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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF
JANUARY 13, 2020, MEETING**

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Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton City Council, taken by me, the undersigned, Laurie Maryl Jonas, a Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, at the North Canton Civic Center, 845 West Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:38 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

- Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2
- Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large
- Doug Foltz, Ward 1
- Stephanie Werren, Ward 3
- Dominic Fonte, Ward 4
- Mark R. Cerreta, At Large
- Matthew Stroia, At Large
- Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law
- Marge Loretto, Interim Director of Finance
- Jina Alaback, Finance Director
- Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services
- Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of
Administration and Development
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Benjamin R. Young, Clerk

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1 MR. PETERS: I'm going to call to order the
2 special committee of the whole meeting Monday,
3 January 13, 7:38 p.m.

4 Clerk, will you please call the roll.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

6 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

8 MR. FONTE: Here.

9 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters?

10 MR. PETERS: Here.

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz?

12 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

14 MRS. WERREN: Here.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

16 MR. STROIA: Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

18 MR. CERRETA: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you very much.

21 First up, Street and Alley. Chairman Fonte.

22 MR. FONTE: So on A, we're talking about our
23 annual program, which will be the rock salt
24 cooperative purchasing program. It's on emergency,
25 and we always buy it off season so we get a better

1 price. Any questions on that? It's just a routine
2 thing.

3 B, We're basically trying to get our funds in
4 place so Rob can get busy on the roads so we can do
5 good pricing, so that's on an emergency. That's
6 basically the 2020 resurfacing program. That's on an
7 emergency so we get that money transferred over.

8 Rob, if there's anything I miss, just go
9 ahead and chime in.

10 MR. FOX: This is one of those that I
11 mentioned the eagerness and having three people doing
12 the same thing, each storing them in a different
13 location. So this doesn't change any of the
14 substantive part for council or administration, this
15 impacts the finance department and we will submit the
16 corrected version tomorrow. So on Section 3 for
17 Street Construction, where it has 150, that's
18 actually 50. For the street improvement levy at --
19 that's 250 and the remainder is correct. And if Rob
20 has anything more with the --

21 MR. GRAHAM: No, that's about it. Basically
22 just the permission to go ahead and get the 2020
23 paving program out to bid. Obviously we still have
24 to discuss exact streets. I have a list that totals
25 over 600,000. I put together a program I want to go

1 over with administration, obviously, bring it to your
2 attention what we're looking at doing, but yes, the
3 budget amount on the legislation request and what was
4 in the 2020 meeting is 350,000.

5 MR. FONTE: How much, Rob?

6 MR. GRAHAM: 350,000.

7 MR. FONTE: Okay. Well, can you give me a
8 list of that whenever you have those streets so I can
9 look at them?

10 MR. GRAHAM: Sure. Absolutely.

11 MR. FONTE: Okay. C is basically a total
12 reconstruct of Pineview Avenue from Bachtel to
13 Schneider. It includes all the way down to the base,
14 curb, gutter, driveway aprons, of course, they have
15 to put those back, and catch basins. It's about
16 \$600,000 worth of work, a thousand linear feet, and
17 so those three items -- well, we got one more here,
18 this would be the Portage one, in honor of Doug,
19 we're going to work on Charlotte and Portage.

20 MR. CERRETA: Dom, can we talk about C for a
21 minute before we jump on to D?

22 MR. FONTE: C.

23 MR. CERRETA: That's a very small piece of
24 road. How much traffic does that get to redo this
25 thing completely for more than half a million

1 dollars?

2 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. It's one -- well, I think
3 there might be a typo in the 600,000 but I left it in
4 there. I would fully expect that to come back at
5 more like 350 to 400, but that's Part 2 of the
6 three-part project we brought forward a number of
7 years ago. The first piece was at the east end of
8 Bachtel that had the open ditches and we replaced
9 that with the new roadway because it had completely
10 failed. Curb and gutter, drive apron, storm sewer
11 catch basins, and I was told when I sort of inherited
12 these three projects there's Pineview and the third
13 one is Overridge. Kind of that same neighborhood
14 that the residents, quote, were promised when they
15 annexed into the city that they would have a
16 city-type looking street, not open ditch,
17 township-type looking streets. So we undertook the
18 Bachtel one. Turned out, you know, quite happy with
19 it. So we didn't build -- that we did in '18. In
20 '19 we just didn't have it in the budget; we had
21 other concerns. In 2020, Pineview needs repaved. I
22 mean, it's really falling apart. It's in horrible
23 shape and now it's time. So what we're proposing to
24 do is Phase 2 of the three phases and totally
25 reconstruct that. Again, the 600, I don't think

1 that's the number I initially gave in my budget
2 meeting. I'm pretty confident we'll be under 400 but
3 still quite a chunk of change for 1,550 feet.

4 MR. CERRETA: I know it's not Bachtel or
5 Schneider, not driven that much, but --

6 MR. GRAHAM: Right. Right. But it is in
7 need of repair. Open ditches, the pavement has
8 failed, it blows up every --

9 MRS. WERREN: I remember, Rob, the Bachtel
10 people waited a long time, that went through many
11 different administrations. And then when you came in
12 you were able to make it work and I think it's just
13 part of what you said that you would finish.

14 MR. GRAHAM: Right. I've got plans in the
15 drawer someday for Override. It's in pretty decent
16 shape yet. I'm thinking let's wait two, three, four
17 years until it's in the need of repaving, then go
18 back and give it that treatment as well.

19 MR. CERRETA: I know we did Weber, the most
20 expensive street I've seen in our town for a long
21 time, last year and I wanted to know where we're
22 headed with that. Thank you.

23 MR. FONTE: Those are total rework. Those
24 aren't cutting the top off and remilling it. That's
25 a Band-Aid compared. That will last, what? probably

1 20 years or more?

2 MR. GRAHAM: The pavement itself, at least
3 15, and curb and gutter, storm sewer you're looking
4 25 to 50.

5 MR. DEORIO: Also, I don't think you can
6 underestimate the impact it has on property values.

7 MR. CERRETA: Absolutely.

8 MR. FONTE: And then D. If we're ready for
9 D. So basically on D we're looking at
10 Charlotte-Portage, not to exceed 637K, emergency.
11 Doug and I have been talking about since that's a
12 corridor we want to try to make sure we integrate,
13 make sure the sidewalks and just give that some
14 thought so we don't redo work.

15 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah, that's one of the things,
16 too, we can discuss. That was another one that the
17 city literally five years ago was awarded federal
18 funds and the scope of that was milling 3 inches and
19 replacing 3 inches of asphalt. So the repaving of
20 two layers and we would go with the polymer asphalt
21 since it's the higher traffic. And with the federal
22 money, they do require that any curb ramps that
23 aren't up to ADA standards, the red truncated domes,
24 to get those in. And ODOT just informed me last week
25 they have approved the environmental document and

1 that does allow us a couple feet of curb here and
2 there to replace some bad pieces or rebuild a couple
3 catch basins but it really doesn't give us the
4 ability to do a full-on streetscape. That's not what
5 the scope of the federal dollars is. But those are
6 all things we can certainly look at as we go forward
7 in the coming years to implement that. But we had a
8 nice public meeting in this room, I was on the
9 private side then in the firm I was vice president
10 of, actually did the plans back in 2016. This had a
11 lot of alternatives for Portage-Hillcrest-Charlotte,
12 that intersection area, and we can certainly revisit
13 that.

14 MR. FONTE: I think that would be a good idea
15 because that is a main corridor, so we want to focus
16 on trying to make all the corridors, you know, tie it
17 nicely to the city. So in my opinion, A, B, C, and
18 D, I move to the agenda for the next meeting we have.

19 MR. FOX: If I may, the Section 3 there for
20 D, to get to your 637, the same thing that I simply
21 mentioned, the first line item is -- is 462,000,
22 second is 125, and the third is 50, and we will have
23 those corrected copies to Finance tomorrow.

24 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

25 MR. PETERS: Okay. Doug.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Let me chime in. Thank you for
2 that.

3 I was going to ask that question on the
4 figures. It is important we get it right, and it's
5 okay when the audience asks us that. We need to, you
6 know, get -- get the numbers to flow right so we all
7 understand what we're approving.

8 And I do appreciate, Rob, your work on the
9 previous, I guess, project that was presented to the
10 Ward 1 residents and I do ask this council body to
11 help with the design this year for some part of the
12 gateway coming in off Portage to be developed and
13 improved. Obviously we don't want to take away or
14 jeopardize federal funding for the road surfacing, we
15 know it's badly needed, but I still think there's
16 some room to make some improvements to streetscaping,
17 sidewalks, and decorative lighting. And I expect
18 hopefully everybody here come aboard and if we have
19 money left over we're talking we need to put
20 something together, maybe get something, Rob, you can
21 help design in-house a little bit or lead us down the
22 path of looking at some concepts to at least getting
23 started on it or on the drawing board next year,
24 approve this year to getting something ready to go.
25 I think that's important in this community, in Ward 1

1 and just the gateway in from 77.

2 MR. CERRETA: I agree. I think, if I may,
3 that's something we should always be doing. What are
4 our goals, not just for today, this year. We need to
5 say that's needed. There's no doubt that that is
6 needed to come in through Portage and this is just
7 really bad timing that we're getting this great free
8 money, which is terrific. But that is one of the
9 areas there that I know a lot of us have had on our
10 radar. It's probably the most driven in to our city,
11 definitely on that side. And probably all -- the
12 entire city. You know. Because a lot of people come
13 down Everhard, they go right, they don't always go
14 left.

15 And so I think that's something we need to --
16 doesn't look like we're going to do it here real soon
17 because, you know, we're putting asphalt down,
18 brand-new asphalt down, but maybe we start, you know,
19 setting a goal for this. I know, Rob, you do a
20 fabulous job of getting the funds and everything. I
21 can't say enough about that. But let's -- let's set
22 something aside and move forward on this thing for,
23 you know, three to five years down the road here that
24 we start putting in some lights and curbs and maybe
25 make our streetscape look like we have in our city so

1 it can invite people into our city. That's all.

2 MR. PETERS: Patrick, you got something to
3 say on this one?

4 MR. DEORIO: I would just like to make sure
5 that council is considering that, when they're
6 looking to do this, that we take it into account what
7 the future plans of that street is. And we have a
8 levy on the ballot for the school this year. Some of
9 those meetings that all of you participated in with
10 the superintendent. You know, provided that the levy
11 is approved, there's an intention to build a facility
12 on the Charlotte Street location. Building a school
13 on the Charlotte Street location will completely
14 change that street. Not just Charlotte; Portage,
15 too. So I want to make sure that we're aware that if
16 that, in fact, comes to play, again, they have a
17 March 17, voters will decide, and if they decide to
18 go forward we need to be taking into account anything
19 that we're doing. We may have to widen that road.

20 MR. FONTE: Correct.

21 MR. DEORIO: Before we start thinking about
22 putting decorative lights up and streetscaping, if we
23 have to widen that road for bus traffic, additional
24 traffic and the like that's coming from that. So it
25 may or may not happen; certainly we'll know a lot

1 more by March 17, but I wouldn't want to move too far
2 along down the road on this.

3 MR. FONTE: Patrick, if the levy passes and
4 they want to use that, that site, and let's say
5 coming off of Cleveland Avenue we'd probably have to
6 take some space along the side of that; correct?

7 MR. DEORIO: We're going to have to
8 completely, in my opinion, reconfigure how traffic
9 flows around that area, busing pulling in and out.
10 When they head west or east.

11 MR. FONTE: Consult on what we need. If that
12 happens, we have to have a consultant almost figure
13 it out. What's that?

14 MR. DEORIO: That's not our project. That's
15 the school's plan, that's the site plan they put
16 together and go through the planning commission and
17 we're going to meet with the, you know, engineer and
18 all the appropriate bodies to try to come up with a
19 way that -- to address that.

20 MR. FONTE: A win-win.

21 MR. DEORIO: Yeah.

22 MR. STROIA: I'd like to look at those maps
23 from 2016 again, if they're still. I was at that
24 meeting, but I'd like to see that again because it
25 is -- that's perfectly said, it's going to change. I

1 live right on Willaman and Portage and I see trucks
2 going over the double yellow line. Because if you
3 look at the width of it there, it's the size of a
4 side street and that's one of the heaviest, you know,
5 traffic areas coming through. So it's needed.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. Rob.

7 MR. GRAHAM: We did look at it after the
8 meeting, refresh it. I appreciate it.

9 MR. PETERS: Okay.

10 MR. FONTE: I think we're good.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay. Next up, Finance and
12 Property. Chairman Werren.

13 MRS. WERREN: This is something we do every
14 year, just looking at the insurance providers. Do
15 you want to say anything, Finance, or Pat? This is
16 pretty routine that we do.

17 MR. PETERS: We're doing it different, aren't
18 we?

19 MRS. WERREN: No, we're not doing anything
20 different. It's the standard.

21 MR. PETERS: Yep.

22 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

23 MR. PETERS: That's going to be on emergency
24 as well?

25 MRS. WERREN: Right.

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MR. PETERS: Okay. Very good. That concludes this meeting. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

MR. FOLTZ: Second.

MR. PETERS: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. PETERS: Opposed? We're adjourned. Have a great evening.

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(Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.)

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Attest:


Benjamin R. Young
Clerk of Council


Daniel Jeff Peters
City Council President

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