

NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
CHARTER ADVISORY BOARD

TRANSCRIPT OF  
JANUARY 31, 2022, MEETING

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Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton  
Charter Advisory Board, at the North Canton Civic Center,  
845 West Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday,  
January 31, 2022, at 9:07 a.m.

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1                   MAYOR WILDER: Good morning, everybody.  
2           Mayor Steve Wilder here for the City of North Canton  
3           on January 31, 2022, at about 9:07.

4                   Our first order of business is to swear in  
5           the charter advisory board for the City of North  
6           Canton. So I want to thank those that have  
7           volunteered to be a part that. If you would please  
8           stand where you're at and I'll just ask you to raise  
9           your right hand and I'll give the oath of office.

10                   (Whereupon, an oath of office was  
11           administered by Mayor Wilder.)

12                   MAYOR WILDER: Thank you very much. You can  
13           lower your hands. Congratulations. You have been  
14           sworn in to be members of our charter advisory board  
15           for the City of North Canton. Thank you for  
16           volunteering to do this very important mission for  
17           our city. I'm going to turn the meeting over to our  
18           clerk of council, Mr. Ben Young, for the order of  
19           business.

20                   Mr. Young.

21                   MR. YOUNG: Thank you very much, Mayor.

22                   I will now call to order this first meeting  
23           of the 2022 North Canton Charter Advisory Board at  
24           approximately 9:05 a.m. I will now call the roll.

25                   Myself, I'm here.

1                   Is there a motion and a second to appoint  
2 Member Young to the position of chair of this  
3 advisory board?

4                   MS. BAUGHMAN: .I move to appoint Ben Young to  
5 the chair of the advisory board.

6                   MR. FELTZ: Second.

7                   MR. YOUNG: Motion has been moved and  
8 seconded. All in favor, say "aye."

9                   ("Aye" in unison.)

10                  MR. YOUNG: All opposed? Motion carries.

11                  All right. Next point of order, election of  
12 a vice chairperson. I will now open the floor to  
13 nominations for vice chair. I would like to nominate  
14 Miss Miriam Baughman. She has served on the past two  
15 full charter commissions and is an invaluable asset  
16 to have on this board.

17                  MR. FELTZ: Second.

18                  MR. YOUNG: Second. Ms. Baughman, do you  
19 accept your nomination?

20                  MS. BAUGHMAN: I do.

21                  MR. YOUNG: Are there any further  
22 nominations? All right. At this time the floor is  
23 closed to nominations. I will move that we appoint  
24 Member Baughman as vice chair of this advisory board.  
25 All in favor?

1 MS. BAUGHMAN: Well, since there's seven of  
2 us, a quorum would be four. And majority would be  
3 four, so I guess we go -- and then I further read  
4 that if you have a quorum and only four people show  
5 up, you still have to do the quorum of the seven.

6 MR. YOUNG: So you're saying that even if we  
7 have a meeting and only four of us show up, instead  
8 of majority rules of that four we still go with the  
9 four votes?

10 MS. BAUGHMAN: You still go with four. You  
11 know, you have to think about that.

12 MS. ALABACK: Are there any votes that would  
13 require two-thirds?

14 MR. YOUNG: I don't know what we would do  
15 that would require two-thirds.

16 MS. BAUGHMAN: I think we usually go by  
17 Robert's Rules.

18 MR. YOUNG: Then I would move that we make  
19 four votes the minimum number needed to positively  
20 recommend something.

21 MS. HOSTETLER: I have a question. And so I  
22 heard that the State of Ohio is looking, with COVID  
23 and all of this, so just curious about remote voting.  
24 Is that even -- I understand that they are revisiting  
25 that to see if that's something that's allowable up

1 MR. YOUNG: That's fine.

2 MS. BAUGHMAN: That's something that  
3 everybody could talk about and decide.

4 MR. YOUNG: So what Miriam is asking is do we  
5 want to let members of the public, you know, address  
6 us and give input on what we're voting on during each  
7 meeting.

8 MS. HOSTETLER: Is there ever a situation  
9 where you wouldn't let them or wouldn't want that?

10 MS. BAUGHMAN: No, I don't think so. I think  
11 it's a good thing. You just have to put a time limit  
12 on it.

13 MS. HOSTETLER: Sure. How popular are these  
14 meetings with the public? I guess it depends on the  
15 issue.

16 MS. BAUGHMAN: Yes.

17 MR. YOUNG: So the city council has a  
18 five-minute rule, time limit. And then, you know,  
19 they have some rules against slander and things like  
20 that. I guess I would suggest we use city council's  
21 rules with the additional rule that it must be  
22 limited to things on our agenda.

23 MS. HOSTETLER: Sure.

24 MR. YOUNG: Because, you know, if someone  
25 comes, we can't help you with your driveway problem;

1 half that relate to everything else. So I would like  
2 to move and recommend that how we go about this is in  
3 February we look at everything relating to Article 2,  
4 in March we look at everything else, then in April we  
5 should be able to have final drafts of everything we  
6 have come up with to send to city council in May and  
7 then we still have that meeting in May; if there's  
8 something we decide to change in April, that can come  
9 back to us.

10 MS. BAUGHMAN: Okay. I have a question.

11 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

12 MS. BAUGHMAN: I don't have those 15 in front  
13 of me, but what I remember that -- and I think should  
14 be addressed and I don't know if it was one of the  
15 15, is the how often that the charter review  
16 commission meets. The last time we had a charter  
17 review we looked at it and some decided ten years was  
18 too long, but it -- it didn't pass the whole. So I  
19 feel ten years is too long to wait to review it  
20 because things change quickly. You know, Ohio law  
21 changes and we can't be in conflict of Ohio law.

22 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

23 MS. BAUGHMAN: So we can't have Ohio law say  
24 something and then we say something else.

25 MR. YOUNG: I do know, because it was one of

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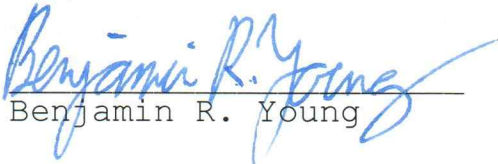
Thank you, everyone, for coming this morning.

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(Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.)

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Attest:

  
Benjamin R. Young