

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, October 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer, Reverend Emil Gretarsson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church? Welcome, Reverend.

2. Opening Prayer – Reverend Emil Gretarsson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church gave the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Clerk, please call the roll?

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

Thus having 6 in attendance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, motion and a second to excuse Member Griffith. He will be joining us shortly.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to excuse Member Griffith.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call of 6 yes to excuse Member Griffith.

Also present: Mayor Held, Director Grimes, Administration Services Director DeOrio, Law Director Fox, Engineer Graham and Finance Director Brown.

5. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. For your consideration may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: September 11 and 25, 2017
Financial Statements: September Month End Reports
Mayor Court Receipts: September 2017

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

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

6. Recognition of Visitors:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much. At this time, if you wish to address Council please step forward, state your name and address.

REVEREND EMIL GREARSSON: 10988 Sagebrush Ave NE, Uniontown, Ohio. Associate pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Just want to take a quick second, the first time I was able to be with you back in August, I had a chance to chat with Councilman Cerreta afterward about the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program. And I just want to throw this out there, it sounded like it's a great program, a lot of potential, but there's not a lot of awareness about it. Or there's not a lot of people that are making their needs known. And I just want to throw out, that if there's a way for us to help do that, I've got some ideas. I don't want to take time to necessarily talk about now, but if there's a time that maybe we can talk, just about getting the word out. If that's all it is, sounds like there are a lot of people willing to help. Just need to make sure that there are folks available to help.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yeah, we all support that. Sure.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: You're recruited.

REVEREND EMIL GREARSSON: What's that?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: You're recruited.

REVEREND EMIL GREARSSON: I'm recruited. That's exactly what, I mean, I get it. I know, I opened my mouth. Happy to help, if we just need folks in the neighborhood to knock on doors, and pass out a flyers or something. We'd be happy to do that.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Good. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, reverend.

CHUCK OSBORNE: (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I have a number of topics. No. 1, I just received a copy of the invoice from the Board of Elections for the special election. If my memory is correct, at the time you guys made this decision to have this special election, I think you were telling the public, it was around \$8,000. Well, the exact cost is \$15,096.16, money totally wasted. You could have had that election last November, at no cost. You could have had that election in the spring primaries, at no cost to the taxpayers. Who dropped the ball? Mayor Held, was it your Administration? Was it your City Administrator, who you often hide behind, unless you have something that you want to flower your persona? Mrs. Brown, I'm not sure when you stepped into the box there. Mr. Griffith's not here, he's chairman of Finance. Mr. Peters, you're President of City Council. Our Law Director, any of you other remaining Councilmembers, who have been here for a long time. We all know these levies have been an annual event, every five years, you renew the levy. And then, of course, I have to bring up the island on East Maple. What was, and I read this in the press, cause I probably couldn't have gotten any documents from the City, on the cost. The Repository reports \$15,000.00 to put it in, and \$13,000.00 to remove it. And these are just off the top of my head, waste. I'd like to change my topic to the City's zoning code. We all know that R-70, and R-50 are residential codes. Every one of us live in an R-70, or an R-50. And I might add here, R-50 needs to be removed from the code. If you want to improve the housing stock, and improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods, those dinky little lots, I don't care how much money you put in your house, you can't fix it. I put over \$150,000.00 in a stupid old house, and it's still a stupid old house, on a dinky little lot. No place to put my snow, no place to park my cars. It's a mess. We know that R-70, and R-50 will be here next year, 10 years from now. It's not going to change. Same thing with the GBA, and GBB, they're business. Not hard to figure out. Industrial is industrial. What in the world is Fieldcrest? What does that mean? Now last Wednesday, there was a meeting at Fieldcrest, the announcement read North Canton City Council has coordinated an informational meeting. To me, that indicates a public meeting, with the requirements to meet the Sunshine Law. The owner of Fieldcrest differed, and asked me not to video tape. I did not choose to make a scene, so I did not video tape. But Mrs. Dale started out by explaining her history there. She started out with Montessori school. And that came to an end. And by the way, this email from the homeowners association, this is the second email that the homeowners association has sent out. The first one was signed by Mrs. Werren. The second was not. But this clearly came from you. What, do you think they took it upon their own to say North Canton City Council has coordinated this meeting? I was nice enough to tell you here a month ago, you've got a conflict of interest. Now I don't know what it is you think it is you've work out, but when this is all said and done, the Ethics Commission will be hearing about it. Mr. Cerreta, can tell you all about that. It is spot zoning. I don't care what our illustrious, almighty Law Director says, it does not need to be changed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chuck.

(Mr. Osborne continued to talk)

CHUCK OSBORNE: We can't have Mrs. Dale changing zoning code and after a few years when her business plan has failed, finding a need to rezone it back to residential.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Time's up. We hear you. Time's up, thank you.

(Mr. Osborne continued to talk)

CHUCK OSBORNE: I wish you did. Because I tell you, I come up here very nearly in tears... .

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne, please take your seat.

(Mr. Osborne continued to talk)

CHUCK OSBORNE: This is the most horrendous group this City has ever seen.

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

LARRY TRIPP: (read from a prepared statement) 1127 East Maple, North Canton. Well, another interesting week in the lives of North Canton City government elected officials. Once again, Martin Olson hits the nail on the head in his Stark County Political Report writings on our inept elected City government officials. Let's start with Monday, October 2nd, and Mr. Cerreta's statement "we need to bring out the facts." And then a very obvious question, a very obvious question, probably written collectively by Councilmembers posed to North Canton City School Superintendent, and I quote "why didn't district confer with City before moving forward with income tax levy? And did schools really think the City would approve of it, and did they think of all of the community divide it would create?" Mr. Cerreta, you at least you should, me, and anyone who attends a few Council meetings know the facts begin 5 and half years ago with the formation of the Law Director/City Council form of City government in North Canton. It only intensified any divide this City may have with the North Ridge Apartment tax abatement. Think not for a minute, that I, and many others in North Canton, think one person acted alone in this abatement. In my opinion, after the successful North Ridge Abatement, there were perhaps informal discussions for other abatements on similar type properties. Why else would this Council spend the greater part of '16 discussing a citywide tax abatement? Why, Mr. Cerreta, the facts. So, Mr.

Cerreta and other elected City officials, the North Canton School Board pulled the rug right under you, and left you trying to save your behind. How many of us knew of a school board generated income tax? I didn't. And I'm sure many other City residents didn't either, including members of this City Council. The school board did what they needed to do, and that was to protect themselves from again, an inept City government. That perhaps, even left your leader that being the Law Director, in the dark. My compliments to the North Canton School Board for having the foresight to try and save North Canton's primary assets, its schools. Mr. Cerreta then states, the City has cut jobs, and services, to maintain a lower income tax rate imposed by the City. I don't believe you brought up the fact that future elected government officials will receive a 10% pay increase effective January 1, 2018. That on top of their increase of two or three years ago. Give the facts, Mr. Cerreta. Give the facts. Then we have the North Canton Housing Council hearing, I was not there, but read about it. And then read Mr. Olson's blog. To me, reading about this meeting was just a reminder of many, many, many, many City Council meetings, and then that of the recent City Charter Review Committee. To have anyone from the North Canton City government display that type of arrogance, is just absolutely distasteful, and disgusting. Yes sir, during your citywide tax abatement discussions in 2016, which would only have harmed the schools. The school completely outwitted your Law Director, the City Council. Now, Mr. Cerreta, can you give me the facts as to what this settlement on the North Ridge abatement cost the City? I just calculated on the top of my head about \$150,000.00, \$200,000.00. So far I've said that before, and have not had a rebuttal on that. Then can you give us the facts on why we aren't getting the City Hall repaired? Is it because we don't have the money? Why? Give the facts. It's not going to repair itself. It's only going to cost more further down the line. So again, North Canton citizens, you have four votes, Mayor Kelly, Revoldt, Boyajian and Snyder. That's all you have to vote for in this year's election. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Larry.

MAYOR HELD: Thanks, Larry.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Anyone else wishing to address council, please step forward, state your name and address. Last chance, okay, we'll move onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 81 – 2017?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 81 - 2017.

7. Old Business

8. Ordinance No. 81 - 2017 Park and Recreation Committee

An ordinance establishing rental rates and policies for the rental of City owned facilities or portions thereof, located within the municipal corporation limits of the City of North Canton, Ohio, repealing Ordinance Nos. 21-08, 47-10, 19-11, 31-13, and 45-16, and any and all legislation inconsistent herewith.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Chairman Foltz.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Thank you. We had plenty of discussion at the Park Board, Committee, first reading, Committee, again. So without any other questions, I'll make a motion to move forward.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 81 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 81 – 2017 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 82 – 2017?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 82 - 2017

9. Ordinance No. 82 - 2017 Personnel and Safety Committee

An ordinance amending Section 20 COMPENSATION, of Chapter 155 Personnel Regulations of Part One - Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, in accordance with North Canton Ordinance no. 5 - 2017, to create the position of Client Coordinator in the Finance Department.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, thank you. We are going to have a retirement coming up shortly. This position will be replacing that. It will be reflective of different duties, as well. Anything to add, Finance Director?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: No, that's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, any questions? I'll entertain a motion and a second to adopt the second reading.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Motion.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 82 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 82 - 2017 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 85 – 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 85 – 2017

10. Ordinance No. 85 - 2017 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual waterline utility easement known as Parcel No. 10007429, and being part of a 0.0402 acre tract of land, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation ("City"), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, ("Grantor").

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: We talked about this couple weeks ago. This is to improve water quality on the back side of the Hoover parking lot, there off of East Maple. And we just have a perpetual water agreement there, and we're going to take care of that. So I move that we approve the second reading.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 85 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 85 – 2017 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

11. New Business

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 88 – 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 88 – 2017

12. Ordinance No. 88 - 2017 Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee

An ordinance replacing the title of North Canton codified ordinance 935.08 NONRESIDENT'S USE OF WATER OR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE, AGREEMENT, to SALE OF WATER OR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY BOUNDARIES, together with a text amendment permitting the Water Board and the chair of the Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee to negotiate water and sanitary service agreements in the City's best interest, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Cerreta.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yes, we had good discussion on this. We also seem to be in agreement, this could help us negotiate the water issue with the best interest of the City. So, I move we approve the first reading. I want to go at least two readings, we get some folks to talk about it if they choose. So, I move that we go forward with first reading.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

(Mr. Chuck Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Please, we're trying to conduct the City's business here, Chuck.

(Mr. Chuck Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Osborne, please, please. This ordinance is under emergency, but we're having more than one reading. Plenty of time to make comments during the next public speaks. Okay, clerk, please continue.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 88 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 88 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 89 – 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 89 – 2017

13. Ordinance No. 89 - 2017

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, upon concurrence of Council and the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for administering a self-insured health insurance program for City employees, for the period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I'll turn this over to Director of Finance Laura Brown?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Sure, like we spoke about last week. We had a request for proposal out to 23 different health insurance companies. We had three proposals come back. And the lowest and best was through Aultcare, who is our current provider. So, we'll continue to be self-insured with them, if this is approved.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: What was the increase over last year?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: It was just under 5%, over last year.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Any other questions? I'll entertain a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 89 -- 2017.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 5 yes, 1 abstain to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 89 – 2017. Kiesling abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 89 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 9 – 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 9 – 2017

14. Resolution No. 9 - 2017

Community and Economic Development Committee

A resolution requesting the Planning Commission consider recommending to City Council implementation of the Main Street Business District on Main Street, from Orion Street to Everhard Road, to maintain and promote the central portion of Main Street as a core area for the retail sales and service.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairwoman Kiesling.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Yes, we are going to send this over for the Planning Commission to look at, set a public hearing, have discussions, and bring it back to us, at some point. Hopefully, get it going. Any questions?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I just think it's a great idea.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Alright, I motion we adopt.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the first reading of Resolution No. 9 – 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

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

15. Reports - Council

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I'd just like to say, it's nice to see some of the younger faces in the crowd. I see some Boy Scouts in the back, working on citizenship in the community. Well, thanks for coming. For all the young people its fun to see the disagreements and the freedom of speech here in North Canton. It's exciting to watch, isn't it? But anyhow, other than that, there's a lot of positive things happening in the City. Sometimes you hear the negatives, and there are some mistakes made, but I can right now, from where I sit, we have a great group of people working here together. For a common goal, to make this a better community to work, live and play. So as you guys grow up, we want you to move back here, and buy your real estate here, and walk the streets, and enjoy it. And this is a great opportunity to learn. So, thanks for coming. That's all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Thank you. Just a comment on the Ohio Ethics Commission. I did have a resident that questioned whether I should be able to vote on anything, kind of Fieldcrest. And so I took it upon myself, and there's a process that you have to follow with the Ohio Ethics Commission. You don't just call down and they give you an opinion. You have to send a letter, and your documents, any supporting materials. I mean, it's a process. And sometimes it can be up to six weeks. This, they expedited through, for whatever reason. Maybe a lot of people weren't filing. And I did receive a favorable decision. So, and I even included the letter, that one resident sent me, regarding his thoughts that I shouldn't be able to vote on this. So, I am a resident of Ward 3, Fieldcrest is in Ward 3, and I think it was recommended by the Ohio Ethics Commission that I can part in that. And that's all on file, and a public document. We did have a meeting, or Sally had a meeting on, I guess it was last Wednesday. And she invited residents of Monticello, residents to the south, to the west. Whoever wanted to come, could come to that meeting. And she spoke for really the majority of it. And just gave a lot of information. There were probably about 15 Monticello families that attended, and then kind of five to seven different families from the south, and different portions. We talked about everything from setbacks, to the amount of greenspace. They had their architect of the zoning plan. He was there, and he answered questions. People stayed around and answered questions, and comments. So it was just a really good informative meeting. It gave me some different ideas, and suggestions. That I think, you know, I've shared with Marcia, I've shared with Jeff, I've shared, just some thoughts on maybe some different things we can do, and work with them. But, also making sure that the residents are comfortable with what they see happening, in that area as well. And we, you know, have residents that don't sometimes feel like "well, what is this zoning?" This isn't new, I mean, this zoning would be new. But we have other areas in the City, Malone University is one such zone. That had to come up with new zoning to accommodate its interest. Because Malone is right by residential area as well. And they didn't want businesses there, if the university went kaput, they didn't want businesses there. So, that is a different zone. When Gervasi came up, I don't know what that is zoned, but, you know, that is a way you look at it differently, as well. So, we've asked Sally to do this, she's complying. And now we're working with her to try to get something in the works. So we have it now. Just to be clear. And then we will talk about it again next week at our meeting. And if in the end, we want a consultant to come in and take a look at it as a final scan, we can have that done as well. But it was a really good meeting. And I think, I talked to a number of the residents, and they said "wow, that really helped. That explained things." We definitely had a lot of people that were spreading untrue rumors. And it was good meeting. So, that's it. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Stephanie, just a clarification. You referring to Walsh University, instead of Malone?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: No, Malone. Yeah, in Canton City. I was just saying, different areas in Stark County, in our general area.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Our neighboring cities.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yeah, this isn't something that is so crazy, and unheard of. People have done different things to accommodate areas that specific in their areas.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Okay, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Kiesling.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Thank you. No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Cerreta.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Just the Fire Station Open House tonight, and Wednesday. Outside of that, no report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, and I'll make a quick comment, on Ordinance No. 88 – 2017. Chuck had a question on that. It is under emergency, we only had the first reading tonight. We'll be discussing that in Committee next week. I anticipate your attendance, and look forward to it. And hopefully we can answer any and all questions that you may have. If we don't. I would ask that you reach out to the Water Chairman Cerreta, or myself, and we can discuss one on one, any questions or concerns you may have with that. Thank you. Director of Law?

16. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: The ordinance regarding 935.08, it was in Committee last week, correct? And we did discuss that in Committee. So, pretty sure we talked about it. Okay, because there was the allegation that there were no discussion at all. Just flim flam and votes, without any discussion. But I was pretty certain we did talk about it. Allegation that you had a conflict of interest. Mr. Osborne was pretty certain, and so you have an opinion from the Ohio Ethics Commission that says otherwise. (Yes) Okay. Just wanted to make sure, because he was pretty certain. And he's been stating it at every opportunity. Nothing more. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Director of Finance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Thank you. We're continuing work on the budget. I appreciate all the department heads of the City getting their budgets into me, on time. And we're going through all those starting tomorrow. Administrator and I will be meeting with each department head to go through those requests. If anyone on Council has any requests that you know of up front, you want to get those to me, within the next couple weeks. I'll be happy to incorporate those as well. And then on our next Council meeting on the 23rd, I'll go over kind of an overview, big picture. And then we'll have, I believe a special meeting on the 30th, to have the department heads come in and go line by line, as we typically do. A marathon evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, it won't be a special meeting, just a regular Committee meeting. Even though it's the fifth Monday, its regular Committee.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Alright, I misspoke. Thank you. But that's the game plan, like I said, if you have anything that you know of that you'd like to see incorporated ahead of time. Please let me know. That's all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, and before I go to Mike here, just, folks, excuse me, didn't hear out there. Jumping down to item 18, Monday, October 30th, it's the fifth Monday of the month, but we are having a meeting, that's budgetary only. We are going to be discussing only the budget, line by line. Its' going to be a long one. So bring a sandwich, and a cup of coffee. If you want to attend. Next up, is Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah, just this Saturday, starts our free leaf bag hand out. If you're a city resident getting our utilities, its going to be again down at Mohler Lumber. So just take that copy of your trash bill down, so they can see that you're a City resident. And give you your free bags.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mike, when does that start?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Saturday, the 14th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Saturday.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Hey, Mike? I had a call from a constituent asking since, you know, it was set up, he went down to try to get the bags and they're not ready yet. Because of the timing. And since we didn't have as much rain this year, the leaves fell much quicker, than normal. And so we were talking, did we ever considered having the truck come around and clean up the leaves at the bottom of the road? Instead of doing the bags. I mean, we should probably look into seeing if that's a feasible thing to consider. Especially in the tree areas. So, I don't know what we need to do to figure that out. Could you help us figure out if that's a feasible option?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: We can get you price and stuff on that. I'm thinking it's going to be a lot more costly, and then you're going to have to worry about where you dump them at. And that type of thing. But we can price that out.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I know there's communities that just put them at the edge. Not in the street, but on the edge.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, Cuyahoga Falls does that. But didn't we looked into that a couple years ago, and it was, it was pretty pricey.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: New Philadelphia does, too. But, kids pile them up around fire hydrants.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: It might be something to consider.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: This one's built into our trash haul fund, we do get some recycle money back, and everything. But we'll be having a new trash fund come up. So, it's an appropriate time to look at.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Either that, or maybe even open the window a little quicker, in case the weather. Because like I said, you know, the weather depending on how dry or wet it is, the trees, leaves are affected accordingly. But I would like to see if we could consider the truck option, let's just see. If that's a viable option.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: If you called last year, you asked for it later this year, because of, every year a little differently. And when you have to schedule the drivers, and go through the company and that. So, it's kind of, we do pick, we went a little later this year. Because the first two weeks, the last two years, we looked at the trash haul and weren't getting as much as we thought. Because they didn't fall in time. So, it's kind of, you know, an educated guess, when we do that. The other thing is, the gas aggregation price came in, residents will be getting a letter. It's on our website, in case you want to know how to opt-out, or you know, contact them, or whatever you need. That's 3.299 is the way it came in. It starts on your December billing. Last year was 3.45, so. But everything's on our website, if you want to know how to opt-out, or want to get a different, we tried to get that as quickly as possible. But there's a certain window that you've got to operate in. But, we know we had residents calling us, because they're also looking at their gas bills and deciding what they want to do. So, thank you, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, a few things. As far as the leaves, that's something that we can look at. We've looked at it in the past. It's a very labor intensive process, to collect the leaves at the curb. One of the other problems too, that other communities run into, is that sometimes the leaves, depending on the weather, they can start to clog the storm sewer system. And that creates another problem. And then if they're not picked up, or they're still piling up, then they freeze, and they clog the sewer system. So some of the municipalities that do collect at curbside, are wishing that they didn't collect it at curbside, like that. So, I think it depends on, especially with a lot of the narrow easements, or devil strips that we have between the sidewalk and the street. But we can revisit that too. Because I know a number of people have brought that up also. Because it is nice to be able to just, you know, rake them out to the curb. The other item is that, Chuck and Larry, I always appreciate your comments. And, I don't always agree with them. But, you know, the good thing is that when you stand up and, you know, you express your ideas and your opinions. That's really what we need to hear. But again, Chuck, as far as, you know, the house that you live in on Fairview Street, I think Fairview Street's a beautiful street. I think there's a lot of nice homes on Fairview Street. And I think it's just a matter of perspective. I think we've got beautiful homes in the City. And, you know, sometimes I think the comments are a little bit maybe over reaching, and a little bit too critical. But that's okay, that's your opinion. And the same thing with you too, Larry. And you both have my cellphone number, so any time that you have any additional complaints, you can call me day or night. I know Chuck, you've taken advantage of that a lot. And that's okay, I don't mind. And then as far as IRG, I wanted everyone to know, is that we did have our Permit Superintendent, he went out and took a tour of the facility. And the requirements that are going to be needed in order to continue with the development, for the front lawn, and to put the windows in, and the parking lot. And then also to advance the residents and the retail over there. And so what he did, was put that down in writing to IRG, and made it clear to them what they are going to be required to do. And, also gave his perspective on how to move this along in a manner that's going to be acceptable here with the City. And so we've got that moving, and that was sent out last Friday. So, that's good news. And, you know, a lot of times, what happens in situations like this, is that either developers are eager to move ahead, but they have one perspective, and then you have the City code, the building code which, you know, that sets the rules. And that sets the policies for how you proceed in a development. So, what we wanted to is, since we do have our new Permit Superintendent is fantastic. Because I don't think there's anybody in this area that has as much experience as he does with the building code, with the fire code, as he does. Great deal of experience. So he went through with Gary Coen, our fire inspector, who's also very knowledgeable, very experienced. And they went through the whole building, and then summarized our findings in a letter, and sent that over to IRG, I believe it was Friday, right? Yeah, it was Friday. So, we've got that moving along. And we expect good things over there across the street with the Hoover District. Just like we do with the other businesses in town, and development. So that's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Just Park Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project. We did get started with that last Monday, and really started digging in earnest on Tuesday. And they probably got a third of the pipe in already. Just going to be a slow, kind of messy project over there. But it is underway, and hope to get it all buttoned up, and repaved yet this fall.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, Rob, anything on Price Park, yet?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Price Park? Yeah, we did open those bids, a couple weeks ago. We combined that with the Eastwood

Tennis Court, and they came in over our allocation. So, we're going to go ahead and rebid that with construction is going to be slated for first thing in the spring.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, so it will be pushed off till spring?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Yeah, and even when we opened them, a couple weeks ago, we had a contractor, we gave them an option of either going in the spring. Because we don't want to artificially inflate the prices. Or if he felt he could get it done within 30 days, yet this fall, to do it. But what we were afraid of, as we've discussed before, was what if he tore into it, and then winter came earlier, asphalt plants close. Then the residents wouldn't be able to use. So really I think it's not really going to set us back by taking a second look, and rebidding, and starting first thing in the spring.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Are you going to separate the bids this time?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: We're looking at. I actually asked one of the company that bid it. What his take was on that. And for him, because he's the only company that, I think it will help us with respect to the Price Park Project. Because we have a clause in there for the tennis court project, that you have to be USTA approved contractor. And there's only like two in the State. So, I think that probably hurt us a little bit there. So...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yeah, because I know there's other people that would do tennis courts.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Right. That concludes my report.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Thank you, Mr. President, nothing truly sexy to talk about tonight. But just one detail on the recreational rental program. Thank you for the second reading on that tonight. But as it relates to that software that I told you about. We're having some additional training in the Administrative offices. Brought our team in to see what components that we want, how we want to dress it up. And this will truly transform the way we do business here. I just, I almost had to take aspirin while I was watching this, because by heart was beating so fast. It's so exciting. To me, I guess, I'm quant that that way. But, you know, just simple things we're able to, you know, color code the different types of facilities. So that when you look at it on a map, and you have something that you're looking for, it's just easier to find. And the interface with the website that we're developing with Finance, it will just be so easy to use. And I guess that's the thing that Members Cerreta and Griffith and others have been driving home. It's just pick up that device, do this at home, like you do anything else. And we're truly getting that experience. But it also allows us to do something simple, that we never thought of like, a pre survey. So, let's say after you rent or you book a facility, but you haven't used it yet, then we could send out a survey. We write it up, and it would just go automatically out in an email. Hey, why did you pick this facility, or etc.? And then likewise afterward, after you're used the facility, then we could survey well what did you think of it? What could we do that would be an improvement? Just those kind of detailed questions that will help us function better as what we're trying to deliver to the residents. So it's very exciting. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Portico, anything with the portico?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: This evening at the Board of Control awarded the Portico Project to Coon Restoration and Sealing, Inc. That's stated to begin in the spring. We had received a letter from the bidder, that price would be guaranteed for spring construction.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Super. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: So, the work is starting in the spring on the portico?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: That's correct, sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Outstanding. Great news. Thank you. Madam Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: The only thing I have, is this Friday I will have my last Civil Service exam, which is for a promotional in the Fire Department for Captain. And that's it.

17. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you very much.

18. October's Meeting Schedule

Monday, October 16, 2017 - Committee of the Whole meeting
Monday, October 23, 2017 - Council meeting
Monday, October 30, 2017 - Committee of the Whole meeting

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: And just, upcoming meetings. Next Monday October 16th is Committee of the Whole, the following Monday the 23rd will be a regular Council meeting, and the fifth Monday of this month, October 30th will be our budget meeting. Final call for business to Council?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Can we start the budget meeting before 7?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Are you that excited?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: I'd just want to go to bed at a decent time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, you know, that's actually not a bad idea.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: I mean that's just a thought.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Can we do it at 6?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: How does 6 work?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I make a motion to start the meeting for October 30th at 6:00 p.m., budget hearing.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to hold the Monday, October 30, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you very much.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Following the rules.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: That's what we do.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Jeff, one of thing. Through donations, we're getting ready to order some more decorations for the Christmas tree. We have to starting thinking about that. Every year, something gets destroyed. So, if anybody has any more ideas, how, or wants to donate to that cause, feel free to donate to the, to see me actually. And we'll get more decorations for it this year. We just started that process.

19. Upon a motion, second, a positive roll-call vote from a quorum of Council members, Council, the Mayor, and the Directors of Administration, Finance, and Administrative Services, shall hold an executive session to confer with the Director of Law concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of imminent court action.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, outstanding. Okay, at this time, I'm going to ask for a motion to go into executive session. For those folks who want to stick around, you're more welcome to, this concludes the public business here. So I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session, to confer with the Director of Law concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of imminent court action.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I second that.

Roll call vote of 4 yes, 2 abstain to adjourn into executive session. Cerreta and Kiesling abstained.

Councilman Griffith joined Council in executive session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, we are in executive session. Alright, we are back from executive session. Let the record reflect that no action was taken. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the executive session.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Second.

Roll call vote of 5 yes to adjourn the executive session.

20. Adjourn:

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

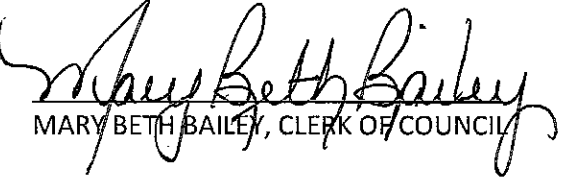
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

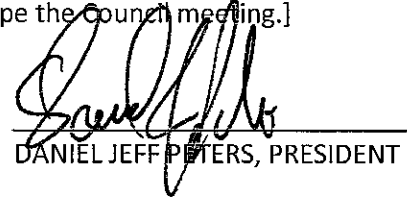
COUNCILMAN FONTE: Second.

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.]


MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT