

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, November 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer, Reverend James Clarke, St. Paul Roman Catholic Church. Welcome, Reverend.

2. Opening Prayer - Reverend James Clarke, St. Paul Roman Catholic 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, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters and Werren.

Thus having 7 in attendance.

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: November 13, 2017

Special Council Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2017

Mayor's Court Receipts: October 2017

Liquor license transfer from J Vas Inc., 1406 Main St N. North Canton, Ohio 44720 to Twicelight LLC 1406 Main St N. North Canton, Ohio 44720

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to approve the above minutes, receipts and liquor license transfer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you very much. Next up, we have a presentation by Administrative Services Director DeOrio.

6. Presentation by Administrative Services Director DeOrio

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR DEORIO: Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you and to the community about a much ado over a new park expansion project for the City of North Canton. I'll be presenting a Power Point to you, and I know those are awfully difficult to follow the, it may be difficult to read at times. So, we'll probably dim the lights a little bit. If we could, Mr. Grimes. All of the slides that you see that we'll be talking about what we are doing, or what we would like to do for the parks, are on a display board outside the Council Chambers. And I'd be happy to review them with you at the end of the presentation. And so what we're talking about today is, this is play. A play for funding of the performing arts, the cultural arts, and the educational elements in the North Canton Park and Recreation System, Part I. And I would like to thank at the beginning of this presentation, Doug Lane, who was very instrumental in this opportunity. Making us aware of it, this is an opportunity to secure some capital funding from the State of Ohio, who's interesting in funding performing arts, cultural arts, and recreational activities. Also I'd like to thank our architect designer John Dodavich, who's here tonight, for all of the work that he has put into this. Let me just read if I can just a quick short statement, and then we'll get right into it. As Cities will remain forever, it is important for city residents to still feel as connected as possible to their natural environment. When people are connected to nature, it has shown to contribute to feeling less isolated. And less focused on themselves. Consequently, they become more eager to form connections with their neighbors. A greater sense of community and social ties generally emerge. As do increases in generosity, trust and civic mindedness. Lonely, aggression and crime decrease. North Canton's parks and outdoor recreational areas are widely recognized, and represent a portfolio of assets, that should be viewed as critical to advancing North Canton's prosperity. In the past three years, from 2015 to 2017, the City has invested in excess of \$1.8 million dollars, on facility maintenance and upgrades at our Parks and Recreation facilities. Including, but not limited to, Dogwood Pool and Shelter, Civic Center, Price Park Pond and Trails, parking amenities, and park equipment and general beautification. The bottom line is, parks return dividends. Social, ecological, economical. That far exceeds the investments made by State and local agencies, public and private partners. These assets provide a place to recreate, and at their best, help make North Canton cohesive, connect people to their places, and to each other, in gender civic engagement and remind us of our connection to nature. And to our history. We're going to talk about the growth and expansion of the park system model. And the model that has the most success in the

United States, is one that combines cutting-edge Park and Recreation Programs, and Facilities, with the tried and true ones expected by the community. First, we'll talk about in our prelude, park history. Did you know that there is theories of park development? Did you know that there's an evolution in park planning? Act I, when we get to talking about existing infrastructure, we'll showcase what we have available presently in the City. In Act II, we will talk about the new additions that we wish to add. Park planning has evolved in about four distinct phases. Phase I, occurred in the period 1895 to about 1910, it was known as the Pleasure Ground Era, park planning. And at that time, you know, there was no real infrastructure billed out for, you know, roads, and ways to get to various places. And so the parks that were built in this era, were built on the outskirts of the City, away from the masses. It was for the elites. And the only way to get to those parks were to have transportation. The only people that had transportation were the wealthy and the elite. So, it was a pleasure playground for them. When we rolled into the 1910's, we embarked in this country, on a Progressive Reform Era. It effected all aspects of life. Parks included. And in this period from 1910 to 1930, the concern was with children. Where can children safely play? Well it wasn't at the outskirts of the City, where those parks were built. And they had to do something inside. So in this reform era, we saw the creation of what would be Central Park. We saw the creation of large field houses. And the idea was that as the United States was going through a large period of immigration. The best thing to do was to put these individuals together in a field house, in a Central Park, and let them interact with one another, and get that cohesiveness. As we left the Reform Park Era, we go to period III, 1930 to 1965, and this is a period of time in which North Canton's parks system was created. It's an era of recreational facility. And it's not so much having large greenspaces, and large recreational facilities. It's about getting into the neighborhoods. Finding a way to have a neighborhood park, in every neighborhood. Finally in period IV, which is the present model, which we are not really in this model, we would like to get to this model, 1965 to the present, is an open space concept. And this is referring to trying to put parks, greenspaces, and recreational facilities in any available space. Any nook or cranny. We see this being developed in urban settings where there's buildings that are torn down in between a couple other buildings that are still nice. And turning that space in between into a community garden, or other recreational activities. We also see factories that are closed around the country, that are not being redeveloped. That are used to put new recreational facilities into play, inside those factories. Finally, there is a new change, it's technically undefined, but if you talk to people who are in Park Management, read some of the publications that are out there, they are showing that where parks are trying to get to, is to be more current in their programming. What's current in their programming is talking about the environment, talking about how to make the world ecologically a safer place to be. And how we can use parks to help produce assets, rather than consume assets. If we look at the, one of the current editions of Recreation Management, we happen to have a subscription to, they talk about launching environmental educational programs within the parks. Because there's so many people who are in touch with nature. And love nature. You need to bring those people into your parks. Act I, the City's existing recreational park assets. The tried and true that we talked about. An important component to successful programs. Neighborhood playground parks, these are a representative sample of what we have. West Park, upper Glenwood, etc. We also have reflection park, Rotary Trail, Bitzer Park, Schneider Valley. Recreational parks, Dogwood Pool, North Canton Skate Park, and Dogwood Park. And we have one main community park, Price Park. Those are our existing assets, and before we move to Act II, one that we would like to certainly showcase again, is one that Council has moved forward with already, coming in 2018, is the Town Square pocket garden. Between the Huntington and City Hall. This is a new and yet unnamed 2,000 square foot community park garden near the town square. This will have some WIFI, and smart device charging stations, invite many people to stay and enjoy the fresh landscape design that will provide year round color. The New Berlin North Canton permanent walking tour, will begin here in this area. This will help educate visitors of North Canton's rich heritage, including the newly restored historic guard station from the Hoover Company. Complete with illuminated photographic panels, displaying pictures of the past. Act II, where do we want to go? Scene I, Bitzer Park. Bitzer Park needs some minor improvements in this concept. And in looking at trying to bring the performing arts and the cultural arts together, and provide some sort of economic activity as well. We would like to have more events downtown, we would like to make, you know, the town square a more vibrant, and active place. Particularly as it relates to community events that happen throughout the year, a Memorial Day Parade, the Fourth of July Run, with Veterans Day activities. What we would like to have, is in the, right down in this area here, you see Main Street and Maple. So back in this corner by the Y, and this is again a concept design. Is we would like to build a stage on this half circle kind of shape, we would like the stage to be covered. What would we use this for? Well, like our Veterans Day activities, rather than just standing around and not having a clear view of the presentations that were being made, the speakers that were reading very powerful, emotional, and testimonials. If we could showcase them on a covered stage, would be much better, and add more meaning to it. In the Main Street Festival, which is sponsored by the Chamber, in conjunction with the City, we'd love to see that continue to grow, and to the extent where we could have activities here. For the Y, it's a great staging area for the Fourth of July Run. So there's a real genuine need for a stage in this area. So for Bitzer Park, we want to put this stage in that corner. Scene II, we're moving up the scale in what we are attempting to do. So, where Bitzer Park was a little easier to do, this is a complete redesign of Dogwood. So, I just want to take a second to look at these existing conditions. We have the Dogwood rent pavilion, east, west side. We have limited parking here. What we're seeing is parking that is then flooding over into the side streets, and into the neighborhoods. Parking that is taking place in the pool, parking down in this area over here, which would be the stadium parking lot. And all this foot traffic coming across at different stations along the way, in front of the EMS building. We would like to make this a little bit safer. Council has already approved at least for the budget for next year, looking at redesigning the crosswalks all along 7th Street, from Dogwood Park up to the street on the east side of the stadium, just passed that main high school entrance. So the existing entrance and exit would remain, and you could literally pull in here and go along here, and park in any of these 25 spaces that would remain. What we would like to introduce, is a solution to the parking problem. So if you were to pull in here, and instead of going this way, go this way back in, on this right inner side, you would pick up 28 parking spaces. On this left outer side, you would pick up 33. So, our grand total would move from 25 to 87. That's a significant increase in the parking capability. To be able to host, not only what's happening over here, but in what our two new amenities that we would putting into this park. So we'll start with the biggest one first up here, so if you did get out of your car and park in any of these areas here, you would have a little walkway that would go from end of the park to the other. And have, you know, grass area on the other side of that. But this brown area that you see along here, this would be a new 22,000 square foot playground.

And this would be very much making Dogwood into a community park. Now, it would take some pressure off of Price Park, which is our only community park at the present time. So with 22,000 square feet, you could put a lot of stuff there. And as an example, if any of you have been up to Boettler Park in Green, you're familiar with the playscape that's there. It's an all wooden structure, rock climbing wall, swinging bridges, all kinds of different activity zones that are, you know, in a device that's 50 yards along. So you have more than enough space to put something like that, and still entertain other ideas, or just more open space for kids to play, and swing, and the likes. We had envisioned going around the exterior of the playground with a wrought iron fence, and stone pillar design that is what St. Paul's has over there. It's very beautiful, and this would help with parents who are having their kids there, that are young, from wandering off north into the wooded area. Those that are renting at Dogwood, could let their kids into the park here, and they could play and know that they are in a safe environment. Free from, you know, any animals, or wandering off. Down at this end, and of course at each of the park, we would have to put a public restroom, so that people could get in to that, and access that. We would add these trails that leave the park and go over and connect to the Stark Park Trail System. We'd like people to be able to walk the parks, come down jump into Dogwood Park, realigning the crossings on 7th Street that I mentioned earlier, would then allow them to continue on their journey if they left here across the street into the rest of the trail system. This is what we were envisioning to be a, one of the first performing arts centers, or facilities, and they can take a number of different designs. Just depends on what the community wants. And we envisioned that there will be further meetings with the residents and the community. But you could have in this case here, along this wall, which faces 7th Street, you could have that be the only wall in this building and the rest be wide open. Performances could happen inside here, with lighting that would be in the ceilings. But it would have an open air concept, where seating could go through here, all the way out. This is 5,000+ square feet, in the total play, the building is about 1,700. You could expand seating out into the grass area under the trees. A lot of activities we could have here. North Canton's Player's Guild is very interested in it. The city schools, the library, looking for another location for children read programs. Also movies in the park. So, it could provide another location. Now this one is going to take a minute or two to explain. Because this is some history here. And this where we talk about that educational element. And as we've been pitching this concept to various benefactors around the community, we learned that, one was very interested in the playground. Very interested in helping the children have a new place to play. And as we met with the architect, and talked about this concept, we began doing a little research. And as you know, back in during WWII, the Hoover Company and Boss Hoover, they played an integral role in getting children who were from Hoover employees in England, out of the country, and relocated over here in North Canton. But what you may not know, is that was actually a whole countrywide program. Operation Piped Piper, is what the British government called it. And its purpose was exactly what the Hoover Company was doing. Get as many children out of England as possible, and relocated somewhere faraway. The thought was that as the Germans were bombing all the cities day and night, and preparing for what they believed to be an imminent invasion. It was necessary to move children to over parts of the British Empire. Canada, Australia, other islands, and to the United States, if possible. So imagine if you will, this whole campaign that's going on, and you know that you get to, you're one of the fortunate ones that gets to send your kid away. But you know, when you take your children to that train station, to put them on, you're telling them that they're just going a short holiday. And the parents knowing full well, they're not coming back. Because they're being shipped someplace else, to be safe during the war. So imagine, how you would feel as a parent, or grandparent and have that happen, and then you realize as the child, as you get off the train, and now you're getting on a boat, "what a minute, what's going on here?" Then they come to the United States and they're placed with other families, and their world is turned upside down. We wanted to be able to tell that story, or would hope that someone would help us tell that story, before that story is lost to history. So, the architect reached out to the Little Tikes Company, which showed a very strong interest in helping develop this portion of the playground. If we should be so blessed to receive enough funding from private benefactors and the like, to make this happen. So Little Tikes did a lot of the heavy lifting on this, but the idea was to take what would have been a 1939, 1940 era English train station, and recreate that in conjunction with the North Canton Library, do a story walk that would take you through the story of what happened here. So that it could never be lost, and provide a nice educational component. But also a great playground, a lot of the equipment is custom made, for this application. There's also the other side of the story, where the children, the war is over, and you know, five or six years later after the war was over, there was an effort to repatriate the children back to England. And it didn't go very well. Most of these kids that came here, came at a formative time, the people that they were living with, they ended up thinking of as their family. That was their real mom and dad, and when they went back to England, "who are you, why are you meeting me at the train station?" Those that did remember and were there, were returning to squalor, poverty. If their parents were even alive. Many of them all came back to the U.S., and to other places. It's a very tragic story, but it's an important part of our heritage here in North Canton, and its one that we would like to see evolve. And when the war was over, and a lot of the kids went back, aviation was a lot more developed in 1946, than it was in 1939, and so many of the kids went back by plane. We would like to have, or we could in this concept, an actual vintage, you know, WWII aircraft wing that would be the cover for that stage. And it could be a big attraction regionally to come see something like this if this was able to be put together. So that is a concept that we have pitched, and we will see how that plays out. Okay, moving on to the scene III, creating a new recreation and performing arts district. And this would be out on, imagine out on East Maple, between the Little League ballfields, and the Walsh University District, where we could actually create a place where it would be a destination. People would want to come there for this. The possibilities are endless with what we could do here. So as we load some of these photos, I will walk you through this. So right now, if you follow this arrow up, this is all existing parking, right now. The way it's presently setup, it's difficult to get out and to empty the parking lot in a quick fashion. This land that is east of the parking lot presently, is just all green space that the City acquired about 17 years ago. And by introducing this parking kind of concept, we would go from 237 parking spaces, to 370. So, a very significant improvement that would be an economic benefit to those that want to have more daytime tournament play at the Little League fields. The Little Leagues are very interested in this as well, as I was, as we were designing this, we were thinking of again, creating a destination. So if you look, there's another concept for vehicular entrance to the park. But also then once you're inside the park, creating a sports field pedestrian entrance. We want the children that are playing here to realize they've come to a place. This is a cool thing. Starting at the north end, this is where the Stark Parks Trail head comes into this area, and it just ends unceremoniously in the parking lot. And again, if you've ever been up there, you'll note there are a lot of cars that are

parked here throughout the day, every day. They go in and make this their launching point for their journey on the Stark Park Trails. We would like to mark that. Stark Parks doesn't generally mark their trailheads, but we think that would be a good idea for this location. And to be able to show people that, hey, this where you could go if you want to start your journey here, it's a place of rest. We would need, instead of having the trail end in this corner, we would move it over so that we could get it into the grassed area that we are going to be developing here. The first thing that you'll walk past is this natural bio-basin. This is a permanent aquatic feature. And if you're familiar with the area, all this up in here is wetlands, behind there. We want to extend those wetlands with this bio-basin to provide a permanent habitat for wildlife in that area. It's a great opportunity for it to be a reflection pond. You could even put a bridge over it, make it more interesting. It has a lot of potential there. And the design on this is such that we're doing this environmentally friendly, taking the rainwater runoff that would happen, pushing it into the bio-basin. So we would build it so that it wasn't filled all the way to the top, but in the event of a storm, or heavy rains it could take on that water. And then we would also have a retention basin up here in front. As you walk pass this natural bio-basin you'll come to one of the main attractions that we're trying to put into play, which is a natural amphitheater. So this is a 3D kind of a rendering. You can do it a couple of ways, you can have it open like this, or you could actually have it in the trees, where you'd have a tree canopy in the seating, natural stone seating. We would envision pavers in between in order to keep it dry in the event of rainy season, we wouldn't this grass to be too soft. We already have electricity in the area, so we could provide lighting for nighttime performances. The seating on the amphitheater is about 354 people, center stage, off to the side here we have a little facility that can house some of the electrical equipment, staging costumes, that kind of stuff that we need with an event that we doing. The Walsh University Players Association, the City schools, the North Canton Players Guild, all are interested in being able to utilize that facility. When that wouldn't be in use for that, it's just a great place to go out and sit and reflect. But I could also envision in nice weather, people getting married in this environment. It's a great showcase for that. It would be a rentable place. So as you walk pass the open amphitheater here, and again, we also be putting public restrooms at the north end and the south end of this, to accommodate the additional individuals that might be using the outdoor facilities. But as you come pass that, then you come to this area, now topographically, this is the high point of the area, and this building could be constructed in a number of different ways. Depending on what the community would need. We're envisioning again, a performing arts, a building with performing arts capability, because that's where the funding is available through the State for these types of things. It would be dual purpose, you know, we would envision that when it's not being used for performing arts that we could subdivide the inside and rent it out for small events, weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, things like that. One of the neat designs that we looked at here, is an open area glass enclosed pavilion, with additional outdoor seating in the round. So inclusion, we talked about the history of parks and recreation. We know there's an evolution in park planning. We know that we would like to be more current with our programming, we would like to have more cutting edge programming. We displayed what our existing infrastructure is, largely neighborhood parks. And we talked about what the new additions are that we would like to potentially develop in this whole system. So, where do we go from here? Well, where we go from here, we put a proposal together, that we are going to submit to the State of Ohio, for funding. The total project cost for all that you've seen tonight, if it would implemented all at the same time, is approximately \$6 million. If we broke that down, it roughly equates to about \$5 million at East Maple, about \$1 million at Dogwood, and about \$100,000.00 at Bitzer. And in our proposal we are suggesting that the City would contribute up to 10% of the project cost. Our contributions would be used toward creating outdoor public restroom facilities. Relocating equipment storage and water field assets. Toward electronic infrastructure, including public WIFI, security cameras, electronic building access. And also for road improvements. So, we're, that would be approximately \$600,000.00 in City contribution. We're asking for \$2 million from the State, that's roughly 33%, and the balance 57%, we're hoping to raise through public/private partnership. So, over the last several months we've been talking to various benefactors throughout for their interest in this. There's a very high interest, so we're going to go ahead and submit this to the State Senate before the end of the year, is our deadline. So, we should be, from that point, gathering letters of support from organizations in the community that like this idea. I'll be speaking to the North Canton Rotary on December 7th, I'll be speaking to, there's a breakfast group that Doug Lane is in charge of that meets at Arrowhead every month. I'm going down there to talk to them. I've already presented to the Chamber Board. So as we get together with this, those of you that know of organizations that you would like me to reach out to and talk about this, I'd be more than happy to make that presentation. From members of Council and the Administration, I'll entertain some questions, but let me just say for the members of the viewing audience, I will be here after the meeting, out there by the panel that I put out and I'll answer any questions and stay as long as necessary for you to go over those displays that are out there. Questions from Council or the Administration?

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, I'd just like to thank Patrick and also John Dodovich. John is sitting in the front there, next to the camera. And John is the architect that worked with Patrick on this. And also is the project manager for the Hall of Fame Stadium. So he's a really, really good man, and he's done great work for the City on a number of designs. And also Doug Lane has been working on this with Patrick as well. So, it just goes to show you, when you get people together, and we're working on projects like this, it started out as a small project, and then, you know, with potential funding is available from the State of Ohio, it grew into, you know, something as magnificent as this. So, very nice.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Excellent presentation.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yeah, Pat, thank you so much. We've come a long way with our parks especially with this progressive Council. And it's exciting to see what the future could be, especially if we get State funding. I think that's obviously the key, and the private partnerships to help defray some of the costs. But, you know, it doesn't happen unless we put it on the drawing board and someone works hard at it, and develops a concept. So, thanks to everybody that's involved with that. Looking forward to see what we can do with the State, and the business community, and the organizations, to move this agenda forward. I think it's a great thing for North Canton. So, thank you very much. Appreciate it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well done.

7. Recognition of Visitors:

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

CHUCK OSBORNE: (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. This is not unheard of, and I'm continually having issues with public records requests. Two weeks ago I asked to basically update my collection of Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals minutes. And I emailed Linda Teis, because she's the only consistent City employee down there, the young lady who handles permits, and answers the phone, they changed personnel, and the position was left unfilled for about a month and a half. Anyway, on November 12, it was a Sunday night, I had requested Planning Commission Meeting minutes for January, I actually spelled out the January meeting of the Planning Commission, January 25. I already had February, March, April and May. And then I wanted June through whatever is currently been approved, or is in draft form. Zoning Board of Appeals, I needed the March 28 meeting, and then beginning in May, again the end of the year. Whatever's been approved or in draft form. I put my phone number down there if there were any questions. Two weeks later, I haven't heard a peep. I talked to Justine Wednesday, she wasn't trying to piece together the various emails that went around between the Law Director and Linda and Justine. Why do citizens have to go through this? These were public meetings, the minutes were transcribed, approved by that body, why can't that creator of the record, that holder of the record just immediately provide that record? Better yet, why aren't these records just put online, like the Council minutes? And you wouldn't have to go through this. Now in the process of this, I followed up this morning with Linda, and this is not the first time, I don't think. We all discovered that she never even finished the January 25 Planning Commission minutes. She had started them, and left them unfinished. So consequently we have January minutes that have never even been finished, never been submitted to the Commission for approval. Even though we have February, March, April, May, June, July, August, whatever that have been completed and approved. Does this process have to be so fraught with pitfalls and shortcomings and basically a mess? Now I, in creating my files, because again, the City's are not very assessable. I have City Council minutes going back to 2000. Both digitalized and in paper form. Same thing, Planning and Zoning. I have paper copies of all meetings since 2000. Because something pops in my head I can immediately get up and go to the library and get my question answered to myself. And in the process of looking at these earlier meetings that I already had, I scanned one, and this is where they transitioned to summarizing the minutes. And let me tell you, that isn't worth a hoot. We tried to tell you, it wasn't going to work. I got up and spoke at one of the Planning Commission meetings and objected, and actually I objected to all three issues that evening. And the Planning Commission must have agreed with my concerns because they rejected everything that night. Whoever summarized this simply says "Chuck Osborne objected." They didn't lay the basis for my concerns, nothing. I tried to ask Linda, because whether you're summarizing these, or doing a verbatim transcript, you have to listen to the whole meeting. And if you're summarizing, you're probably going to have to listen back and forth, two or three times to get the flavor of what's going on. It's cheaper timewise and more accurate to transcribe them verbatim. You need to go back to transcribing them verbatim. And you need to put them on the City's website. Now, Wednesday night when I went to look at the agendas, the entire tab of agendas for 2017 was gone. I called Melanie Roll, I said "Have you seen this?" She said "Yes, she had already seen it a few hours earlier." And last night, they were there, but they were in reversed order. You need to get your act together. And I would like these minutes. And we don't have to spend weeks going through the Law Director for meeting minutes that were publicly presented, publicly approved, and should be available in a timely fashion. So please, I'd like to have those minutes tomorrow. And Mrs. Teis, apparently has not finished that January 28 meeting in the two weeks since I originally requested it. How many months does it take this individual to catch up and get this done in a timely fashion? Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you, Chuck. Chuck, I agree with you. We can do better, and we should do better, and we will do better. And if she has those transcribed, let's get those to him tomorrow.

MAYOR HELD: And we're going to take care of it. We'll make sure that Chuck gets, we're going to make sure that you get a copy of those meeting minutes, Chuck.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. All right, anyone else wishing to address Council, please step forward, state your name and address.

MELANIE J ROLL: (read from a prepared statement) 308 Portage Street NW. I have two items that I'd like you folks to address. The first is the radar speed signs. I think there are six, two on Everhard, two on Portage, and two on Main, south and north. I think they are effective. I think traffic is being reduced, as far as the speed. I don't know how many of you were instrumental in getting those installed. But I want to thank whoever. I know Mr. DeOrio was, and the Council. So, this is my positive statement for tonight. Thank you. Okay, my second item is the Water Board. I asked about it two weeks ago on November 13, I believe the same four individuals are still on the Water Board currently. I'd like to know if the Water Board has met since November 13. And if they have, oh my goodness, that noise is awful. If the Water Board has met since November 13, I would like to know if there was an agreement between the City and any business entity. So this is an ongoing concern of mine. Has the Water Board met, and will you please make it public if it has? Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mary Beth, can you isolate that channel that it's coming from?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: I don't know which channel it is.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, anyone else wishing to address Council, please step forward. All right, seeing none, we will

move onto old business, may I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 90 – 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 90 - 2017.

8. Old Business

9. Ordinance No. 90 - 2017

Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, upon Board of Control approval, to enter into a Supplemental Sewer Agreement by and between the City of North Canton and the City of Canton for the Sludge Processing Modifications Project located at Canton's Water Reclamation Facility.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Cerreta.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yes, this is third reading. It was in Committee and discussed. This is our share of Canton's new Sludge Processing Modification Project. So, since they're the only show in town, we have a little share and we're going to go forward with it. So, I move that we approve this on the third reading.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 90 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 90 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 92 – 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 92 – 2017.

10. Ordinance No. 92 - 2017

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of North Canton, Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: This is the budget, obviously, this is the second reading for everybody. It does include a little bit of money for the sound system. So, let's hope it improves the situation. Are there any other questions or concerns relative to the budget? Seeing none, I would move its approval.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 92 – 2017

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. And a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 92 - 2017.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 92 - 2017.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Finally, a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 92 – 2017.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 92 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I've got to excuse myself, Jeff.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, let the record reflect, Member Griffith has left the room. May I have a motion and second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 94 – 2017?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 94 – 2017.

11. Ordinance No. 94 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to request quotes for insurance, including, but not limited to, general liability, personal injury liability, automobile, building and contents, equipment floater, crime, boiler and machinery, and firemen's errors and omissions insurance according to specifications on file in the office of the Director of Administration, and for the Mayor to be authorized, upon Board of Control approval, to enter into a contract(s) for the policy/policies.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, Finance Director Brown, any comments?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: This is just the same process we walked through with health insurance, and now we're doing it with the property and liability.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, very good. Any questions from Council? I'll entertain a motion and second to adopt the...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Motion to adopt the first reading.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 94 – 2017. Griffith abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 94 – 2017 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

Member Griffith rejoined the Council meeting at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Okay, reports, Member Fonte.

12. Reports - Council

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I just want to say thanks to Pat, for the presentation. I believe that what you talked about is what's sorely needed for our community. Working on Main Street Business District and hopefully Hoover District, I think it will tie in nicely hand in hand. So I'm excited for that. Second thing is, there's some cards out, Pastor Emil, the one that has done the prayer a few times, their church is having "A Night in Bethlehem." It's a nice family event, they set the whole church up like its back in time, so if anybody wants to go see it, and it's free. And the cards are on the table. That's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you, Dom. Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Thanks Pat, also. Because I work with a lot of Millennials, and see a lot of different (inaudible) what people care about, and why people move. And a lot is parks and recreation, and they visit a lot of the parks. So I think it's very beneficially to see it visually. So thanks to the architect for doing that as well. I know the tree lighting is coming up, so we have a lot of community events that are going to be happening. So it will look very pretty. And I just want to say this is Dan's last meeting, and I just want to say how much I enjoyed working with Dan. Dan was kind of one of the ones that brought me into this community. And into this type of work, and I've learned from you, and I've grown from you. I love the positive energy. And your spirit, I always think you're like our Pastor Dan up here. When things get heated you always calm it down and you bring just a great sense of commitment to the office. And just thank you. I will miss seeing you here on Mondays. I'll still be calling you, and I know you're still going to do a lot in the community. And I work with you a lot in leadership, and you're very successful in your job, so I have no concerns of what is out there for you. But you will be missed, for sure.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Kiesling?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Well, I have two things. First, I want to ask Pat, where are we at with the consultant and Fieldcrest zoning?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Do you want to ask the second one before I answer the first?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: The second one is no question. So ahead.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Oh okay. Yeah, I spoke with the zoning consultant, I got his take on where things on. I asked him to go ahead and put it in writing to us. And I'm expecting that this week. And then we can schedule a time for him to come in and talk to us about it.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Okay, so we're in communication then. Alright. I had to write down what I wanted to say to Dan, only because it's so hard, and I've lost it before, and that was horrible. I didn't think I'd cry, but I did. I don't plan to cry here, but I began with: I will miss your amazing articulation of the issues that comes to us every Monday night. When you first came on Council, your articulation drove me absolutely insane. And I think it was more because I feel like "oh yeah, let's go, let's go." But now it's so refreshing, and it's so genuine, and that's the best part of it. You say what we're all thinking, but you say it with such kindness, and gentleness, and sincerity, and class. Where I sometimes, I know I don't. So, I truly appreciate that. You've definitely helped to balance me out personally, sitting beside me over these few years, you know, nudging me and hitting me. And I appreciate that. I believe you're wise beyond your years. You are definitely a lot younger than me. I will truly miss your sincerity, your positivity. But your willingness to work hard and getting down to the nitty-gritty, you've done such a great job. And we're all going to miss that. You've become a great friend obviously helped me through this past year. And I appreciate that. Thank you for being genuine, sincere, hardworking, super smart, super articulate, and a great team player. You've really made this Council amazing. The seven of us are pretty cool, and we've had a great several years, but you were really a big part of it. And I appreciate that. And I really appreciate you sitting beside me and keeping me in line. Thanks for everything you've done for us and I'm really going to miss you.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Let's skip him till the end. We'll wait till the end, so you can rebuke everything that we've said. First of all, Melanie, I want to make sure that we cover a couple things. We have not met. We have not met any Water Board meetings. We have nothing in sight right now to meet. But if we do, we're ready for it. Should put it that way. And to Pat, great job with the presentation. And the decorating for the Christmas tree will happen tomorrow around noon, and then the Chamber program, of course, this weekend. Okay, so Daniel, I'll probably miss you the most, for a lot of different reasons. Your great comments, of course, sitting next to you, your humor and your little notes that you pass onto me, and at times, when those are things that are needed. It's a breath of fresh air, it really is. And I'm definitely going to miss that. You know, you are a classy guy all the way around. And it's a cliché, but you know when one door closes another one opens. And we've been through that. I mean at my age I've been through a lot of different ones like that, and they all come out good. You know, I think God has a different plan for you. Maybe you're not supposed to be this year, a Council guy. Maybe there's some other things that, so follow that, don't, don't just be, you know, negative towards it. Follow that and go towards it. You know, you don't have to have Councilmember by your name to be a leader. And you never did. And you never will. So just keep doing what you're doing, and I hope to see you at a lot of things throughout you know the community and everything. Because you're a vital part of it. And I'm not going to lose you as a friend, you know. For sure. Okay, good.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Well said. We're going to miss you. Excuse my cough. You've just been a great attribute to this Council, and one point I can say, you know, you made this Council better. And that's probably the highest compliment I can give you. You know, I've been here through the years, and it's been a great Council to work with and you're a very big part of that. And I appreciate that. You really took the finance under your wing, you understood it better than anybody, in recent memory here, and explained it. And were very heartfelt with all your discussion points, whether we agreed or not. You were just eloquent, and we needed that, in a way you made your points, and it was refreshing. So you'll be very missed, but I know you'll be part of the community. And you live in ward 1, so that's a good thing, enjoy your kids, and just like serving on Council, we appreciate your time and service. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, Dan, I can't say what has already been said, any better. You're truly a class act, you've taken this Council to another level. Your contributions to the Finance Committee, this Council, Administration, the taxpayers, are forever indebted to you. Your forward thinking, and always having your eye to the bottom line. What you've done up here in a short period of time is nothing short of amazing. And I want to personally thank you for being you, and what Mark said. I mean, there's bigger things for you, man. So, thank you. Director of Law?

13. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes sir, much like Billy Joel's Piano Man, Dan is known for being quick with a joke. And if you know Dan, all of his jokes are at his own expense. It's his self-efficacy humor, it's uncommon, and it's greatly appreciated. You will always walk away after a conversation with Dan, either feeling better about yourself, or the circumstances that brought you together. So, we'll always appreciate that. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Finance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Well, I think I'll join all these comments by just saying that Dan knows how much help he's given me over the past year and half. And how much kindness he's shown to me, so I'll just say thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: I already said last week you weren't sexy. And it's on the record, so it's all about bonds and budget, and we appreciate what you did for us.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: No one rebutted it, so... .

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, Dan, since you started we've developed a great friendship. And you know there's always two things that you look at in somebody you're working with. No. 1, can you trust them? And No. 2, can you respect them in the work that they do? And you and I have developed a relationship where I have a great deal of trust in the work you were performing, whether it be for the Finance Department, or any project. And I could always trust that you were going to tell me what you were thinking. Whether I liked it or not. And I could always trust too, that you would make me laugh. If you would make me mad first, then you would make me laugh afterward. But I think that's really a gift that you have, to be able to keep things serious, and I could always trust that you were going to do the best for the community, and for everybody involved. And always had a lot of respect for the time that you would be willing to put into a project. And especially in that, when we were doing that budget forecasting. It was like a three hour meeting, and I thought "Oh my gosh, this just took forever," and I was trying to grasp what we had accomplished. And when we were done you said "Wasn't that a great meeting, we got so much done." And Laura was the State Auditor, at the time, and it was only the three of us that were in the meeting. And she thought it was great too, so I knew that we had the two numbers guys saying that it was a great meeting. So I was like "I think that was a great meeting, Dan." That was good. So, but you always kept a positive attitude, even when there was a lot, a lot things that we had to work on, and hard decisions to make. You kept it positive and was a pleasure to work with. And one thing that I thought was funny is, and this is true, the young lady that you had introduced me to, the one evening. Wonderful young lady, and what was more magnificent about it, is her last name was Held.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: No relation, I want that to be reflected.

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, and I said "Dan, that was my sister." I said "Yeah, she's my sister." And of course, I was just joking on that one. But you didn't seem to be laughing so hard at that joke. I thought it was funny, but, you know, that's okay. But yeah, we're glad that we all occupy these seats for just a period of time. You know, we serve the community, and then at some point we move on. But you know, for certain, our City is so much better for the service that you provided. And there's a number of things that went on, projects that you initiated. And that you completed, particularly with the refinancing of our debt. And also working through the budget, through some really difficult times. The community benefits from it, most people don't realize it, but all benefit from the work you've done. So, we're glad that you served here, and more importantly that you've become a good friend. So, thank you. And then lastly, the only other report that I have is that the 2017 Annual Community Christmas Sing and Tree Lighting. The tree will be decorated tomorrow, right Mark? And then Doug, is Doug Lane still here, from the Chamber of Commerce? He's going to be the emcee for it, it will start at 5:00, with the Hoover Hi- Notes, from 5:00 to 5:15, and then 5:15 the On Pointe Arts will do a presentation, from 5:20 to 5:30 the North Canton Playhouse Elf will be there. And at 5:30 to 5:45 the Hoover Hi-Los, that's when they sing Santa Claus Is Coming to Town. And then at 5:45 Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive, followed by the Christmas Tree Lighting. So all are welcome to attend, we'll have refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with the children by the fireplace at Main Street Grille. And so we're going to hold it there, especially if it's chilly. But even if it isn't, it will be a nice place to go. And we're going to have the road closed too. So it will be nice and safe for the children to walk and back, don't have to worry about the traffic. So all are welcome.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So Dave, just piggyback on that, Christmas tree decorating at noon tomorrow, anyone is invited. Anybody can participate. So, the more the merrier.

MAYOR HELD: Yeah, everybody's welcome to, but you're going to be organizing it, and making sure that it gets done. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Thank you. Some good financial news, we opened the bids last week, week and a half ago, for the Foster/Hartman Waterline Project, out on East Maple by the old Hoover plant. We had appropriated \$250,000.00, and we had estimated that about \$215,000.00 would be the bid. Actually we had 11 bidders, which is a huge number. And our low bid was \$125,650.00.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That's what I'm talking about. Not just one or two bidders. That's what makes it drive it down

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Right, so yeah, and a lot of sharp pencils. A nice savings for us. And then some even better news is you recall, we received federal funding after July 1 of 2018 and fiscal '19, to repave South Main Street. We estimated that at

\$760,000.00, and we had 80% funded previously of \$608,000.00. We had applied for our share locally for Ohio Public Works Commissions monies, that \$152,000.00. And I found out about a week and a half ago, we were successful. We got that. So basically we'll get South Main Street paved for next to nothing. So that will be nice. And lastly, just thank you Dan, I've only been here a short time and from day one, my first meeting back in February, you made me feel welcome and I appreciate that. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Director of Administrative Services?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: This feels like some sort of Dean Martin Celebrity Roast. All these people talking all these nice things. So Dan from the bottom of my heart, I never really liked you. It's over Dan, the home call, it's time to go. I appreciate what you've done for me in my short time here. There are a number of critical projects that the community might not likely see, because some of it is behind the scenes. But it will set a legacy for generations to come with what we've put in place here. It would not have happened without you. I appreciate that. That's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Madam Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: Dan, it's been a pleasure working with you. I will miss you. That's all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. All right, you're the man.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Well, you know how much I (inaudible) long and boring speeches, but I, and so tonight I will simply say "thank you." Thank you for the opportunity to serve, thank you for what each of you have taught me. Thank you for the patience that each of you have shown me at points. Thank you for being a great community. I really appreciate it, and I will miss you all very, very much.

14. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, at this time, final call to Council for new business.

15. November and December's Meeting Schedule

Monday, November 20, 2017 - no meeting
Monday, November 27, 2017 - Council meeting
Organizational meeting - Date to be determined
Monday, December 4, 2017 - Committee meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017 - Council meeting

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Seeing none, we'll go over the December meeting schedule. Saturday, December 2 6:00 p.m. Organizational meeting. Monday, December 4th, we have a regular Committee meeting, and I have on here for a special Council meeting. We'll address that in the Committee meeting following this meeting. Before I go on I'd like a roll call vote to have that placed on the agenda, next Monday following the Committee meeting. So do I have a motion and a second?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion for a special Council meeting, December 4th.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to hold a special Council meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 immediately following the regular Committee meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: And then finally Monday, December 11 will be regular Council meeting. Then we will have no meeting on December 18, or Monday, December 25.

16. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: That's concludes the agenda. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

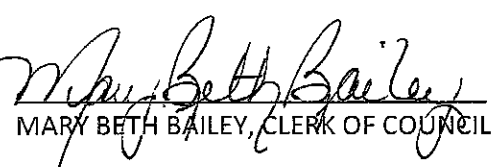
COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So moved.

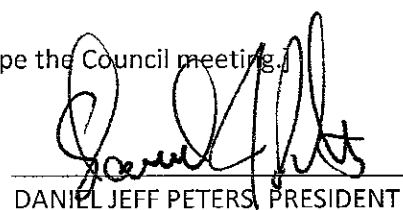
COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 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