it up and decide Monday.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to table Resolution No. 5 – 2016. Fonte abstained.

Resolution No. 5 – 2016

Community and Economic Development Committee

A resolution amending certain requirements for the City of North Canton's two Community Reinvestment Areas ("CRA"), the North Canton CRA (described in ordinances and 22-99 and 106-00), and the Valley View CRA (described in ordinance 71-04), more specifically, amending each of those three ordinances as such: (1) to define, for CRA purposes, "residential property," "residential dwellings", or "dwellings" as "those residential properties or dwellings containing not more than four units"; (2) to declare that new construction of residential dwellings shall no longer constitute a public purpose for which real property exemptions may be granted; (3) to cease the housing officer's authority to approve applications for tax exemptions for new construction of residential dwellings; (4) to standardize the threshold cost of remodeling and rehabilitation necessary to qualify for an exemption for two or fewer residential units; (5) to reduce the period of real property tax exemption for the remodeling and rehabilitation of residential dwellings containing three or four units from 12 to eight years; and (6) to require the Housing Officer to provide prompt notice to City Council of the Housing Officer's approval or denial of residential CRA applications.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – 2016 WAS TABLED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES, 1 ABSTAIN. FONTE ABSTAINED.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 63 – 2016?

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 – 2016.

13. Ordinance No. 63 – 2016

Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

An ordinance to approve and adopt current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairwoman Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: We do this really about every year and it just keeps us current. And it's just procedurally. I move to adopt.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 63 – 2016.

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 – 2016.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 63 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, may I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 63 – 2016.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 63 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 63 – 2016 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 of Ordinance No. 64 – 2016.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 64 – 2016.

14. Ordinance No. 64 – 2016

Personnel and Safety Committee

An ordinance amending Section 20 COMPENSATION, of Chapter 155 Personnel Regulations of Part One – Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, in accordance with North Canton Ordinance No. 54 – 2016, to include the position of Plans Examiner previously omitted and to add the duties of the Chief Building Officer to said position, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, exactly how it reads, Engineer Benekos explained to us last week why we needed this so we can pay the guy that's actually doing the work. And that's why it's under emergency so we can pay him. So if there's nothing further to add I'll entertain a motion and a second to adopt.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 64 – 2016.

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. 64 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 64 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 64 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 64 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 64 – 2016 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to table Ordinance No. 65 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to table Ordinance No. 65 – 2016. Fonte abstained.

15. Ordinance No. 65 – 2016

Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

A resolution, pursuant to North Canton Codified Ordinance 1181.04, recommending the amendment of CHAPTER 1177 – CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND SIMILAR USES, of the City's Planning and Zoning Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 65 – 2016 WAS TABLED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES, 1 ABSTAIN. FONTE D ABSTAINED.

16. Reports – Council:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Reports, Member Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No reports today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Kiesling.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I only want to say a special thank you to the schools for coming tonight. I really appreciate the specific input, I'll send some emails tomorrow. But I really do, I think it's very, very helpful for all of us to hear your input directly, and that makes a big difference. I thought we discussed last week in committee the street renaming and it wasn't on our agenda.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, we did, and Jessica was here, and I wanted her to stick around. There were some questions, you know, Mike had given us a letter saying that based on what he thought it was councilmatic action. We tasked him with looking into it further to see if we could. Do you have an answer to that?

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes, but it's not appropriate for right now.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: But yeah that's the intent. If it is a councilmatic action, we're going to do it and does anyone have her number?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yeah, I can contact her.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, alright, if you could let her know.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yeah.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Are you done?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I am done.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Are you sure, okay. Mark?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Just a couple of things, the pool now is basically complete for the winter. They did everything that we had talked about. The grass was planted, so now it's just sitting back and waiting for that grass to get going. And hopefully we'll have good weather for that. So that was a good thing if you go out there and see that. Secondly, I'm going to be talking to the Rotary this Thursday, and they're looking for ideas to sponsor stuff. So if you've got some ideas for them, come up to me and let me if you have some things the Rotary can do. And the other thing I think we should look at, Doug and I have been talking about this, we need to start really look at and I saw it in the paper for Louisville, a sidewalk program that we can either change the ordinance or enforce. Because our sidewalks are getting out of control. So we need to really start taking a look at that over the winter here, so when we come out of the spring we can you know really kind of ramp up some of these issues that we have with the sidewalks.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: What do you mean by the sidewalks?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Well we have some areas that are terrible with our sidewalks.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: You mean we don't have them, or?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: We have an ordinance in place for that, but when you start looking at it, we don't enforce that. So we're either going to change ordinance or we enforce it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: You mean if they're destroyed or we need them?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: No, that they're destroyed. They're unsafe.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Existing sidewalks that need replaced.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: You go from here on East Maple Street there's some unsafe sidewalks. So we need to work on that.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, that's what I was trying to figure out what you meant.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So I think we should just all look at that, and I'm going to be I hope with Doug's help here lead the charge on that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: No definitely, I concur Woodrow's a beautiful street but we've had some issues. Not to pick on Woodrow with large trees that have upheave some of the sidewalks. And you know unfortunately Dominion came in I think and ran some nice replacement line, you know, gas lines and I think we missed an opportunity to just tear everything out and redo it. But I think we have to start thinking that way. You know, it's all getting back to code enforcement, property values are only as good as the violations coming at them telling them they've got to clean it up. And there's a certain threshold that we all want as far as minimum code standards, and there's nothing wrong with that. That's how we protect, we always say to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods, or at least I do. We have to start looking at that. Whether its tools for a CRA where this is going, we have to have other things that we've got to be doing outside of that. So people know when you live in North Canton there's codes that are involved and you have to upkeep your property. There's no wiggle room on that. Because that's what, you know, when you don't then the people next to you are good housing stewards leave. And then what happens? Then the unknown comes as far as what happens to that property in the future when, you know, you already have a good family there. So I think that's good, I'm glad you brought that up.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Gary too, can come up with his ideas.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Definitely, you've got a new perspective on this. I welcome and I'm going to have meeting with Gary and go over some things that have been long standing issues in ward 1. That Tim's worked on here lately, but we're still looking at the high grass. I'm going to bring up 922 Portage, basically every month until something happens. You know, I don't know I wish I could just wave a magic wand or buy it or do something with it, but I don't think it's available. But that's my two cents.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: They've got a short sale going on from my understanding. They have a short sale on it right now.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Well that's a short sale foreclosure it's the same song and dance the last three years. So, you know, we're still looking at five years of a violated code enforcement issue here that's substandard. And I talked to the resident that lives on the corner, he's moving because of it. And he's put a lot of money into his property. He put a fence there, he's, you know, he probably won't get out it what he needs to, but that's what I want to avoid in the future. Let's care of these things and take care of them. As best we can.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: He did a lot of work there too.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yes, he did. Alright, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, yes, so that's it. Director of Law?

17. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Finance?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Administration.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Interesting you mentioned Woodrow, I was kind of clued in today not from AEP, but I supposed we're going to get a call from AEP shortly, it's time for them to come in and trim the trees again through there. And something just to think about is maybe we could work a deal with them where they'll take those trees out and grind them out and then we would just

have to have a program to replace them. But it's a good opportunity maybe to get them to pay to do that and at least save us on that end. So...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Lions Club trees.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Well, you know, what the problem is Mike, you know we've got trees and I'm not blaming anybody, Woodrow's a beautiful street and there's great residents there. It's just you've got stumps that are sitting there, you've got half a tree. And Jim Davis and I have talked about this, and I'm sure maybe you're aware of it mayor, that it would be nice if there was a program just to clean them all up, cut them down, replace some of the aging ones. But it would have to be a buy in with the residents too. And then take care of the sidewalks while we're doing it, or have them contribute. I mean...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well maybe that's the thing like Larry was saying maybe we could come up with some kind of a program to...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Because it's the one side is worse than the other because of where the utility lines run through. But still who's responsible for the tree in the median. Or the grass area, it's probably the homeowner's responsibility. I don't want to speak for our law director, but I've seen that discussion go both ways. But someone's responsible for it. So let's make sure we know how that is and clear directive, and cut these things down and make them look nicer. And replace them, and Larry you're right we have tree donations. Plant them where they should go and not underneath the lines. Trees should not go under main power lines. No trees. That's the way it is. So move them off in the yard if that can be a possibility. Ten feet in off the sidewalk inside so a larger tree can still grow, but it's not going to affect the powerlines. That's the program we need to have, or the discussions we have to have with the residents.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Unless you want a smaller tree that doesn't grow as high down that same line.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yeah, but that's a Crabapple tree or something that's not going to really survive.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: We're presenting, we're going to present that issue to the law director. We had a couple issues come up apparently while I was gone that we need to sort out. So we'll go through the law director on the trees there. Because some of them are pretty old and the residents are looking at that. But just something, food for thought that's what's going to be contacting us.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Exactly, and it's not just Woodrow, there's other streets. I don't want it to seem I'm picking on the Woodrow residents.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: We just need to organize something and talk about it and figure it out.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Because it's a beautiful street and we want it to stay beautiful in the future. You know trees only have a certain lifespan and we need to plan now for the next 50 years. Thank you, good point.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Thank you, sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HELD: Yes, Mike, welcome back. Big day today a lot of stuff you had to take on. You know when you look at 2017 next year, I think this really could be from an economic development standpoint the best year that we have in North Canton. Because we've got a number of things that we're working on right. Some of them are not finalized yet. But one example would be the Hoover Company. And so when you look at the redevelopment of the Hoover Company, that in of itself. I know on the exterior it looks like things are moving not as quickly as I would like, but after those pictures, it really demonstrates that they've made a lot of improvements. Twelve million dollars' worth of investments so far over at the Hoover District. So we're looking for a very, very exciting year in 2017, and the end of this year too with road paving. And Gary Fry has done an excellent job, he's jumped right this is the first two weeks. And really has made a lot of improvements already, just going in there with your experience you see a lot of different things. So he's made a lot of positive changes, there's a lot of work to do. Just not necessarily changes, just the work that you have going on with the job in of itself. So we're really, really excited to have you here.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FRY: Thank you.

MAYOR HELD: And that's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Permits and Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FRY: No reports this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Madame Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: I only have one thing I will be hosting my civil service exam this Thursday at the Civic Center at 6:00.

18. Final Call for New Business:

19. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

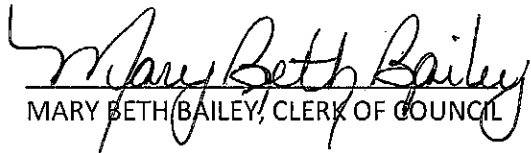
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to adjourn.

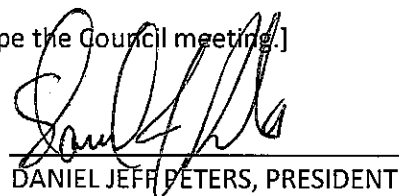
COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

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.]


MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT