

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: At this time I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, May 8, 2017, 7:00pm. Mark, would you like to lead us?

2. Opening Prayer – Councilman Cerreta.

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: Okay, for your consideration may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2017

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: 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 have a couple remarks I'd like to make. First, I'd like to start out with the comments on the Planning Commission meeting last week. First of all, I guess it was enlightening to see an overwhelming number of councilmembers who showed up. Typically, council doesn't show up; even the appointed councilmember. But we had four, I guess of the seven councilmembers there. I'm not sure what prompted them to turn in, but, turn out, but at any rate, I want to go directly to the approval for the PAVS Creamery. There was concern over the property that's next door to allow for deferred parking. It's the darnedest thing I've heard of, deferring parking. The parking that's being allowed to be relocated in large part to the automotive repair place, is unprepared parking. Just graveled surface. I don't think there's anything in our code that allows parking for business on unprepared surfaces. The lease, which I have here, and I misspoke. Because it's not a lease, allows for snow removal and all that. But at any rate, when it was brought to the commission's attention, and questions were being bantered about, the permanency of this parking next door. Director of Permits and Inspections Mr. Fry starts out, the lease allows for all this. Folks, it's not a lease. It's a license. And if you do a little simple search on the internet, the difference between a lease and a license is the difference between night and day. A lease is permanent in nature until the date stipulated on the lease. It goes with the land. A license is also, can also be called a revocable license. Because it is. It's revocable. So why Mr. Fry did not clarify that as an attorney, because he should know that. And Mr. Fox should have jumped right on that as well. This license agreement isn't worth the paper it's printed on. Nobody who has property up for sale would put any kind of an encumbrance on it to hinder the sale of the property. Hence, a revocable license. And it even says on page 2, either party has the right to terminate this license with written notice to the other party. So let's fast forward, three months, six months, a year, after PAVS Creamery is operating and the property next door is sold. Suddenly, they don't have hardly any parking, because the parking on the actual site of PAVS would maybe handle ten cars. Because there's two other businesses there. Now Mr. Fry is an attorney, and Mr. Fox is an attorney, should be quite weary of the positions that they took. They provided misleading information. And you're going to jeopardize your law license doing that kind of legal work. Because this license, and Mr. Fox backed up Mr. Fry and said "oh we'll record it." You're recording a worthless document. If it says that it can be terminated at any time what good does it do to record it. So the commission was duped into approving that license. In the City of North Canton, they're going to be bad guys when in six months, or a year whenever that property next door is sold and they're faced with the idea "oh my God, we really should close them down". Because they have never, nowhere near the parking that they need. Everybody cheered it was an emotional vote, but it's a license, a revocable license, not a lease. And unless you terminate this immediately, you're going to have problems in the future. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to address council, please step forward, state your name and address. Okay, seeing none, we'll move onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 35 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 35 - 2017.

7. Old Business

8. Ordinance No. 35 - 2017 Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

An ordinance amending North Canton Ordinance No. 50 - 1977, specifically Sections 159.01, 159.02, and 159.03 to reflect the current Ohio Revised Code updates to the North Canton Record Retention Policy and Procedures.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So we've talked about this numerous time regarding the record retention policy and procedures. And thank you Pat, for working on this. Appreciate that. And just to bring it up current Ohio Revised Code standards. So, if there are no other questions, I move to adopt.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 35 - 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 35 - 2017 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 third reading of Ordinance No. 36 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 36 - 2017.

9. Ordinance No. 36 - 2017 Personnel and Safety Committee

An ordinance amending the current Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") by and between the City of North Canton ("City") and the North Canton Fiscal, Clerical, and Accounting Specialist ("Union"), collectively, (the "Parties"), which has an effective date of July 1, 2015, and expires June 30, 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, I have nothing further to add to this. If anyone has any questions, seeing none I'll entertain a motion and a second to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 36 - 2017.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 36 - 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 36 - 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 38 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 38 - 2017.

10. Ordinance No. 38 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 41 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 41 - 2017.

13. Ordinance No. 41 - 2017

Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting additional right-of-way on the east side of Alley 57, from Harmon Street (south) to West Maple Street (north), for the West Maple Street Widening Project, including the St. Paul Church parking lot.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, we talked about this already. This is just, you know, where they're going to be doing that widening next to the Pinecone shop. And I move that we approve the second reading.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: There's no cost, no expense?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Engineer, do we have extra expense in that, do you know?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: it might be \$10.00, I think is also no cost to...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: For the contract?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Yep.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Yeah, for the conveyance.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Potentially \$10.00. So I move that we approve the \$10.00 investment.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: I'll second that.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 41 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 41 – 2017 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING

14. Reports - Council

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Reports, Member Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, so on the 27th on Thursday of April, we had a Zimber ditch meeting here. It was well attended. Some of the councilmembers were here. And the good news is that we had a total of 18 people on our initial torture list. The ones that were inflicted mostly by the creek, or the Zimber ditch. And we've been getting grants, we have I think a total so far of \$2.2 million dollars all together. So the last round of money that we were able to get in April, we finally got actually awarded to us. The matching funds for all the participating parties was \$176,000, we had \$788,000 in the grant. So that takes it to \$964,000. So that would be enough to take care of the rest of the people in the initial list. So those people are now going to be taken of. There was a secondary list that started, that's separate from the initial list that got all this going a couple years ago. And, you know, some of the people there was some confusion, they didn't know they could get on the list or not. Because if they didn't have a mortgage they weren't required to have flood insurance. So there was some confusion. So we have a secondary list going for some people that may want to have an opportunity to get it on. So you can talk to me about that, and I'll hook you up with the person. The other good news is, that ACME at the Planning meeting, whoever, we had several councilmembers there. ACME is going to be doing a facelift and modifying the parking lot a little bit, just to make it easier to travel. A little safer. And I think that's a real enhancement for that area, and also for the tenants. Starbuck's, they made some modifications there. So we're now going to have the Starbuck's in North Canton, on the corner of Applegrove. The old Huntington building where they tore that extra parking down next to it. And then of course PAVS, Chuck mentioned about PAVS. The neighbor, obviously has his place for sale. Who knows, maybe PAVS will buy it, and then they'll just take care of the whole thing. So you never know what's going to happen. But I've got a feeling that no matter what, these are good wins for the city. And I believe when you have older buildings and retro fitting to the modern times, we have to be a little bit more creative. And instead of be the problem, try to be the solution. So I say, I'm happy and the people did applaud it. It was a real exciting meeting. So if anybody was there, wasn't it exciting? So we have some good things happening, and we've got a lot more on the horizon to come. So we're going to work very diligently to make this place a better place to live, work, and play. That's all I have

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Great recap. Yeah, as you stated the Planning meeting was exciting. I mean, I think there were barely any seats there. And there were people that were just excited to just live in Canton, and they were young and energetic, and they talked about vibrant, and walking to the restaurants. And it was just, it was really neat. And so even though there were some people that wanted to say every reason why there couldn't be a business. Ninety percent of the people were enthusiastic and wanting things to happen. And that momentum built, I mean you had people from Washington Square that came over as small businesses, saying how important it was for other small businesses to be in the area. And people working with each other, and even had Ohio Deli, they weren't able to be there, but they commented that they were thrilled to have another business in there. And they could have seen each other as competitors, but they didn't. I mean, they said "wow, this is great to have another place that might bring business." So, that was really neat. You know, why was there four of us there? I don't know. It was exciting, it was kind of the place to be that night. They didn't need us there, I would say that. I mean, I think Dominic and I got up and spoke. But it was just nice to be able to be there. And I think to that point, we will be rotating who attends those Planning meetings, and who attends the Zoning meetings. So it won't be one person that, you know, will be there at. Also, that week and sometimes people like to think this is the only thing we do, is come to these meetings and that's the only attendance that is taken. So that meeting, week, there was the state of the city, and you did a very nice job, as did the schools, and Doug Lane, always does a really nice job. I wish there was more time, because I think it's nice to have Doug even say more. He's such a good speaker for that. And then was Fox News town hall, again, Mr. Celebrity over there. Did a really nice job being on that. My father-in-law called from Florida and like "your Mayor Held is on national news." So that was really fun to see. We had planning that week, we had Zimber Ditch, you know, people are meeting with people. There was a lot of rain, so there were issues at people's homes. So there was just kind of a lot going on last week. And as people sometimes don't realize, that happens and we're not just here during that week. So, that's it. Oh, oh, yes, and more importantly. So after, and we'll get into this a little bit during the Committee of the Whole meeting, but when the commission was, the Charter Commission was looking over some of the different ordinances. I had a received a couple calls from Planning and Zoning, talking about verbatim minutes. And how long it takes for those people to transcribe. And kind of how out-of-date and looking at different other entities and what they're doing. So one of the things that we're looking at is, as you know, it's all on audio, but we're also talking about doing the video. So not only for this, but for those meetings. Because if all those people, gosh it would have been a great segment to tell their neighbors like "hey, watch this Planning meeting it was really exciting and a lot was going on." And so we'll have the video, the audio, and then they can still do the summary minutes. And I've talked to Bill Cline wrote a length, he's emailed me numerous times to say what a waste of time he thinks it that Linda Teis has to do those verbatim. And I've talked to some of the members in Planning as well. I've talked to Linda, I've talked to Gary Fry. And they all say "we have to stop this." It's just wasting too much time, and with technology you have to other outlays that would be archived. So I'd like to see that coming up on the agenda, and I know we can't do it today. But if we could get it on there, I'd like to see that happen. That's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Member Kiesling?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: I have no report, other than to say thank you for going to the Planning meeting. And I think it is a great idea that we're going to start rotating these meetings between Zoning and Planning. If you can't come, let one of us know and I think that would be a lot easier to be there, make a presence. So, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I would echo the state of the city comments. I thought it was really good. There's a lot going on. It's easy for us to kind of forget about all the things that have been accomplished. So I thought that was really good. Also, to all of the downside associated with all the rain that we've had in the last couple of days, it is good to see the water in the Price Park pond. So that is one upside that we've had. Although I think there's as much water in my backyard as there is in Price Park. At any rate, I hope there's some fish in there too.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: And a lot of the new trees that were planted are all blooming. Like there was not a lot of dead trees in the area.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Cerreta?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Just a couple things. I did accompany the mayor the Little League baseball opening day. We were in the rain, and Dave actually threw a strike. He did a nice job there. And one report though, the IRG, we've made contact with them couple weeks ago, and they said in a couple weeks they're going to start this. Well, last week it was end of two weeks, so I did make another call to them. And they said this week they're going to be, I guess there was a bulldozer out there. So we will see. They did cut the grass, that's good. But we need a little bit more. So, we're looking forward to this week that they get some movement over there on the front lawn. So that's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yeah, thank you. Talking to our acting Engineer Graham, 7th Street is coming along. It's been a long process, they got a great start out with the weather. You know how Ohio weather's been. You know we had better weather, some cases two months ago than last week. But then we run into a little base problem there that I think we're going to correct. And that's what's taking the time. But we're putting the right sub-base in now, so when we do finish the road, it's going to last a lot longer than previously done. Because it is a new project. So hopefully did you say maybe end of the week for paving? Or

next week?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: We'll see some asphalt this week.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: But they're working hard today, they're getting more base down. They're, you know, they're leveling it and rolling it. So I'm encouraged. It's been a long process, but to get a complete curb and gutter sewer project done before Memorial Day will be awesome. Think about that. We don't start paving sometimes until September. September, October, but here we're getting that done. And hopefully, like Dominic's worked hard on this, the rest of council. Hopefully, we get our paving projects out earlier too. So we make the city look beautiful for the summer months. Okay, so thank you for staying on top of that. That's it. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All good comments. Very possible. Director of Law.

15. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes sir. Just to make sure we clear up the record in case someone was going to read this, a week from now, a year, ten years from now. Mr. Osborne made an allegation that the Planning Commission was somehow duped that a license agreement between PAVS ice cream and a nearby auto lot is somehow invalid. That it's not credible. Although as part of our codified ordinance we have a Section 1153.05 that describes allowances for shared parking. And it gives information exactly what was, what we were looking at, at the Planning Commission last week. This permits between nearly lots to share some parking. And it talks about having binding arrangements between the parties. Mr. Osborne is talking that in his mind, a binding arrangement is something that's only irrevocable, permanent, non-transferable. It's just one of those things that there's absolutely no way out. And we have another attorney with us, Dan Griffith that specializes in trusts and estates. And the irrevocable trust, is one of the things that comes to mind. But in looking at irrevocability and the law, that comes up on very few and special occasions. In licensing agreements, contracts, and leases there's usually and almost always is some sort of ability to amend, to revoke, and a license much like your driver's license, fishing license, even your marriage license is revocable, through divorce, disillusion, or death. But between the parties, what we have in this allowance for shared parking, this license is binding between the parties. And what's important in, and I think is unique, is the Planning Commission saw fit that what the parties were looking at, where we're trying to make this work between perhaps between three to four businesses. That were willing to look at working together instead of in competition, and find a way that they can work in harmony and perhaps complement each other. And it was refreshing to see as all of you had said that it was nearly unanimous. The chamber was full, one person was against the permitting the PAVS ice cream to go in there. And he's already made his allegations, but what is important the Planning Commission saw fit to take a look at this again at the end of the summer. Because of course, the summer is going to be the busiest time for an establishment that sells ice cream. And if it manages to conduct its business without having the calamity sky is falling type scenario that Mr. Osborne foresees. Then I imagine they're going to see fit that it's going to be able to continue to. If there are some problems, hopefully they'll be able to emirate those things, tweak those in between the parties. And see that all of them will be able to continue to do business here in North Canton. That's all

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Outstanding. Director of Finance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Thank you. Two items tonight. Back in 2013, council passed an ordinance to increase water rates over the next several years. June of 2017 will be last increase per that ordinance. And this year it's going up based on consumer price index. So it's a 2.1% increase to water rates for both inside and outside customers. What does that mean to an average customer? Somebody uses about 5,000 gallons, currently their bill would be \$27.20. It will be going up to \$27.80. So, not a huge change, but I wanted to make everybody aware. And that will be on the June bill. And there will be a note on the bottom of the bill to let folks know why that's changing. The other item I am have is, on everybody's desk in front of you, you should see a one page paper with a lot of numbers on it. Per the City's Charter, by May 15th I'm to give you a first look at revenue for the next year for 2018. So that's what this is. You can take a look at that, I have a few notes on there, referenced out to the right just so you can see some of the more significant funds and changes. But this revenue does assume the renewal of the EMS levy coming up in August. So I've included that revenue in there, and assuming it passes. And it's also a little bit conservative on income tax, but based on where we are so far this year, that's what I used to predict that.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Hey, I've a got a question? (Yes, sir) So you know how you were talking that the RITA's doing the collections. So that's like what, 30 days behind what the real numbers look like? (It is) So, so, do these reflect the actual amount you're aware of?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: It does.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So if I'm looking at '16, is that what you collected so far? Or you're projecting?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: The '16 is what we actually collected in '16 calendar year.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, gotcha.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: The '17 is the estimate we had for this year's budget. And then '18's my best guess right now for next year. And actually Mr. Fonte, you brought up a really good point the last time we talked about RITA. Which was, did I think that tax was up due to just rising incomes, or was it because of RITA collection. And that's something I've really been trying to

dig into. And right now, it's like its actually just some rising incomes. I've been kind of trying to isolate just withholdings. And those are going pretty strong, so we'll keep watching those as the year goes.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Well, the good news is we'll have some great comparative numbers as we get through this year, and start to get in 2018, you'll have even more information that we'll be able to compare and say "are there more jobs here, are there fewer jobs? Are they worth more, are they worth less?"

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: RITA has a ton of great data out there that I can pull down, and create charts and all kinds of things for you guys. But once we get past July we have that one year mark, then we'll have more and more from them. And that's it, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah, I think I sent most of you an update. Just to keep you apprise, but we are obviously watching Price Park. We do have fish ordered. My crew, I remind them it's called the Mayor's fishing rodeo, and we work for the Mayor, so we're going to get that done. But we should be getting that pretty soon. The fishing rodeo is June 3rd, the sign up starts at 8:00 in the morning. So we're going to have that rocking and rolling at that time. Pool, we're coming along with the pool, we have a meeting this week of all the stakeholders at the pool, so we can go over anything that we need between everybody. But we've got the parking lot top coating, striped. The electric stuff was done this week too. The beautification of the city is rolling along. Mr. Davis has that, and is getting stuff ordered, and getting that out there. Our hydrant flushing is already done. We've done that the last couple weeks, so that we're done and out of everybody's way. That went pretty smoothly. The chief's test, because of Chief Wilder's retirement, we had to give a chief's test. Mary Beth held that last week. The way that works, we have to wait 10 working days for the challenge period, and then after that 10 working days they'll issue the scores to the folks talking that test. Another 5 working days to challenge that, and then we have to set up, the commission has to accept the scores. And at that time they turn that to the mayor, and then the mayor's allowed to pick any of the top three candidates. Usually we do that within 60 days, if we don't then we have to appoint a provisional chief. So, yes sir?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Mike, you know, with all the stuff falling out of the trees right now. The streets are looking pretty rough around the edge. So I know the street cleaner's in full force right now.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yes, out there every day going crazy. Yep, yep.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: And then the second question was, the age of the rodeo. Like could I go fish at the rodeo? Or am I too old?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: You cannot win any prizes at the rodeo.

MAYOR HELD: What is it under 12?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah.

MAYOR HELD: You can come and watch, you can come and help. I got some big fish.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I don't like touching fish.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: And then, 7th Street we are getting to that. And we do appreciate for the residents there are 7th Street, they've been a big help. Yeah, we've run into some issues there are 7th Street, but the residents have been really good, and cooperating with us. And we're getting garbage removed, and that kind of stuff. But they've been real patient and good with us. So, we appreciate that. Thank you, sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Outstanding. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, okay, we've got, first off the little league; thanks Mark for the plug on the strike. Because let me tell you, that's the most stressful day for me, out of the year. Because if you don't throw it fast enough the kids boo, and if you don't throw a strike, they boo. So, I just opted to just like, you know, throw it; and then I had the pressure, because Mark played little league. I didn't plan little league. He's giving me little league bow, (pledge). Pledge, so it just added pressure. And then, and if you were there you could tell that my speech was like "alright let's get it going kids". And that was it, because I was nervous. So, got it over the plate, and that made my week. It was good. So that turned out really well. But we had to cancel after, you know, everybody's standing around with umbrellas and it starts to thunder and lightning. But, you know, everybody was safe, we got it done. And everybody was happy. So that was really good. We also have the, we had the Special Olympics, which they held it here in North Canton. And it was rough weather for that also. But just the fact that they have it right in North Canton, the Stark County Special Olympics. It was a really good day. And we had the Hunger Task Force on Sunday. So there's, you know, the month of May is really a big time for the city in the springtime. They have a lot of different walks, a lot of activities. They're annual, but there are a lot of activities go on here in the city. And then we have the Stark County Safe Communities. They look at the reporting, Stark County Safe Communities, what they do is traffic safety is no accident. So they're committed to reducing the number of traffic accidents and fatalities. Sadly if you look at the past two years, in 2016 the fatalities in motor vehicle crashes rose by 6%. And then if you look in 2015, they rose by 7%. And then in Ohio we are on track for a 15% increase in traffic fatalities. So, you know, a lot of that is due to making sure people that people wear seatbelts. Also, don't text and

drive. And it is legal to talk on your cellphone and drive, but probably not the best idea to do that. And, so they are going to have it teamed with the Pro Football Hall of Fame. And on May 20th they're going to hold an event, which is from 10:00am to noon, the Stark County high schools have been invited to compete in the seatbelt challenge for trophies and prizes. To increase participation in the event, a school spirit contest will be held and a trophy will be given to the school with the largest attendance. So they'll have Q92 there, they're going to have the Canton City Health Department, the Aultman Hospital, a lot of different businesses is going to sponsor the event. So it'll be a nice event. And that is going to be on May 20th from 10:00am to noon. So you are all welcome to attend that. And then as our administrator had touched on, we do have 17 police officers, 6 sergeants, and 1 lieutenants. Soon to be one of them will be a chief. And then that will open up another full-time police officer. So the total will be in the end 18 police officers. And when you think about the coverage that we have in here in North Canton; we have roughly 5 square miles. But we will have anywhere from 3 to 4 police officers on duty in that 5 square miles. Every day and night. So the lowest is at night, right, 3 patrolman.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Probably, depends on the schedule. We also use part-time.

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, it could be more. So we have at least three, but that's the minimum policy. But to give you an example, you know, other communities are much larger, we have the same, typically the same coverage as we do in other communities. So we have a very high concentration of police coverage. Which is a really good thing. So very proud of our police department, and we will be hiring another one here probably in the next six months. And then also, I do want to thank the councilmembers as Councilwoman Werren had mentioned, there's a lot of work that goes in outside of the council meetings. And I mean, you know, I can't even get into all the work that all of you do. But just taking time to go down to meet with Jim Davis and the service department, that's helpful. Because it opens up the lines of communication. Talking with IRG, talking with, you know, residents over their special issues. Talking with Patrick about the IT, and all of the portico, and a lot of the other projects we have going on. So we very much appreciate the work that you do. And its, for myself, this is the best communication that we've ever had since I've been here with council. And it goes to show you, we're all working for the same goal, the same mission. And everybody's, you know, pitching in, and it just makes it really, really nice. The city's the one that benefits, the residents benefit from all of it. And then lastly, we have, oh yes, with all of that rain that we had; I really enjoyed it. It was a massive downpour, and I felt so good, because I knew that there were not going to be any of the residents in the Zimber ditch calling.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Did you get any calls?

MAYOR HELD: None, zero, there were no phone calls; because that, the Zimber ditch, that, that situation has plagued the city for over 30 years. And the rainfall has, you know, continued to increase. But more importantly, the volume of water had continued to increase. And that's due to a lot of it not being absorbed in the soil, because we have more parking lots, we have more development. And it just sends more water down to the Zimber ditch, and now, how many homes have been removed?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: We had 18, one was lost to foreclosure. We have 17, actually 18, one is in Arboretum Park, but for North Canton, 17 are on the hit list.

MAYOR HELD: I mean, that's incredible. Because we were looking at like \$40 to \$60 million dollars of improvements to capture the water to prevent the flooding of those homes. So thinking out of the box, working with and it was really our councilmembers that did this, working with Kirk Schuring. And Kirk came down to one of our meetings a number of years ago, and he was committed to getting funding. And he has done, and that has been, I mean that's a perfect example of where you get multiple government officials and agencies working together, and everybody's satisfied. And now I do not mind seeing the rain. Because we have the residents calling at 1:00am, and so with great, great success. Thank you, that's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Yeah, the rain the last couple of weeks, especially last week, really took the wind out of our sails on the construction side. Price Park, thank you, Mr. Griffith, that's a nice way of looking at it. It did help fill that pond back up. And the contractor wasn't able to get in there today; he's got about 70% of the walk done from Maple Street South, and extra wide walk along the pond. That's all in. The rough grading is done, we've got to spread all that top soil from that mound is just mush, mushy right now. So hopefully get back in this week and get the job finished up in time for the event. Lindy Lane, we're not quite done with it yet, but that's where we've got the second big 60' diameter storm sewer. With all that rain, the lady there that had reported to one of our folks, I didn't talk to her personally, that the water didn't back up as it used to. So obviously that's a huge improvement, huge help. Curb and gutter and concrete went back in there today, so hopefully we get that road open in the next day or two. Just the final top soil and then asphalt pavement. Get that one buttoned up.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: You increased the size of the pipe, how much?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: We actually took one 60' pipe and doubled it, put a second one beside it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So you've two. That's huge, huge.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Yep, yep, it's a massive headwall, if you take a look at that structure on the east side.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Because the lady on the corner would always call and complain because the water would come up through the backyard thru her garage, I mean thru the garage.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: And apparently handled it quite well, it wasn't quite done yet. So, its good news get that done. Wish it was done a little quicker, but again, can't work in that kind of rain when it's full of water. 7th Street, I think we've hit all the bullet points that I had, and again, just really want to thank the residents, what a mess for them to live on. But we're getting there, hopefully there's light at the end of the tunnel. Parkview, we're going to have our preconstruction meeting on that project Thursday. So we should know pretty quick when our contractor Central Allied Enterprises, when they're going to mobilize and get out there and get started on that one. And street paving for this year, we have to have our preconstruction meeting yet, we're ready to do that. My understanding is, they're out there and they've already ordered the big pre-cast catch basins. It'll take about a month to make, and the concrete's got to cure, so that step's already happening before we've even done a pre-con. So that's good news, keep that... We've got a lot of work from last year to finish up, but we can't do it till school's out; with the proximity of various elementary schools. So we're ready to hit the ground running. That completes my report, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you, appreciate it. Director of Administrative Services?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to thank Members Fonte and Cerreta, for being available and helping me on some projects that are moving forward. And I do want to, you know, echo a little bit of what the mayor said. That it means a great deal to me to have your input and guidance; it saves me a lot of time, a lot of spinning the wheels to get the projects to where you want them and completed. And in way that leads to your approval. So, at the others that I will be reaching out too, that I've dropped little invitations prior to the meeting that I will be following up with you; I could really use your input to move a couple other projects along. So, you received your key cards tonight. So I want that to be on the record. Even though you signed your life way, when...

MAYOR HELD: Twenty dollar replacement, right?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Yep, the waiver. So just a couple notes on that, you don't have to hold the card in any particular manner. We, I tried to install, had the devices installed in such a way that you can't hip check it in some obtuse, grotesque way to try to get in. You have to take the card hold it up to the thing, get close enough to it, the light will flash green, the door will unlock, just grab the handle and come in. The doors are programmed to open and close; they'll be available to open and close at certain times. So for your purposes, what you should be aware for Planning, Zoning and Council is that we're using a guideline of half an hour before the meeting, the doors will automatically open to say this building. And then two hours after the meeting starts, the doors will lock. It doesn't mean you can't get out, it's not like an Alcatraz, but you can get out. It's just that if you went out to say the car to get sometime out of your car after that two hours has passed, and you want to come back in that door would be locked. So you just carry your key card with you, in the event that we have other meetings that go on for a long time, or if we anticipate that they might; Cathi Farina, who's running this operation is on the email list of the clerk for Planning and for Zoning. She knows what the, when the meetings are, and we discuss them as whether or not we think it will be a long one. And then we can deviate from that schedule if we need to. So your key cards will get you in to pretty much any place in this building when the doors are lock. So if you come during the day, I mean, we don't lock the doors to finance or to the administration during the day. It's just after hours. Any questions on the cards? Thank you very much.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, Madame Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: The Director hijacked my report, but I'm just going to say it anyways, you know, last Friday, last Friday I held my promotional exam for the police chief's position. There were three people that had tested for it, we will have to wait 10 days, so yes, we've already had that. So pretty soon, probably by we will have a civil service meeting to confirm that. Thank you, Mike.

16. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, for what it's worth it sounded better coming you. Thank you very much. Final call for new business to council?

17. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: We'll have a meeting directly after this, so I'll entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

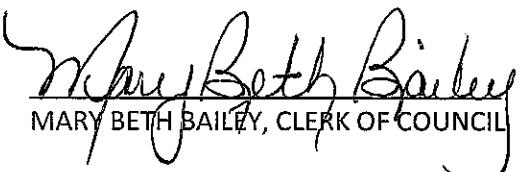
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to adjourn.

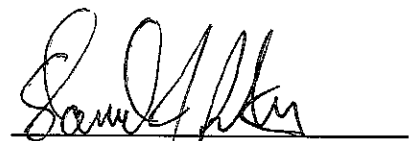
COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

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.]


MARY BETH BAILLY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT