

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, August 14, 2017, 7:00pm. Please rise for the opening prayer, anyone like to lead us? Dom?

2. Opening Prayer – Councilman Fonte gave the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Member Fonte. Clerk, please call the roll?

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

Thus having 6 in attendance.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to excuse Member Cerreta.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to excuse Councilman Cerreta.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you very much. And before I ask for consideration of the next items. You have the alternative tax budget in front of you. And I'm going to turn it over to Finance Director Brown for a brief overview. Laura?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Thank you. This is the first step in the 2018 budget process. This is something that we do annually, and send it to the county auditor's office to the county budget commission. This gets the process started of the county levying property tax on our behalf. So I'll just go through it quickly, because you've all had it to review. If you take a look at the second page, schedule 1 that lists out the six property tax levies that the city has including the one that just renewed last week. And we're certainly appreciative to all the voters for renewing that levy for another five years for our emergency medical services. As you go further back into the document, you'll see schedule 2, there's a page for each fund that receives property tax. The first one being general fund. Basically what these sheets do, is just give some history, and then estimate our 2018 revenue and expenses. So that the county knows that they do need to continue to levy those taxes, and we will be spending them. There's one of those for each fund. Schedule 3, is all other funds that do not receive property tax. Just an overview of what I anticipate those funds to receive and spend during 2018. And this is an early look at next year's budget. Schedule 4, is any general obligation debt the city has, we currently have two bonds series that are listed there. And then schedules 5 and 6 do not apply, because they're voted debt and tax anticipation notes. So again, this is just the first step in getting the budget process started for next year. Does anybody have any questions?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Laura, how early do you normally have to start this process? Like is today the first day you can start this, or could you start this in June?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: The earliest I could start it would be August 1. Because the actual numbers have to go through the end of July. So I have to close July's books before I can get started. And then it has to be turned into the county by August 20th. So I really have about a three week window to get it done.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Thank you.

5. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you, Laura. I appreciate it. Okay, at this time, for your consideration may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2017 and July 10, 2017
Special Council Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2017 and July 17, 2017
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: July 10, 2017
Financial Statements: July Month End Reports
Mayor Court Receipts: June & July 2017
Finance Director's 2018 Alternative Tax Budget

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to approve the above minutes, and reports.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you very much. At this time, we have Community Development Director Davis. Floor is yours, sir.

6. Presentation by Community Development Director Davis

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Alright, give me a minute here. We had a little technical difficulty first thing. Okay, while I'm connecting some of these programs, I'll give you a little history of what you're about to see. We've been partnered with Stark County Auditor's Office Alan Harold's GIS department. Okay. They do a lot of real estate stuff for the county. And they created a bona fide GIS department, probably about 5 years ago. Well about 4 years ago we tagged on to that with our infrastructure. Well, that has just bloomed into a great relationship as far as GPSing, assets, marking our assets, data collection, and all that type of stuff. And as you guys if you talk to other community members, you know, other cities that talk about GIS. That's the big buzz word these days. Okay. Everything is GIS. Real estate is GIS. Okay, so for us, GIS is our world in the government. So what I'm about to show you is the collaboration that we've been doing with, or I've been doing with John Reese, the GIS director and his staff in developing tools and visual stuff that's very powerful. Its quick information of things that are going on in our city. So of course, we want to try and grab the low hanging fruit right off the bat. And one of the things was, the street projects. Who knows where our street projects are? Okay, I know personally I go to the Fourth of July race and the question is, "well, what road projects are you doing that's going to impact our race route?" You know, and some of us said if Rob's not there, you know, we're kind of like looking at each other like "I don't know." So, we want to try to eliminate that. Also, too, if we have a parade route, and somebody has a street project, or Rob has a project in 2018 that's going to impact a citywide event we can say "okay, we need to start contacting and talking with people because it's going to go right across Main Street." Or this, that, or the other. Also, too, this provides you a lot of information as City Council and as residents, "what's going on in our town as far as road projects." So what we have here and I've got to give a lot of kudos here to Mr. Graham, in providing me a lot of information on the back end data. Okay, we're finally connected here.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Hey Jim?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So before you get into all this. What's the bottom line is this program's to help what? Bridge the gap between constituents and the City? And also keep us up-to-date on, like it's a whole platform of communication between the citizens and City officials. And the worker bees. Updating the data that we're talking about. So no matter what, anybody can go online and see where we're at and any progress. Of the lots, street, parks projects, correct?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: That is correct. So there's basically three things that we target with this. The residents in the audience can see by the webpage all the street activity that's going on in the city. If it's being paved, what's being done to it. Maybe the status, date of installation. That type of thing. Okay. The other thing too, people who are putting in new restaurants and buying new buildings. They can see "okay, well this alley is not going to be an alley anymore, it's going to be a dead end street." "Do I really want to purchase this piece of property, or that piece of property?" And it helps them make those economic development decisions that's going to impact their business. The third thing about it, is it minimizes the construction conflicts that we deal with every day. I mean one of the big things to our community is us tearing up the street the day before school starts. Okay. Well this is going to help minimize that. Because school officials can see what's going on. We can plan things, like a road, "well, we better not do this road" "hey, contractor you've got to have this done by August 15th before school starts." And it provides a quick picture. And it's very powerful. So if you look at your TV screen this is actually what the public will see. These are actually live projects that we have in the city. Okay. And this is what we can put on our website. So what you're looking at right here is our city right here. And you can find your address and all that stuff right here. But right over here you can see to the right the big solid blue, it's hard to see on the bigger screen, but on the TV there, it has the #12. And it says "North Canton projects in progress." So right now, just by looking at that picture we have 12 road construction projects currently going on in the City at one particular time. Okay, so we zoom in. Now if you notice the numbers, like #11, okay, correlate to the numbers on the right. So let's go to #11. Okay, so this project is the Clearmount Avenue SE road improvement project. The group that's in charge of it is the City of North Canton. Its' a capital improvement project. Person in charged is the engineering department. It's in Councilwoman Werren's district. It started on 7/24 and it's going to end about 8/18, August 18th. Okay. And the status is in progress. Project update. Now this can be done either through engineering or some sort of communication between Rob and myself, on who's going to do this. Whether it be like the engineers that go out on a daily basis. Its' super easy, it takes like literally one minute to update this. This is, and this is all live. And then there's a description here. Okay. So the point of a lot of this is within one picture it provides a lot of detailed information that you guys get questions on every day. Okay. Or the residents don't even have to call you anymore, because they can actually go to this and say "oh yeah, I see I've got a project coming on my street." Okay, so let me scroll down here to the right. If you watch the bar on the right, it changes here as we go on. Now, we have nine projects in the City that are planned, but have not started yet. And you can see all the locations that are, they're here. Okay. So they're going to be done some time this year, but they just don't have a dedicated start time yet. Okay. So we...

MAYOR HELD: Can you also click on the circle on the map too, or just the one to the right? Or how does that...

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: You can do either one. Okay, here's #5, I click the 5, I think it's 5, okay, and then it opens up the screen on the right and it tells you what it was. So you can click on either piece of information it's going to give you exactly what is going on.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: See I wanted to know about that.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: There it is.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: That is right there. Perfect.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: So, right up your alley. So it's the Eastwood Park tennis courts.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So it's not just street projects, its park projects. Any capital infrastructure were planned for it, can see it. Nice.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Any capital infrastructure. Exactly.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Now is there a way, so maybe not on these, but on the previous ones. Would there be a way to put pictures, so that people can see actual pictures?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Not yet. Okay. Not yet. So we're working on that. But this is like getting stuff out there. Kind of like within the perimeters of the auditor's data infrastructure and stuff like that. So we're working on that. I actually had a call with Auditor Harold this evening, and we talked about that a little bit. And I think they're going to improve that before the end of the year.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So let me ask you another question, so if there was a project that went out and like it was the beginning of a project and people were, you know, calling going "what is this about, why is this here?" Was there room for an explanation to say "this is part of such and such project, you know, it will be completed in this time? This is just the initial stages." Just to give a little bit more information than, because I think that's sometimes the shock value. Is that people see something and they say "why is this here?" And if there was room to have a little more information or not on this?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: We can put in as much as you want. So one of the things that everybody talks about is Everhard. Okay, there it is, no. 2. I've got Everhard Road in there, so I click on no. 2, Everhard project. Okay. It's the agency that's in charge is Stark County, capital improvement project. If you want to call, call the engineering office in North Canton. The status is planned. Project update, date to be determined, summer of 2018, possible grant money. You can put anything that you want in there. Okay, to update somebody else. Yes?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So, so, like this is just the tip of the iceberg. So this is the tip of the iceberg. You're starting with this road projects so we can without bugging Rob every two seconds. So the citizens can see too, because it's going to be web based. But it doesn't stop there. It's supposed to be where it encourages citizen participation. Because let's say there's a storm grate, storm drain grate settled and the City workers are driving around looking for dead animals, you know, cracked poles. So they can pretty much interact with this, the goal is ultimately is to have a device that has our whole citywide infrastructure items on it, as well as you know something with improvements, things that are called out. Instead of the City workers driving around all day looking for issues.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Right now, right now, and you're correct, right now we currently have a City projects tab that's blank. Okay, and I don't know how long it's been there. But this, all we've got to do is, like tomorrow I can literally copy and paste the code into that page and we can have this up and running tomorrow. You know, I'm kind of just explaining this to you guys, if this is something that you would like to see. And this is just the start. I mean, I showed Dominic...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So do you use this? Do you use this yourself? Like do you and Rob use this all the time?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Yeah, this is something that will be really valuable for me. This is a perfect example of what happened to me Friday. You know, it rained off and on, we're trying to pave and then it looked like it was going to clear up. So we go back to paving. And it starts pouring, so we decide to grind. And with school starting we started to grind Park Circle. It didn't even dawn on me till I got a call from one of our groups that was movie night. And I thought "oh, no". If I'd had a tool like that I would have seen that, and you know, we're so focused. It could have been embarrassing, luckily Mother Nature bailed me out, and it rained. And I was up there making sure that people could get at it. But, yeah...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Now to Dominic's point, and Jim, you had said that people would have to go out and then type up stuff. Wouldn't the managers on those actual sites be able to type it in and fill it in themselves?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well, no, if they don't know about it.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: No, but they're out there working. I'm saying.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No, I'm just saying, like if a citizen sees something that no one else sees, they can send a little form in, it comes to the right department, and it goes on the radar screen to get it taken care of. Right?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Did you see that thing I sent you? (Yeah) The 311, we have that developed already.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: That's kind of like, right now I know it's a lot about the streets, but it's actually a larger, a larger platform.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: You've got to be careful on how much information you put on a singular page. If there's too much information, you lose the focus on why it was being built. So like for this, if, there's a lot of stuff we can itemize, that's asset based in the City. But you don't want to clump it all together, because then it gets too hard to read and you won't never use it. This here you know when you click on it, it is road affecting, street affecting. And that deal with everybody's lives just trying to get to work. They don't care about an event, or something at point in time. They care about "am I going to get my road closed tomorrow?" Or something like that. So to your point, we have individual pockets of stuff like that. So let me move on here really quick, so the next thing I scrolled down was the future stuff. Okay, now, I just kind of pocketed this in here because it's important, because we talk about this in some of the meetings. Like the Main Street festival. Okay. The two mile race, and the five mile race. These, what I did in here is I drew the two, the parade route, I drew the two mile race, and I drew the five mile race route. So now when Rob's guys want to come in here and do a particular project, they can look at that. Or the YMCA can go in here and say "oh, this project is going to impact my race route." Or Rob will say "okay, we've got to talk to the Y" and this is at the beginning of the year saying "okay, we've got a road that we're going to have to close, we need to work around the dates of the fourth of July." So that's what those are. So those are future events that are going to go on in '18. And you know, some of that I just did because it was fun. And I just wanted to see the colors and see how it worked. But that's valuable information. Okay. And then the next one here, the last one, completed. Currently so far, according to the information I have, is we have nine jobs completed. Let me see if I can get this mouse to get me a little further, there we go. We've got 11 within the City. So what it does is this little gray area is the search area. So right now, as of to date, we have 11 road projects that are completely done as of '17. And then you can actually see which ones they are. Okay. You can click on it, okay, we've got alley 57 done, we have Parkview, okay, reconstruction. That's done.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Hey Jim, can you click on the circle, you know, right there so that it brings up, or zoom in, so we can see what you're talking about. There you go.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Okay, so let's pick on 7th Street, which is no. 1 here. Okay, I clicked on no.1 on the map it brought up all the stuff on the right, 7th Street reconstruction. Okay, City of North Canton, capital improvement project. Here are the dates of the project, it's complete. And then where it's going to. It's going from North Main to Whittier. Okay. Replacing...

MAYOR HELD: Those lines represent the area that's being paved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: And those lines are, yes, are actual road lengths. Okay.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Jim, I think it's great, I mean, long term as we develop the information that's in there, so people can go back and say "when was the last time that the road was paved?" And again, as you do more scientific job as Rob does of saying "hey, we're going to repave roads when they really need repaved." And I think that's, that's what's really neat about GIS overall, is that it's a system that have everything to do with just general information on infrastructure. So whether its information about waterlines, or other utilities, they're all there and it's all "when was the last time it was replaced? How big is it?" And so it makes any project a lot better. So this is like the tip of the iceberg for even for what you guys have done. And I want to give you kudos too, you were kind of, you raised your hand early to be a guinea pig for the county to say "yeah, we're willing to do this and we want to participate." And it's been a lot of hard work for you in particular, and I know your folks down there. But look what we've been able to do at relatively low cost. Which I think is fantastic.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: So, I mean this is powerful information. And what we're going to try to do is create a dashboard. So like, you know, we talk about roads and infrastructure and a plan. Well now we can show our plan. Okay. Now we can forecast even five years out. We want to say "okay, let's just say 10 year." We want to do every street in North Canton within 10 years. Well now you can actually start visualizing it. We can talk about it and put it in an Excel spreadsheets and print outs, all you want. But visualization is very powerful. And this, this is how we built our storm and sanitary infrastructure cleaning program, was through this type of tool. So...

MAYOR HELD: If I could just say, I wanted to add one other thing. You know, we had talked about this back I think dating back 15 years ago. About the GIS. And the challenges that the city ran into is, No.1 we knew if we, or what abilities we had back then and the whole GIS or Geographic Information System is doing away with the maps. So a lot of you remember when we were redoing the City's water distribution system, and we actually had the water superintendent at the time, highlight on a map the waterlines that were six inch, the waterline that were four inch in another color, the waterlines that were two inch. So we had a map that he manually provided this information. Then of course, as it changed then you had to make another copy of the map, and start you know, recoloring the lines. Well with this, really the limits of information is somewhat unending. Because when Jim got started with this, and this is really one of the first projects that Mike Grimes had him start with. Which is partnering with the county. Because they had the GIS department, and they were looking for municipalities or townships to work with. So the goal is to have every stop sign in the City identified. Every storm sewer identified. Every foot of sanitary sewer line, every foot of water distribution lines. So that when there is a problem or an issue then it can be located on the computer system. Because in order to put these points in, Jim, you have to have an individual go out to each. Like when you have a valve, unfortunately sometimes valves are covered up. When you have a water main break. A valve can be covered up in the yard and there's water

spewing out through a water main break, and the employees have to look at old maps to find out where was that water valve placed. The turn off, the shut off. Sometimes they're sadly paved over, they're buried by grass, dirt. Now you can go to this geographic information system identify specifically where it's at and pinpoint and locate to turn off the valves. But it requires the input of the information. So we have, Jim, you had employees going out and designating with like a spotter, right? (Yes) Every single point in the City, whether its stop signs, parking signs and taking an inventory and account. So you can get an instantaneous account or you will be in the near future of every sign, every valve. Is that correct? (Yep) And then what Dominic had mentioned, let's say that a resident calls up and says "a car hit a stop sign and it's bent over." They can, the abilities would be that they can go on their phone, mark that spot, type in a note that the stop sign's hanging over and you will get that. Right? So that's like a work report. So the whole idea is getting communication with the residents so that they can instantaneously from their smartphone, go to the City, look at the map, hit the exact location where the stop sign is at that's out, and put a little note and then we get that feedback right away. Correct? That's what the goal is. Correct? (Yes) Or a dead animal that in the street. It's really just using the maps and the communication, instantaneous communication, electronically. And Dan, as you had mentioned, it would not have happened had we not been able to tap into the county. Because they took all those aerial shots. So when you're putting that up, you can also do like a satellite photo too. Right? (Yeah) You can interchange it. So people can see the top of their house, their backyard, property lines.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Well, instead of us buying all of the software packages, and then updating those constantly, we're collaborating with the county. So, we're not paying for that, but we're getting all the benefit of it. So this is really good.

MAYOR HELD: Absolutely. Yeah, because we couldn't have done it. We could not have done it without the county.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Jim, what's this 311 business?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: And that's, and that's to your point. That's exactly why I stuck with the county, instead of a private company. Was because private companies want to server your data exclusively. If you leave that company, okay, we've already went this pain switching consultants. Okay. And the proprietary with our data. So it's hard to get. So when we made the agreement with the county to hold all of our data, we don't have to do any of that type of stuff. Worrying about who's holding our data, and all that type of things. So, it's very beneficial for us. And we're not paying the high data server charges as well. So it's a benefit for us. Okay, so while you guys were talking about this, the auditor's GIS department and I have already created the North Canton 311. Okay. This actually, this is actually hot off the press as of last Thursday. So bear with me, this is actually the start of our whole service work order system. That we're going to do. Okay. But to your point, Dominic, and everybody here, we already have our 311 generated. Okay. We've got a nice little picture of the park, that's all nice and pretty, just love the flowers. Okay. So the first thing, now, this is on your mobile phone. I think I sent it to you and also to Mark Cerreta. This is actually on your mobile phone. This is the very first thing that you see on the screen, okay, this is not emergency reporting. This will not save you in the case of a heartache. Okay. But, okay, for emergency this is who you call. So you've just got click the "x". Now, from a mobile device, the only thing you see on your phone is going to be these right, this right menu, right here. Okay. What kind of report are you are doing? Well, I'm going to do a, there's a dead raccoon on my street. Okay. So I hit street problems, pot hole, whatever you want. Okay. So here's street, so I want to report a new problem. And we're still working on this, mind you, this is still the beta version of this. Okay. So here's a location, somebody can type in an address, where it is, and then they have a little drop down. What's the problem that we're looking for? Burned out streetlight, missing sign, damaged, missing sign, damaged, and missing street pole, dead animal, debris in roadway, inoperable traffic light. Missing pavement marker. Plow damage, pot hole, street not cleaned, other. Okay. So a person can select any of these things. Okay. Give me the details. Okay. Whatever the details is. Now, the name and phone number on this screen is important. Because we want to start calling, one of the plans of the program is we want to be active with the residents. If they do a report, at least this is our idea, and like I'm always looking for feedback. Is be interactive with the resident. Say "Mrs. Smith, we did, we acknowledged your thing, either by email, phone, or whatever, and that it will be taken care of."

COUNCILMAN FONTE: When task is complete, do you mark complete? So I can go on and look later, and see the critter was taken care, or the pothole?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: That will be within the work order system, yes. Okay, so then if you want to take a picture of the pothole or the dead raccoon, or whatever, you can upload him. Okay. So, then once you hit submit, report it, the whole concept of this, is this will automatically get shot down to either the nuisance officer, okay, I have a thing here for the nuisance officer, or straight down to the service center. From that service center, they will filter which is, prioritize where it is. Is it streets and sanitary? Or is it water department, and parks? Depending on what it is. Once they send it there, then we can almost go to the point and the driver behind this for me was, I want to know what jobs I'm doing, say in a year, I want to know how many potholes I fixed in a year. I want to know how much asphalt I used in a year. And I want to know what did that me? So the driver of this is going to be eventually the utopian version is when I do a report out of this, it's going to provide me the material cost and labor cost with every single event. I want to know that cost. Okay. To a very detailed amount. Alright. And there's some other avenues that you can go with this. But the nuisance one, right here, okay, this one will go straight directly to the nuisance officer. And the beauty of all this programming is it's very easy to direct it to where you want it to go.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So those pre-determined pictures, they can be changed to what they really are? They're just generic right now? And you can change it to whatever categories you want, whatever we find is the biggest issues we run into.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Now from what I've talked with other cities, in dealing with GIS and everything, those are pretty much the standard. Everybody pretty much liked the little car, and all that type of stuff.

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, the little icons.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Yeah, the little icons are pretty standard.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I was just looking at the water, water, water. So I was thinking those must be generic, that they need to be switched out with whatever. What are those titles, I can't read them.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: What's that?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Sanitary, what, storm?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Sanitary, storm, okay, so then here's one, here's an event right here that we created. So you click on it, and, oh this was a test. Let me see if I have one that, animal complaint, okay, on the side of the road. These are all our, this is all our beta testing. Okay. And then all these problems are on the map.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So hey, Jim, how do I get that on my phone, buddy?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: You'll eventually, it will eventually get to a spot where you can, as soon as you click the 311, it will pop up on your phone.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Is it an app or something? Like an app store?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: You can go straight to the website or... we're still working on that.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, I didn't know if we had an app, or if we just go to .com or whatever.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: We're still working on that avenue, yes.

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, and you know, we've done this at the recycling district. So they've already done for all of Stark County, where you go the website, you click on a drop off it has a picture of that location, it has photos, the information, the location, directions. So anything that you've done, you know, on your cellphone, like when you go to Google and you hit, you want to go to the Target store or Walmart. It can give you directions. So eventually we'll be able to do all of this. But more importantly, communicate. If you noticed when Jim pulled up the nuisance complaint, it also had a date submitted. So often times when people will and the residents will call and say "I called the City and didn't get a response, and I called this day." We didn't really have a way to track it, unless somebody was manually writing down a time that somebody called. Now this is locked in permanently. It will state when they filed, you know, whether it's a nuisance complaint, and it can still be done anonymously as well, also. Or if there was a pothole, and their own description, date submitted. So it brings a much greater degree of accountability.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: The other thing to keep in mind, there's a lot of stuff that goes through my mind that drives this product. Is okay, so I see things like Excel spreadsheets, people are tracking stuff with spreadsheets, and they have to report this to a reporting agency. And I'm like "this takes a lot of time." "How about if I have an app or a program like this that's going to automatically record everything that you want, it will code it how you want it. And at the end of the month all you have to do is click "run report" with a click of a mouse and it has everything for the month for you already preset because it's already stored the way, you don't have to type in. No more cell spreadsheets, any of that type stuff. That's a time saver. Okay, and it's backed up, the Stark County Auditor backs, is holding their servers. And they have multiple backups to their own servers. Okay. So...

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Well, and the consistency of information is essential too. So that when you're looking at the information, then anyone else who's looking at it is looking at the exact same information, versus having competing spreadsheets that might have different information.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: What was that one, like we were also talking, Jim, about like I know I need a permit for something, a burn permit. I need a permit to do an addition, or I don't know.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: I'm glad you asked.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, I was just thinking about that.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Okay, so the next thing that we're working on, okay, this is still in the beta, and still have a couple discussion on avenue. But one of the things is that large group permits, and every block parties all that stuff have to be performed through the police department. So, we get emails about the block party and stuff, but somebody physically has to take the time to write the email, which is usually Chief Minock. And I know he has a lot better things to do than to type a block party permit to send to us. So, I'm like "how do I automate this?" So, this is what we did. This is not out to the public yet, but this is something that we're trying, we're starting to work on. That somebody in the public can actually enter an event, or a permit of sorts and it has a series of questions; is there amplified sound, is there alcohol, do you need barricades, do you need cones? There's just a series of events and then it asks for your location. Okay, and then you hit submit for approval. Now one of the things that we're working on, is finding a way that when you answer a specific question its either going to go to the police

department for approval, or it might go to somebody in the City that says “okay, here’s an event in the city that’s going on.” As I get into my new position, and I’m finding out there’s a ton more events going on in your City than people really know about. What about the fish fries? Or the 720 Market? Or the movie nights? Or somebody’s holding a howl at the moon 2k race. Who knows about that? But that’s bringing people into our City. That’s maybe somebody wanting to go to an event on a Thursday night, “hey, what’s going on in our City?” Or a car show that’s up there at ACME. If you’re new to the town, you don’t know that’s up there unless you drive up to that end of town. So that’s the driver of this. So it gets submitted, okay, so then right now I have, I have a portal to where the police department will have this, will have their screen that looks like this, and when somebody submits a permit through the online thing. Okay, this is going to be their screen, give me, its thinking, its thinking, okay, so they’ll see a red dot. So let’s say Chief Minock is still the one that approves these, he’ll see “okay, I see a red dot, I see somebody submitted a permit, I’m going to click on it and see what it is.” Well here it pulls up all the information on the left, okay, and then he can either approve or deny it. Now, this approval or denial will get emailed to specific people. One, the person who submitted the application, and then two, if its approved, within a click of the button it will automatically go to whoever he wants to send it. The street department, water department, the administrator, the mayor, you guys, anybody, okay, within the click of a button. He doesn’t have to type up anymore block party permits, and email them by hand. So then, let’s say it gets approved. And this here is what would be on our webpage, our website. So now, okay, I am just moving into the City, or I’ve been here forever, and I want to find a charity event that’s going on. All I’ve got to do is click here, and see what charity events are going on. “Oh, okay, I see one going on right here, what is it?” It will be a pop up, it’s going to be a test event. Okay. That’s how simple this is. And it gives the time and the day, what’s going on, is there admission? All that type of stuff. So in the utopian world, is all of our events, stuff that we do as a community, is going to be right here and filtered on the side? Now there’s some other questions and stuff, of course, associated with this that has to get worked out, some of the details. But this is very just to start, the kind of beta version, and we can always can improve on this. But this is what we’ve been working on with the auditor.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Hey Jim, realistically, what’s the timeframe for making this reality? Like, you know, getting it like where you have community events, the street, the sewer, you know, the main thing that people want to know about, like this weekend coming up is the street festival. And I don’t know, has it been promoted enough? Has it, I see a sign here and there. I mean, I know the traffic’s dwindling, so I’m wondering, you know, can we use this tool to let people know what’s going on? I mean, everybody tries in their own way, but as a City, and with the chamber and everything, is this going to work with the chamber, too? Or we just control this internally as a City person?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Yeah, no, I mean it really, we’re kind of toying about how we get all these other events. These third party events on there. So let’s just say, you’re having a charity run, okay, doesn’t really have to do anything the City official, or government, but it’s an activity going on in the City that you might let people know about. Now, you can on social media say on Facebook, Twitter, whatever, “hey, check out this link,” and you can link it to this community page and say “hey, check out the event and race.” And they can, it’s going to be a single point of contact for all the events that are going on in the City.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, I was just, I think more interested in what not fundraisers as much as, just like all the 720 Market is huge. Farmer’s market, anything that would be fun, that people would want to know what’s going on in North Canton. Like young families, older families.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Yeah, so this could be, this could be tailored to, you can search for whatever caters to your entertainment, film, fine arts, that type of stuff. So, to answer your question about this, this is probably three weeks out. The projects I can do like right away, this is about three weeks, the 311 and the work order system is probably Octoberish.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So we just, Laura, and Mike have been working on Facebook. So these can link to each other? (Yes) Okay.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Yeah, all you’ll do on Facebook “hey, check out this, our 5k run, you know, and then copy the link of this page to that 5k run.”

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Copy the link, or just share the page.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Share the page, yeah.

MAYOR HELD: You know, one other thing if I could add, because the City is working on this now, Patrick has headed this up. Talking about the website, we’re going to tie this GIS into the new website, right? So we’re going to have all this ability to interact.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Jim and I talked about that today. Is with, we just signed the contract for the vendor for the new website. And the goal would be to embed this page within our page. So that it, you know, if you were navigating our page, this page would be a part of it. And then the same with the social media, that you could embed those links into the Facebook page, and it would all tie together.

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, cause it a great source of news.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So to me, this is where we fell short for years, and I’m excited about this, Jim’s intervention in getting

this to a reality. Pat, all the work that you're doing, and Laura, for helping make this a reality. And Mike, you too, buddy, because I know without you none of this would be done.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: So, those are the latest ones that are coming to fruition, and I wanted to share these with you, and kind of get your thoughts, you know, if you like them. If you want, we can talk later at some point in time, you can let me know at a later time. Just email me, "hey, I'd like to see this, I'd like to see that." And we'll try to figure out what's going to work best for everybody. But I mean we got them here, I was excited about to show you this, what's been finalized over the summer and see what your thoughts were, before we rolled them out.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: As long as you let us know when the items are live, we can let people know too. That they're out there and that the tools are available.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well, the more we share it, the more people are going to share it, and we share it. And then people are going to know what's going on. Because that's the thing that always gets me, because I don't really know what's going, I want to know what's going on.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Well, I guess my main question is I'm sharing this with you before we go live, to say, to get approval from you guys, is this something that you want to see?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Oh yes.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Definitely.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: You know, is this something moving forward that we need to spend more time in finalizing.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I think it's important.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Okay, alright, then yeah, I'll continue on finalizing those.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Alright, thank you.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: And then once we integrate all the parties into with the website, it will be great.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Do you want to see anything else?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Nope, we're good.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: We're good.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS: Alright, well, thank you very much for your time tonight.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Thanks Jim.

7. Recognition of Visitors

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Jim, I appreciate it. Okay, at this time we have recognition of visitors, if you wish to address council, please step forward state your name and address. See some new faces, just a couple of perimeters. It's a five minute limit, and there will be a clock on the screen for you.

CHUCK OSBORNE: (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. North Canton's tax policy is detrimental to its schools now foretell calamity for the City. North Canton was once overly reliant on the Hoover Company, thinking that the days of Hoover would last forever. With the large numbers of well-paying jobs at the Hoover Company a minimal income tax for the City was sufficient and provided ample revenue for City operations. The loss of Hoover in 2008 should have ushered in an increase in the City's income tax rate. But that has not happened. Instead a flawed mindset took hold that by keeping an artificially low income tax rate businesses would locate in North Canton. To augment that flawed mindset, commercial tax abatements were given to businesses over the years to entice them to locate here. They were given freely as goodwill gestures, sort of a thank you as if to say "here is a little token of our appreciation", simply for locating to the City. Often with fewer than a handful of employees. The commercial tax abatements that this council has approved that I have observed since 2003 repeatedly resulted in loss of revenue for the North Canton City Schools. The tax exemption given to North Ridge Place was a wake-up call for the City's school district. I hope each of you here at City Hall are beginning to see that North Canton's tax policy has not been good for the City or the City's schools, and that you have not been good judiciaries of public tax dollars. The artificially low income tax rate that many here on City Council have praised each other for maintaining over several years has resulted in the following: reduced revenue for the City that could have been used for vital infrastructure improvements. Most importantly, an opportunity for North Canton City School District to place their own income tax on the ballot for voters this November general election. Can anyone blame the school district? For years and years this Council and this administration have given away revenue desperately needed by the schools with never a thought of the financial burdens you were creating for

our City schools. How does it feel to see North Canton City School District come after a funding source typically used by municipalities? Now the shoe is on the other foot, and I am sure you do not like it. The school income tax of three-quarter percent when combined with North Canton's 1.5% income tax rate will result in a combined income tax rate of 2.25%. It is my understanding that school income tax will remain in effect for 34 years, if the schools' ballot issue passes. What is the likelihood that voters would further increase the City's income tax rate at some point in the future on top of the added school income tax rate? That presents a calamity for the City of North Canton. Does anyone in here believe that this City will need an increase, need to increase its income tax rate in the next 34 years? What is the likelihood voters would approve an income tax rate increase for the City? When a combined City/school income tax rate is already 2.25%? Not very probable, is it? The City's longstanding artificially low income tax rate along with the needless commercial tax abatements that have been handed out to businesses for years, have been ill-conceived. North Canton, the City's schools, and its residents now face a financial perfect storm. All of this as a result of many years of North Canton's failed tax policies. I don't know if anybody in here really comprehends, but there's a war going on between the schools and the City. Undeclared as it is, that's what we've got. And if that ballot issues passes what in the world are we going to do if in a year or two, five years, you realize that d***, we need more money and its highly unlikely the voters are going to further vote to increase their own taxes. You have trumpeted, Mr. Cerreta, and all of you up here, "wow, we have the lowest tax rate in the City". You have opened the door for them to jump in here and grab that money. Now the shoe is on the other foot. What are you going to do now? Thank you.

RICHARD PIKE: 2295 Radford Street NW, North Canton, Ohio. What's happening to the grand building across the street from us? How many people in here have had the fortune to work with that company? I don't see anybody. Okay, let me tell you what it was like. Many of the products produced during the war years were needed by, what the Hoover Company made to win the war. In fact, that beautiful lawn at one time had a plane put on the front, they brought it in threw war bonds. In the early 70's, my family saw Santa Claus fly in by, in a helicopter, and I can still see my children, their faces, a complete surprise and joy. I'm here today because, after I had a bad heartache because of not only my pressure's lower, my doctors and nurses but the Hoover Company paid all my bills, two months in the hospital, \$50,000 defibrillator, paid everything. I can't do enough for them because they, I'm not saying it the right way, they couldn't do enough for me. My wife and I had our 50th wedding anniversary, and we had it put in the Repository, we put "we both retired from the Hoover Company, the greatest company in the world." That's how I feel about it. If the Hoover Company asked me to do something, my first answer was "yes, tell me when and why, and I'll be there." That precious company is asking me right now to do something with you guys. Just what is happening over there? If you're going to put everything on the internet, give me a punch list and dates. I don't want to know where the dead animal on the street is. I want to know something important. That should have been finished years ago. And every time I go by, which is two, three times a day. My heart feels bad. When I had to leave that Hoover Company, I cried. I know that things can be put on a fast track and all that, cause I was project engineer there. And you had to get the important things done on time. And that's important, guys. The longer those buildings sit there and let water and everything go into them, the more damage they'll become. My father in Cleveland, Ohio, his company went, when computers came in, he lost his job. And the company sat there at 110th Street and Madison Street in Cleveland, Ohio for the next 20 years falling into itself. Don't want that to happen here. You've got to do something. I know all the buzz words you could say "well, we're working on it, we'll take it under consideration". That doesn't have a line, and a name, and a date. Doesn't mean anything. You've got to get busy. That's about it. I appreciate you letting me talk like this. I think I've talked heavyhearted to you, because I am heavyhearted. You've got to do something. And who's going to do it? I mean is everybody going to look over there and say it's the mayor's job? If you're waiting for somebody to call you and say "okay, we've just decided to do this". It ain't going to happen until you push the buttons. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, next up.

TERRY HOLDEN: I live on Maple Street. You just put an island in front of my house. I've been there for 42 years, 1624 East Maple. And I worked at the Hoover Company for 37 years. Why didn't anybody in this Council, or Walsh College, come to us the residents, out of respect, and tell us what they were going to do. And give us a heads up. Right now, I can't get in and out of my driveway safely. I can't make a left turn coming from the east to the west. I have to make a U-turn to get into my driveway. Why wasn't any of this stuff addressed to me before you did this? Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, anyone else wishing to address council? Alright, seeing none, we will go to reports, Member Fonte?

8. Reports - Council

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I just wanted to say, Richard, can you hear me? (Yes) Okay, so this Saturday when they have the festival, this Saturday. We're going to have tours of the Hoover building, if you want to see the progress made. And what you're saying is, it weighs on the hearts of all of us. And it's a private individual, and the issue that we're having is, Hall of Fame, he's in charge of that project. The guy that's supposed to be in charge of this project. And so the issue is, if he could just spend a couple weekends, he could probably get this job done. Compared to what he did over at Hoover. So we've been talking about this. So a lot of the citizens have been very upset, just like we're upset, like with what you're saying. So if you're around Saturday between I think its 1 and 5 or 1 and 4, I would love for you to come and sort of voice your opinion as you're doing the tour. Because I think, you know...

(Mr. Pike spoke from the gallery)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: No, hold on, we've got to go around the room here for our reports. We can talk afterwards.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, so I was just saying, come out Saturday, and thanks Cerreta for spearheading that project. That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Mr. Gilbert, is it?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: It's Terry Holden.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Okay, that's a different. That's who we spoke with? We spoke on the phone, and I think that you also spoke with Mr. DeOrio, and Mr. Grimes, and Mr. Graham. And so we are taking care of it. And I left you a message while you were in Hilton Head. And you're right the issue was, why didn't...

(Mr. Holden spoke from the gallery)

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Well I think, and we can, we can talk about that, and I think we have Pat and Bob, we did talk about that, and we said in the future if a project is going on in our areas, you know, we had another person just down the street from you where a sidewalk was going in and we said "just let us know when these projects are going on." And that goes to the communication that Mr. Davis had said too. We aren't informed of each project that goes on. We don't know when all the drains are being put in. Or different things. And so we have talked about that, and it's something that we want to improve. But we did listen to you, and it is being taken care of, and 8 feet is going to be taken off. So...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: No report from me tonight. Other than, I'm glad to see that all the projects that have been this year are all in the first ward, for Doug.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yes, quite pleased with any projects in the City, let alone ward 1. But thank you, the city is looking good, just talked about paving today with one of my constituents. And we're excited, we're getting things done on a timely basis. So thank you, Rob, Pat DeOrio, the administration. Everybody's come together. Councilman Fonte, chairing the street and alley. So good things, we're getting them done early. I guess I had no report either.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, very good. Director of Law?

9. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, Director of Finance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Just to touch on again, communication piece that we've been talking about. Like I said, we did sign the contract with the website vendor, so we'll be working on that very soon. In addition, we launched a new City Facebook page, today. Appreciate all of you that have liked and shared it, it's up to about 500 likes and follows now. So hopefully that will help be a way that we can quickly communicate information out to residents and visitors to the City.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Outstanding. Looks good. Alright, Director Grimes?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: I still have a few reservations on whether the Hoover tour if we want to do that on Saturday, or I want to push that further into September. Because I think it's going to be better in September we can do it. See the new part and the old part, and organize it much better. Because we're going to have a lot of folks to that. But I'm still working on that, that part of it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So I, that media release, is that void?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: That may be void, we're speaking of that right now, yes.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Good, I'm pushing out, because I want people, because everybody's been asking about it.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah, I saw it on your site there, so.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Let me know, so I can revise it.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: I mean, I think you know what's best, right? And know the timing and you've worked with them. And if we can do a better showing, to show where we're at.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: We think the showing's going to be better, we think the safety is going to be better for those folks coming in. And we've got some things, I just don't feel comfortable with. And I think we'd be better if we wait a few weeks and then do it really the proper way.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: And maybe it's a great way to bring more people in another time.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: It would be great if Stu could give us the tour.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Well, we want to pull that off, and we do want some of the IRG people there. Because there will be questions and we want them there to speak to that. Because maybe I can't speak to what they're doing, where if you have them there.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, so if we do a media release it will be because of getting the IRG people there.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yes sir, yes sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mike, was that their intent to have IRG officials there on Saturday?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: That would be a smart idea.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Patrick worked on that this afternoon to make sure...

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR DEORIO: It would be their intent to have their docents conduct the tour.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, IRG should be there. For sure, because we don't know the answers.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Right.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I mean, all I see is plastic blowing.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: But we want to make sure the access is proper for the citizens coming in. We want to make sure that we have the folks in there, you know, if we need to block off or help people. And that type of thing. So, I want to make sure we do it safely and properly. That's why I'm asking to move it to September.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Great.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, that makes sense. Thanks for telling me.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes. Mr. Pike, yes, David Held here, I appreciate your speech. And bringing up your concerns about the Hoover Company. Because when you look at the Hoover Company and what they've done for you and support you when you had surgery for two months and paid for the whole thing. I mean those stories...

(Mr. Pike spoke out from the gallery)

MAYOR HELD: Because really, you know, in my office I've got a picture of Boss Hoover. Who really started out as the business owner, and the City's mayor. So, you know, the tradition of excellence that we have in this community has been built on the Hoover Company. And we believe it's the greatest company, was the greatest company in the world. And we can still see that tradition of excellence carry on. So when we see across the street where there's all the construction, and the windows are incomplete. We don't like that. We do not want that. The elected officials, myself that is not what we want.

(Mr. Pike spoke out from the gallery)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: We can't right now, I'm sorry, sir. Let me get around the table here.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: How about as soon as it's over we talk?

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, but we can talk about this once we go around the room, we can do that. But one thing that I want, and this is where we're setting up, we want to set up the tours. Because have you had a chance to look at the newly refurbished portion? (No) Okay, what we want to do, is set up a tour because the first floor we have the Schreyer Group, and we have twelve other businesses that have taken over those facilities. And a large portion of it has been completely remodeled. Then if you go up onto the second floor, and that was really the second phase that they developed. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation. When you stand in that second floor foyer with the glass wall, if you driving by at 35, 25 mph, you really can't appreciate it until you go inside. Because it's been a, a state of the art transformation from an old industrial site. What is that?

(Mr. Pike spoke out from the gallery)

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, so now, that's right. And now that's the next phase.

(Mr. Pike spoke out from the gallery)

MAYOR HELD: Yes, and so they've already put in \$12 million into those sections. But it's behind the walls. So they have their residential suites that are framed in, and I believe they have a couple that are complete right now. They reason they have, as they explained to us, the windows are not in on certain windows, because that's where they were passing supplies through. But it did come to a hold up because of the lawsuit that they were in. So if there is something that we can do right now to force their hand, we would do that today. Okay. But at the same time, we don't have that authority to exceed what the court system has in place. But I want to let you know that your thoughts are registering with us. And so what we're doing is Councilman Cerreta has arranged for a tour. And we were planning on having it this Saturday, but it doesn't look like they're going to be able to prepare the construction site to do that. Because we want to see that the finished end, so people can actually envision what this is going to look like. And at the same time, see the developing end. Where you actually still see the 2x4's in the residential suites and walls that are being converted. It's really a very, very impressive development project. And so we're planning probably not this Saturday, it looks like we're going to have to move it up, because we've got to make it safe for the residents to travel through. But we will have a tour of the facility, and we plan on having it if not this week, then in September. And I appreciate you bringing up your concerns. And then also, Terry, I'm glad you brought up the island in the middle. Because my wife asked me the same question "what does that island do in there in the middle, and who decided to put that up there?" And so, and I can just imagine what it's like when you wake up one morning and you came back from vacation to see the island there. Right? And the whole idea is really to accentuate the gateway, you know, the new section. We were going to have those medians, originally they were going to run all the way down and all the way through from where your median is at. You know, the island the vegetation island to where, you know, plan on putting vegetation or trees. And run that all the way down. But the problem was that when you get heavy traffic, the fire truck has no pathway during the rush hour to get down there. So then, you know, Walsh was very excited about having the trees and so forth. So one of the ideas was to at least put like a gateway where you know the new construction is going to start. So I believe that the city administrator Mike Grimes and Patrick DeOrio and also Councilwoman Werren had talked to you about making a modification to that. And also the engineer. So we hear what you're saying, and we want to make sure and respond to your satisfaction. So thank you for your input. That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Engineer Graham.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess as we've kind of been discussing, our paving program is ongoing. I mean we're hitting it hard. We want to be completely away from the schools by next Wednesday, when school starts. They were actually out on Harmon to about 7:15, 7:30, working tonight. So that's going along quite nicely. Less glamorous is our sanitary sewer line. We've got about a \$500,000.00 project there. What we're seeing on the videos of the old dilapidated cracked leaking clay sanitary sewer pipes along the Nimishillen is being corrected. With the water tight liner. Again, less glamorous, but as infrastructure goes, so vitally important to the environment. Board of control, just an hour ago, awarded the Park Avenue sanitary sewer project, \$188,000.00 to replace 660 feet of sanitary there. Yet this fall. And repave it. Friday, we open bids on the water tower painting. If you recall we had an estimate of around \$600,000.00, we appropriated. Our apparent low bidder is just over \$419,000.00. So quite a significant savings. We're doing our research on that company as we speak, it's out of western Pennsylvania. I don't know anything about them. So we're going to the experts that did those plans. And just going to keep working hard we've got a lot more to do before the snow flies.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Outstanding. And Rob, before I forget, we replaced a couple catch basins along Harmon. On Harmon. And there when we put the curbing in, there is a pretty big discrepancy between the sidewalk and the curb. And that is, that sidewalk is used by the middle schoolers when they walk. So I'll take a picture of it and send it to you. I got a phone call a couple days ago.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, we'll get someone out to take a look at it and get that fixed. Alright, Director of Administrative Services Mr. DeOrio?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Thank you, Mr. President. You probably would not know the answer to this trivial question. How many holes does it take to fill the Albert Hall? That's from a classic Beatles tune. And that's been through my head ever since Coon started filling the holes in our Albert Hall here around fascia. That portion of the project has been completed. They've made it all the way around. I did not take time to count them all. But the painting started today, and their focus is on the soffit. The underpart, that's actually the most comprehensive portion to paint. Because in each one of those waffle weaves you've got to go up in it and trim it, paint in it all sides. There's a lot of square footage in each one of those waffle weaves. So they'll get that done before they get onto the little outer band that faces out. But to keep you in the loop, that should be completed in another week or so. If weather permitting of course. But that's, we're getting near a completion on that. The only other thing that I had is I just wanted to remind council and those that may not be aware, but the groundbreaking ceremony for Goodwill, their new store at 1240 North Main Street will be Tuesday, August 22nd at 1:00pm.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Patrick, did they buy the building on the other side of the cleaners? Is that Starbucks, or is that, on the other side of the cleaners the building was just purchased. And it looks like they cleaned it out all the way back to that. Is that the Goodwill?

MAYOR HELD: That's the Goodwill, behind the Starbucks.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Did they buy that building next to the cleaners? That little strip.

MAYOR HELD: The one that was removed?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: He's talking about on Applegrove.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I just thought maybe...

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Goodwill has a parking lot and an access to Applegrove. Is part of their site, east of the proposed Starbucks.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So they must have bought that building. Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Hey, you said that was 1:00pm, right?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: 1:00pm on August 22nd.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I've got a quick question. Speed limit signs on Portage? Anybody have an update?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Before my break, I marked all of the locations where we were proposing to put that. And I don't know if you've seen where those spots are. But they're spray painted on the curb of the street. The one heading into North Canton on Portage is at the western most edge of the church property there. And the one coming off of Main heading west on Charlotte is right at the lot behind the truck business place that occupies the front part of that. So there's a little street, I can't remember the name of the street, top of my head, ward 1 councilman would probably know that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Viking.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: And then it's that right there on that, there's a parking lot there. A gravel kind of parking lot, we're going to put the second one there. So that will cover Portage. And then the marking of these, we were taking into considering, you know, potential light pollution. You know, from these things being on. So I wanted them placed in a way where it would be away from people's homes. But still be effective. You know, if you have a home you don't want that outside your bedroom, you know, kind of going on all night. So that was a consideration in all the placements. But all eight have been marked. And the signs are in, and the crews will be out soon to start the installation. I should say as well, that the gate plan we're pursuing is to put these in on a temporary basis. Meaning like it would be 30 days to see how council feels about the locations. If perhaps some citizen input, if it's a problem. And then allow us to move that, once we've kind of settled on a permanent location then of course we would want to cement that in. Because the sign is very top heavy. And over a long period of time, it wouldn't stand. Did I answer your questions, sir?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yes, thank you very much. Appreciate it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Pat. Madame Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: I do not have a report for this evening.

10. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, very good. Final call for new business.

11. Next scheduled meetings for the month of August

Monday, August 21, 2017 - Committee of the Whole meeting
Monday, August 28, 2017 - Council meeting

12. Adjourn:

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

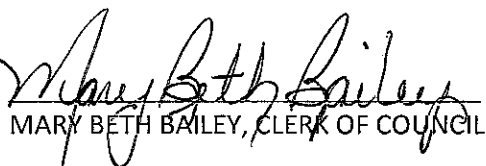
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

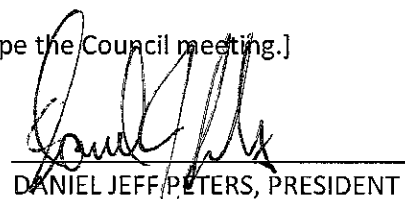
COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, we are adjourned.

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


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