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APPEARANCES:

- Daniel Jeff Peters, Chairman
- Douglas Foltz, Member
- Stephanie Werren, Member
- Daryl Revolt, Member
- Mark Cerreta, Member
- Dominic Fonte, Member
- Matthew Stroia, Member
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of Administration
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Robert Graham, PE
- Benjamin Young, Council Clerk

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1 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Ben.  
3 Good evening, everyone. I'd like to welcome  
4 you to North Canton City Council regular  
5 meeting, February 8th, 2021. The time is  
6 7:00 p.m.

7 Opening prayer. Mark? Dominic?

8 MR. FONTE: Yes, I'll -- I'll go. It's  
9 Dom.

10 MR. PETERS: All right, Dom. Thank you,  
11 sir.

12 MR. CERRETA: Go ahead, Dom.

13 (Whereupon, Mr. Fonte leads us in  
14 prayer.)

15 MR. CERRETA: Thank you, Dom.

16 MR. PETERS: Well done, Dominic. All  
17 right. At this time, if you would please  
18 join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

19 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is  
20 recited.)

21 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you. Clerk,  
22 will you please call the roll?

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

24 MR. PETERS: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

1 MR. STROIA: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.

5 MR. CERRETA: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

7 MS. WERREN: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

11 MR. FONTE: Here.

12 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

13 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, sir.

14 All right. Next up, for your consideration,

15 I need a motion and a second to approve as

16 presented minutes from January 25th, 2021,

17 Committee of the Whole, and January 2021

18 monthly financial report.

19 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as

20 presented. Foltz.

21 MR. PETERS: Wait. Hold on.

22 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

23 MR. PETERS: I -- I missed something

24 there, didn't I?

25 MR. FOLTZ: Monthly reports.

1 MR. PETERS: Minutes on the January 25th  
2 City Council, as well. I'm sorry.

3 MR. FOLTZ: You don't need Council  
4 approval on that, I don't think. But that's  
5 okay.

6 MR. PETERS: Yeah. I just included it in  
7 there, but I forgot to include the regular  
8 Council meeting from the 25th.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. Motion to approve as  
10 presented.

11 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

12 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

13 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

14 MR. PETERS: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. FONTE: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

23 All right. At this time, we have one  
24 speaker tonight, Mr. Mulqueen. Mr. Mulqueen,  
25 as you can see on your screen, we have the --

1 the rules of Council. We ask that you keep  
2 it brief and to the point.

3 And, Ben, I'll let you take it from  
4 there.

5 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Mulqueen, are you there?

6 MR. MULQUEEN: Hello? Can you hear me?

7 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, sir.

8 MR. CERRETA: Yep.

9 MR. MULQUEEN: Hello. My name is Joseph  
10 Mulqueen. I'm a proud disabled recovering  
11 alcoholic taxpayer who lives at 1016 Park  
12 Avenue, Northeast. What brings me again to  
13 this Council meeting tonight is to -- how to  
14 spark the idea in how we get an indoor  
15 skateboarding facility in North Canton.

16 With the 19 years of skateboarding  
17 experience I have, thanks to the people who  
18 came together and built Dogwood Skate Park, I  
19 know the pros and cons of the skate scene  
20 around here. And one of the reasons why  
21 Evolution Skate Park failed is because of  
22 poor ownership and a lot of drinking and  
23 drugging that was going on behind the scenes.

24 And it just hurts me that, you know,  
25 this -- the group of high schoolers right

1           now, they don't have an indoor skate park  
2           facility because of some poor decisions by  
3           the person who got Evolution passed on to  
4           him. And while I may not be as wealthy as  
5           I'd like to be, and, you know, I wish I, you  
6           know, had Rob Dyrdek or Tony Hawk money,  
7           where I could buy an indoor facility, I just  
8           know that North Canton is a very  
9           family-friendly town, and I know the YMCA  
10          might be able to help add some type of indoor  
11          skateboard facility to its already numerous  
12          sports things it has. And with skateboarding  
13          being part of the Olympic sports, you know,  
14          it's time to treat skateboarding like the  
15          Olympic sport it now is.

16                 And, you know, I just -- I walk around  
17          town throughout the week doing my exercise,  
18          getting my cardio, and I couldn't help notice  
19          the awesome indoor baseball and softball  
20          facility we now have at the Hoover Company.  
21          And I was just -- you know, I saw that sign  
22          there, and I'm talking to my buddy as we are  
23          walking around town, and I'm like -- I'm  
24          like, man, that sign was probably worth more  
25          than my house or whatever.

1           And I don't know what it's going to take  
2           to get some type of indoor skateboarding  
3           facility like we have from baseball to  
4           softball to basketball to everything else the  
5           YMCA offers. But, you know, I may be  
6           disabled, but it's not going to stop me from  
7           thinking of how I can make my town a better  
8           place to live at and how the next generation  
9           of kids can have something more than my  
10          generation did.

11          And I watched a lot of -- a lot of  
12          friends and family die due to, you know,  
13          alcohol and drug abuse. And, you know, if  
14          there is one thing I know in this town, we  
15          have a zero tolerance to alcohol and drug  
16          abuse. So I -- I know we can get it done in  
17          this town. And I know we can maybe set a  
18          standard nationwide in this town for how the  
19          YMCA does an indoor skateboarding facility.

20          And, you know, another winter is almost  
21          done with, and it's another winter that,  
22          sadly, you know, the kids who are now  
23          skateboarding, and I'm trying to help mentor  
24          in the best way possible, and, you know, make  
25          sure they don't ever think they need to touch



1 or drink or drugs to be a better  
2 skateboarder. They learn from my mistakes.  
3 And the mistakes I made would be the only  
4 mistakes the next skateboarders do in the  
5 generation or whatever.

6 But, you know, I just -- I just know  
7 North Canton has the location, and it's not  
8 too farfetched of an idea if the town was to  
9 donate the old ranch at Dogwood to the YMCA  
10 so they can start this indoor skateboard  
11 facility maybe at the old Spitzer Chevrolet  
12 building, because I know how hard it is for  
13 entrepreneurs to turn a profit at that  
14 building.

15 So, you know, I'm sitting here cleaning  
16 my house, you know, and I'm sitting here  
17 thinking that, you know, maybe a nonprofit  
18 skateboard facility would be the best idea to  
19 use that old building where we can preserve,  
20 you know, two things of North Canton history;  
21 the skate park and that Spitzer Chevrolet  
22 building.

23 And I know with the right people at the  
24 Mayor's office to construct the right e-mails  
25 to, you know, big companies like BC Shoe

1 Company and other grant places, maybe we can  
2 crowdfund some money to construct this indoor  
3 skateboard facility while we work to renovate  
4 Dogwood Park.

5 But, you know, I do these things not for  
6 myself, but for others, you know, for the  
7 future of skateboarding and their families  
8 and whatnot. And, you know, I'm just trying  
9 to figure out how, you know, I can, you  
10 know -- I took -- I took and took and took  
11 with -- you know, so much from Dogwood. And  
12 I'm just trying to figure out how I give that  
13 all back out to --

14 MR. PETERS: Mr. Mul -- Mr. Mulqueen,  
15 thank you so much.

16 MR. MULQUEEN: Uh-huh.

17 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Ben,  
18 thank you. All right. Moving on to new  
19 business, may I have a motion and a second to  
20 read by title only Ordinance 5-21?

21 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

22 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves. Stroia  
23 seconds.

24 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

25 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

1 MR. PETERS: Aye.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

3 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

4 MS. WERREN: Aye.

5 MR. FONTE: Aye.

6 MR. STROIA: Aye.

7 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

10 Ben.

11 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance to approve and  
12 adopt current replacement pages to the  
13 codified ordinances of the City of North  
14 Canton, and declaring the same to be an  
15 emergency.

16 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

17 Chairman Stroia.

18 MR. STROIA: This is adopting the new  
19 pages of the codified ordinances that we  
20 discussed in the previous Committee of the  
21 Whole and several times before.

22 Does anybody have any questions on this?  
23 This has been discussed quite a few times.  
24 But if you want to view pages 10 through 88,  
25 that's where everything is.

1 MR. CERRETA: Nope. I'm good.

2 MR. STROIA: Okay. And then we do want  
3 to make an amendment to include Ordinance  
4 77-2020 to this, as well. Jeff, I think you  
5 might have the language for that.

6 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I do. I -- you  
7 said -- you said it perfectly. Is that a  
8 motion, Matt?

9 MR. STROIA: Yes.

10 MR. PETERS: I just need a second.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

12 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

13 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

14 MR. PETERS: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. FONTE: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ordinance 5 -- 5-21,  
23 including -- now includes Ordinance 77-20.  
24 All right. Do we -- Matt, do you have  
25 anything else?

1 MR. STROIA: I'm done, if everybody else  
2 is okay with this. I motion to approve.

3 MR. REVOLDT: You need a motion to adopt  
4 5-21 as amended, which I am doing.

5 MR. PETERS: There you go.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Adopt the first reading.

7 MR. PETERS: Do we have a second?

8 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

10 MR. PETERS: All in favor -- all in  
11 favor, say "aye."

12 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Aye.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

15 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

16 MS. WERREN: Aye.

17 MR. FONTE: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Aye.

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.  
22 Now may I have a motion and a second to  
23 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
24 readings?

25 MR. REVOLDT: For Ordinance 5-21, as

1                   amended, Revoldt moves.

2                   MR. PETERS: Correct.

3                   MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

4                   MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

5                   MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

6                   MR. PETERS: Aye.

7                   MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

8                   MR. CERRETA: Aye.

9                   MS. WERREN: Aye.

10                  MR. FONTE: Aye.

11                  MR. STROIA: Aye.

12                  MR. PETERS: Opposed?

13                  (No response.)

14                  MR. PETERS: Motion carries. And,

15                  finally, may I have a motion and a second to

16                  adopt Ordinance 5-21 as amended under

17                  suspension of the rules?

18                  MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

19                  MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

20                  MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

21                  MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

22                  MR. PETERS: Aye.

23                  MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24                  MR. CERRETA: Aye.

25                  MS. WERREN: Aye.

1 MR. FONTE: Aye.

2 MR. STROIA: Aye.

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.  
6 That concludes the new business. I'll move  
7 on to department reports. Deputy Director of  
8 Administration, Catherine.

9 MS. FARINA: I have no report. Thanks.

10 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
11 Catherine.

12 Director of Administration.

13 MR. DEORIO: Yes, Mr. President. So just  
14 for point of clarification, the chapter code  
15 17 that you guys initially took a look at, a  
16 nuisance property code, maintenance kind of  
17 thing, we got our edits back from the  
18 Director of Law, the law department. And Ben  
19 and Marty and I will be meeting this week to  
20 make sure that all -- everything is done  
21 accordingly. And we should be able to get  
22 that back to Council the following week here  
23 to start that process of -- of getting that  
24 adopted.

25 So that's moving along. We'd like to get

1 that in place, and as soon as that's done, we  
2 want to introduce the next thing. We believe  
3 the employee handbook, we'll be completed  
4 with its review perhaps the week after next,  
5 to get that on.

6 And we also have the zoning for Main  
7 Street. We will be working with Member Fonte  
8 this week to put the final touches on that.  
9 We'd like to get that process started for the  
10 Main Street zoning.

11 Jina and I are working on a  
12 multi-shutoff -- a shutoff procedure for  
13 multi-units, and we think it's going to  
14 necessitate some change to our ordinances.  
15 So we'll be working with the law department  
16 and bringing that to you.

17 Also our -- the rate studies are nearly  
18 complete for the water and sewer rates.  
19 Those should be coming to you also this  
20 month.

21 And then finally, just a notice that the  
22 farmer's market, working on all the details  
23 to move that to Price Park for the summer in  
24 the western most parking lot, on the Maple  
25 Street side of the park.



1                   So just those quick announcements. Thank  
2                   you.

3                   MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
4                   Patrick.

5                   Mr. Mayor, you are up.

6                   MR. FONTE: Steve, are you on mute?

7                   MR. PETERS: Yeah, he is muted.

8                   MAYOR WILDER: Sorry. I was listening to  
9                   everybody.

10                  MR. PETERS: There you go.

11                  MAYOR WILDER: Thank you, Mr. President.

12                  I just want to keep Council aware that I'm  
13                  looking at all the special events for 2021  
14                  that unfortunately we had to either cancel or  
15                  postpone from 2020. So I just want to let  
16                  you know that we are looking at things that  
17                  might be starting in March and going all the  
18                  way through September. And Ms. Kelly Hart,  
19                  one of our -- our administrative specialist,  
20                  is aware of those events. But I am reaching  
21                  out to organizations to see where we might  
22                  be -- if we can still accommodate those this  
23                  year. I just want to bring you up to date on  
24                  that.

25                  And if you'll indulge me just for a

1 moment, you know, this is Black History  
2 week -- or month. And, you know, Stark  
3 County has over 91 national historic places  
4 on the National Historic -- Historic  
5 Registry. Right here we have three in North  
6 Canton. We had the Hoover farm, 2000 block  
7 of Easton Street, Northeast, home of the --  
8 home of our Hoover Historical Society out  
9 there. And we have the Hoover Company, the  
10 historic center here in town at 101 East  
11 Maple.

12 But this last week, I recognized the home  
13 of the Jacob Gaskins farm, which was -- which  
14 is located at Arrowhead Golf and Event  
15 Center. And I just wanted to bring that  
16 aware to you that each Wednesday this month  
17 I'll be talking about something about black  
18 history. And maybe -- and if you have ever  
19 been up to Arrowhead, you will have seen the  
20 marker up there that marks where he was the  
21 first resident settling in -- in Ohio, Plain  
22 Township, in 1817. And he began purchasing  
23 land for a farm there. And with little money  
24 but an actual talent for business, he  
25 increased his fortune and acquired large

1 property. And we have a marker up there --  
2 right there at the Arrowhead Golf and Event  
3 Center. So not many people may know that.  
4 But he was also a person who had his farm as  
5 a stop for the underground railroad.

6 And I just wanted to remind everybody of  
7 the -- of our rich history in -- with black  
8 history here in North Canton. So thank you  
9 for allowing me to share those -- that little  
10 bit of information. And take care. Thank  
11 you.

12 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mayor.

13 All right. Next up, Director of Finance.

14 MS. ALABACK: Thank you. I just wanted  
15 to make a note about the finance report for  
16 January. If you have had a chance to look at  
17 that, you'll notice we did move all of 2020  
18 into the history and created our 2021  
19 columns, and we'll start tracking activity  
20 through 2021.

21 And then on the very last page, page 5,  
22 is the bank reconciliation I added towards  
23 the bottom, just the portfolio highlights of  
24 where our investments are. And, obviously,  
25 our investment market is not all that great

1 right now, but we do try to stagger our  
2 portfolio over the next five years, and so we  
3 are moving around about 4 more million  
4 dollars into the investment account to try to  
5 at least get the best rates that we can at  
6 this time. So you'll see some more added to  
7 the investment account through the month of  
8 February.

9 And then the other project that I wanted  
10 to give you a quick update on was OpenGov.  
11 The same thing, we were moving all of 2020  
12 into the archive. And if you have a chance  
13 to go out onto OpenGov, you'll start to see  
14 2021. January is -- is out there. And the  
15 integration, whenever we start running our  
16 checks and closing month end, that will grow.  
17 And so we are excited about what is going to  
18 become of that. And as we head into --  
19 through '21 into next budget cycle, we'll  
20 have a full year complete. So we'll be able  
21 to watch that. And that's all I have. Thank  
22 you.

23 MR. PETERS: Good stuff, Jina. Thank  
24 you.

25 All right. Next up, City Engineer, Rob.

1 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President.

2 No report tonight.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, sir.

4 Council Clerk, Ben.

5 MR. YOUNG: I also have no report  
6 tonight.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Very good. All  
8 right. Moving on to Council reports, we'll  
9 go in reverse this time. Why don't we change  
10 it up? Member Stroia.

11 MR. STROIA: All right. Hey, thanks to  
12 Joe Mulqueen. I appreciate your passion.  
13 Thanks for the Mayor for pointing out Black  
14 History Month and Jacob Gaskins. I always  
15 thought that maybe we could some day do  
16 something a little more in-depth for --  
17 instead of just the marker, to -- I think  
18 that's really a big deal, and it kind of goes  
19 unnoticed. So maybe we can talk about that  
20 some day.

21 And that's it. I just want to say buy  
22 local. And that's it.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Matt.  
24 Member Cerreta.

25 MR. CERRETA: No report.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Member Revoldt.

2 MR. REVOLDT: No report.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Member Fonte.

4 MR. FONTE: I just want to say  
5 congratulations to Mark. I see on Facebook  
6 with your family. Man, what a lustrous  
7 38-year career. And, you know, God be with  
8 you and your family and enjoy the fourth  
9 quarter, baby.

10 The second thing is -- is that if anybody  
11 on our team wants to highlight anything, I'll  
12 be more than happy to shoot a little quick  
13 video to promote it. And also I'm pushing  
14 hard to try to help any small businesses that  
15 could use a little boost. If you guys have  
16 anybody specific that you are thinking about  
17 that could use a little boost, let me know,  
18 and I'd be more than happy to do that.  
19 That's all. Have a great week.

20 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dominic. All  
21 right. I have no report.

22 Member Foltz.

23 MR. FOLTZ: No report.

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. Final call for new  
25 business to Council?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. CERRETA: Steph -- does Steph have a  
3 report?

4 MS. WERREN: You know what,  
5 congratulations to Mark.

6 MR. PETERS: I'm sorry.

7 MS. WERREN: That's okay.  
8 Congratulations to Mark. And, Mayor, thank  
9 you for bringing it up, just those comments  
10 of Black History Month. And, Matt, I think  
11 that's a great idea to at some point kind of  
12 do something more to honor -- honor the  
13 month, and -- and take part. I know the  
14 schools do a lot. But I think that we could  
15 do something too as a city. So great idea.  
16 That was it.

17 MR. PETERS: All right. Thanks, Steph.  
18 Sorry about that.

19 MS. WERREN: No problem. Just catching a  
20 breath.

21 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Okay. Now final call  
22 to Council for new business?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. PETERS: And seeing none, review the  
25 final -- the rest of the month meeting

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calendar; February 15th, there will be no meeting, President's Day. And February 22nd will be the regular City Council.

And that concludes our agenda. So I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.

MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

MR. PETERS: Aye.

MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

MR. CERRETA: Aye.

MS. WERREN: Aye.

MR. FONTE: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Aye.

MR. PETERS: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PETERS: Motion carries. We are adjourned. Have a great evening, everyone.

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(This proceeding concluded at 7:23 p.m.)

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ATTEST:

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Daniel Jeff Peters  
Council President

*Benjamin R. Young*  
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Benjamin R. Young  
Council Clerk



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I further certify that I am not a relative of, employee of or attorney for any party or counsel, or otherwise financially interested in this action.

I do further certify that I am not, nor is the court reporting firm with which I am affiliated, under a contract as defined in Civil Rule 28(D).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Canton, Ohio, this 12th day of February, 2021.

*Shannon Roberts*

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Shannon Roberts, Notary Public  
My commission expires February 2, 2023