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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

1 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, Mr.
2 President.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Ben.
4 Good evening, everyone. At this time, I'd
5 like to call to order the North Canton
6 Council regular meeting, February 22nd, 2021.
7 The time is 7:00 p.m.

8 For opening prayer, Dominic, Mark,
9 anyone?

10 MR. CERRETA: I'll take it.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay. Mark, thank you.

12 (Whereupon, Mr. Cerreta leads us in
13 prayer.)

14 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mark.

15 All right. At this time, if you would
16 join me in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

17 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is
18 recited.)

19 MR. PETERS: All right. Ben, at this
20 time, would you please call the roll?

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

22 MR. CERRETA: She muted.

23 MS. WERREN: Sorry. I'm on.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

25 MR. FONTE: Present.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.
2 MR. FOLTZ: Here.
3 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.
4 MR. CERRETA: Here.
5 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.
6 MR. STROIA: Here.
7 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.
8 MR. REVOLDT: Here.
9 MR. YOUNG: And Member Peters.
10 MR. PETERS: Here.
11 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.
12 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you. All
13 right. Council, for your consideration, may
14 I have a motion and a second to approve as
15 presented minutes from February 1st, 2021,
16 Committee of the Whole, and minutes from
17 February 8th, 2021, regular Council meeting?
18 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz moves to --
19 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.
20 MR. FOLTZ: -- approve as presented.
21 All right. Second Foltz.
22 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
23 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
24 MR. PETERS: Aye.
25 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

1 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

2 MR. FONTE: Aye.

3 MS. WERREN: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Aye.

5 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

8 All right. At this time, recognition of
9 visitors. Ben, I see we have one. I will
10 let you take it from here.

11 Just a quick reminder, there is a
12 five-minute time limit. And we ask that you
13 keep it professional and respectful.

14 So Ben.

15 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Mulqueen, are you still
16 there?

17 MR. MULQUEEN: Hello. How we doing?

18 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, sir, you
19 may begin.

20 MR. MULQUEEN: All right. Hello. My
21 name is Joseph Mulqueen. I'm a proud
22 disabled, recovering alcoholic, tax paying
23 citizen at 1016 Park Avenue, Northeast. And
24 what brings me into another Council meeting
25 tonight is after a nice little church service

1 at the North Canton Chapel and a little bit
2 of cleaning in the morning, I broke through
3 on a genius idea how we can establish some
4 sort of indoor skateboarding in our town as
5 we begin to tackle an outdoor project.

6 I'm already thinking five years ahead of
7 time. Hopefully next winter, though, more or
8 less. Because the kids of this community and
9 Stark County deserve another indoor
10 skateboard park like me and my generation
11 once had. And as long as I'm alive, I'm not
12 going to let indoor skateboarding die with my
13 generation.

14 And as God and Jesus as my witness, my
15 genius idea was that Evolution Skate Park is
16 now an auto part store on Navarre Road in
17 Canton. Well, Prime Line skate park
18 construction, they -- some of their workers
19 had a little thing called Team Pain, and they
20 helped constructed Evolution Skate Park.

21 Well, the bowl is still there, because in
22 their contract, the City of Canton, they deem
23 the bowl as a work of art. And if you guys
24 saw this magnificent bowl that -- I once got
25 to skate with a lot of professional

1 skateboarders in that bowl. And, you know, I
2 did break my wrist one time in that bowl, but
3 I always -- you know, ten times out of ten, I
4 would break my wrist again in that bowl.
5 Because it's one of the most amazing things I
6 ever got to skate indoor-wise. And I have
7 experienced indoor skate parks from Long
8 Island, New York, all the way down to Miami,
9 Florida.

10 So, you know, when I say I have got over
11 19 -- you know, when I have got 19 years of
12 extensive experience in skateboarding, I
13 can't thank the town enough for giving me the
14 skate park to have that extensive experience,
15 and somewhere where I can help teach the next
16 generation of kids how to skateboard and how
17 to be a better skateboarder than our -- than
18 my generation was by avoided symbolics of
19 skateboarding. And that's why Evolution
20 Skate Park closed down is because poor
21 ownership, because somebody wanted to dabble
22 in symbolics and not be a man and handle the
23 business part of it.

24 But, anyway, the point I'm trying to get
25 to is -- so there is a free ramp in that auto

1 part store. And if we can all work together,
2 and I get our best lawyers to do something to
3 get a non-profit organization, I'd love to
4 tear down that bowl and put in a new
5 facility. And we have a lot of space at the
6 Hoover factory. And if I have to take out a
7 loan myself and, you know, start up this
8 skateboarding non-profit organization -- I
9 know, you know, I've got the Dublikar law
10 firm as my probate lawyer, and I'm sure they
11 would stand behind me as my non-profit
12 lawyers.

13 And this wouldn't be the first time a
14 Mulqueen owned some business space at the
15 Hoover factory, as my great uncle, Dennis
16 Mulqueen, was the first owner to own the part
17 that is now Diebold Nixdorf when it first
18 auctioned and went for sale. And I used to
19 work over there, as a matter of fact. So it
20 wouldn't be the first time of me working at
21 the Hoover factory. And I always heard that
22 the YMCA turned down the offer. Then one of
23 the health officials --

24 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry --

25 MR. MULQUEEN: And if I'm over the time

1 limit, then thank you for your time and God
2 bless.

3 MR. YOUNG: You are breaking up,
4 Mr. Mulqueen.

5 THE REPORTER: You're breaking up.

6 MR. MULQUEEN: I'm breaking up. That's
7 why we got -- you know, we can do in person
8 at City Hall. I don't know why that isn't.

9 But, you know, as I was saying, you know,
10 if the YMCA wants to turn down it, I was told
11 by a great lawyer on the Washington Square
12 Trail yesterday to try the YWCA. And, in
13 fact, there are many extensive non-profit
14 organizations in Ohio.

15 And if I'm going to, you know -- I might,
16 you know, just add, too, you know, I can't
17 find one that wants to work with us. But if
18 the YMCA wants to turn down building a
19 non-profit indoor skate park, well, that's a
20 loss to them. Because skateboarding is now
21 an Olympic sport. I want to get a place
22 where these kids can possibly, you know,
23 compete for American Olympics. And, you know
24 what, you know, I hope there is a kid from
25 North Canton, Ohio that wins the gold in

1 Olympic skateboarding, you know, 20 years
2 from now.

3 And I will, you know, do whatever it
4 takes to give the families, you know, both
5 old and young, a safe, family-friendly place
6 to skateboard at, both indoor and outdoor.
7 And as we build this project outdoor, we can
8 focus indoor, as well. Thank you and God
9 bless.

10 MR. PETERS: Thank you so much. The time
11 limit has experienced.

12 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

13 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

14 Okay. Ben, are we back?

15 MR. YOUNG: Yes. That was the only
16 speaker signed up this evening.

17 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you. All
18 right. Moving on to new business, before I
19 ask for a motion and a second to read, just a
20 quick reminder that a portion of this
21 appropriation relates to Arrowhead, for
22 Member Cerreta and Fonte.

23 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

24 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a
25 motion and a second to read by title only

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Ordinance 7-21?

MS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.

MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

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

MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

MR. PETERS: Aye.

MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

MS. WERREN: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Aye.

MR. PETERS: Opposed?

MR. CERRETA: Cerreta abstains.

MR. FONTE: Dom abstains.

MR. PETERS: Fonte and Cerreta abstain.

Passes 5-0.

Ben.

MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton to be appropriated for current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021.

MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

Chairwoman Werren.

MS. WERREN: Okay. You can see on the screen that this is \$30,000 for Arrowhead carpeting and \$3,000 for civil service. Last

1 week, Patrick did a really nice job
2 explaining all the different things that are
3 happening at Arrowhead, and we've had a lot
4 of really good community support for this
5 project. And so if there are no other
6 questions, based on kind the PowerPoint and
7 what we have been talking about and the goals
8 that we want for Arrowhead, I move to adopt.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

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

11 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

12 MR. PETERS: Aye.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MS. WERREN: Aye.

15 MR. STROIA: Aye.

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

17 MR. FONTE: Abstain.

18 MR. CERRETA: Abstain.

19 MR. FONTE: Fonte abstains.

20 MR. PETERS: Member Cerreta and Fonte
21 abstain. Passes 5-0.

22 All right. Thank you. Moving on, may I
23 have a motion and a second to read by title
24 only Ordinance 8-21?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz moves -- Foltz seconds.
2 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
3 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
4 MR. PETERS: Aye.
5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
6 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
7 MR. FONTE: Aye.
8 MS. WERREN: Aye.
9 MR. STROIA: Aye.
10 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
11 (No response.)
12 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
13 Ben.
14 MR. YOUNG: I would like to preface this
15 with that it has changed slightly after
16 getting final review from the law department.
17 An ordinance authorizing all actions
18 necessary to support the continuation of a
19 governmental electric aggregation program
20 with opt-out provisions, pursuant to Section
21 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, and
22 directing the Mayor of the City of North
23 Canton to execute a master services agreement
24 for electric supply with Energy Harbor, and
25 declaring the same to be an emergency.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

2 Chairwoman Werren.

3 MS. WERREN: So it really is just exactly
4 as it says. It's a continuation of
5 electrical aggregation with Energy Harbor.

6 Ben, do you want to highlight where the
7 law department made the change? It was real
8 little.

9 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. If you give me one
10 moment.

11 MS. WERREN: I know that came in a
12 little --

13 MR. YOUNG: Yes, this came in today. So
14 it's slightly different than it appeared on
15 the --

16 MR. FONTE: Can you have Mr. Mulqueen
17 mute his mike, please?

18 MR. YOUNG: So these are the changes that
19 were made by the law department.

20 MS. WERREN: It didn't really change the
21 contract. It was more like --

22 MR. YOUNG: It was the language of the
23 ordinance, yes.

24 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

25 MR. YOUNG: Not the contract. We also

1 received --

2 MS. WERREN: Yes.

3 MR. YOUNG: We received the contract
4 today, as well. So the --

5 MS. WERREN: Okay.

6 MR. YOUNG: -- actual contract was not in
7 the public packet. I can pull that up, as
8 well, if you'd like.

9 MS. WERREN: And you had sent that
10 earlier. So I just wanted everyone to see
11 this, because I know these came in today.
12 And it doesn't change the meaning, but I
13 wanted you to just be aware.

14 MR. CERRETA: Good.

15 MS. WERREN: And we talked about this
16 last week, as well.

17 Patrick, did you want to say anything
18 else regarding that or --

19 MR. DEORIO: No. Just that it's 4.34
20 cents.

21 MS. WERREN: Okay. Okay. If there are
22 no other questions or issues, then I would
23 move to adopt.

24 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

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

1 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
2 MR. PETERS: Aye.
3 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
4 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
5 MS. WERREN: Aye.
6 MR. FONTE: Aye.
7 MR. STROIA: Aye.
8 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
9 (No response.)
10 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
11 May I have a motion and a second to
12 suspend the rules of Council requiring three
13 readings?
14 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
15 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.
16 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
17 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
18 MR. PETERS: Aye.
19 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
20 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
21 MR. FONTE: Aye.
22 MS. WERREN: Aye.
23 MR. STROIA: Aye.
24 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
25 (No response.)

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

2 And, finally, a motion and a second to
3 adopt Ordinance 8-21 under suspension of the
4 rules.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

6 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

8 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Aye.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

11 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

12 MR. FONTE: Aye.

13 MS. WERREN: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

18 All right. Moving on, may I have a
19 motion and a second to read by title only
20 Ordinance 9-21?

21 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

22 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

24 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

25 MR. PETERS: Aye.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

2 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

3 MR. FONTE: Aye.

4 MS. WERREN: Aye.

5 MR. STROIA: Aye.

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

9 Ben.

10 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
11 Director of Administration of the City of
12 North Canton to advertise and receive bids
13 according to specifications now on file with
14 the Department of Administration for a
15 vehicle exhaust system to be installed at
16 North Canton Fire Station 1, and fully funded
17 by a federal emergency management agency
18 grant, and declaring the same to be an
19 emergency.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Yeah, the title
21 pretty much says everything.

22 Pat, do you have anything more to add on
23 this?

24 MR. DEORIO: I misspoke last week when I
25 thought that the grant was partially funded.

1 So kudos to Chief Bacon for getting it fully
2 funded.

3 MR. PETERS: Outstanding. Okay. Any
4 questions from Council?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. Seeing none, may I
7 have a motion and a second to adopt the first
8 reading Ordinance 9-21?

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

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

12 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Aye.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

15 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

16 MR. FONTE: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Aye.

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

25 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
2 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
3 MR. PETERS: Aye.
4 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
5 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
6 MR. FONTE: Aye.
7 MS. WERREN: Aye.
8 MR. STROIA: Aye.
9 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
10 (No response.)
11 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
12 And, finally, a motion and a second to
13 adopt Ordinance 9-21 under suspension of the
14 rules.
15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
16 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.
17 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
18 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
19 MR. PETERS: Aye.
20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
21 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
22 MR. FONTE: Aye.
23 MS. WERREN: Aye.
24 MR. STROIA: Aye.
25 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

3 All right. May I have a motion and a

4 second to read by title only Ordinance 10-21?

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

6 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

8 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Aye.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

11 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

12 MR. FONTE: Aye.

13 MS. WERREN: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

18 Ben.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance to re-establish

20 the North Canton Volunteer Firefighters'

21 Dependents Fund Board, to clarify provisions

22 for the selection of its member and to create

23 a related chapter of the codified ordinances

24 of the City of North Canton, and declaring

25 the same to be an emergency.

1 MR. PETERS: Okay. And we also discussed
2 this last week. Ben had a -- sent out a
3 follow-up e-mail regarding the timetable.
4 Any questions regarding the timetable?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. Seeing none -- are
7 there any other questions with anything
8 regarding this?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. PETERS: All right. Seeing none,
11 I'll entertain a motion and a second to adopt
12 the first reading Ordinance 10-21.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

14 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

16 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

17 MR. PETERS: Aye.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

19 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

20 MR. FONTE: Aye.

21 MS. WERREN: Aye.

22 MR. STROIA: Aye.

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

1 May I have a motion and a second to
2 suspend the rules of Council requiring three
3 readings?

4 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

5 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

7 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

8 MR. PETERS: Aye.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

10 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

11 MS. WERREN: Aye.

12 MR. FONTE: Aye.

13 MR. STROIA: Aye.

14 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

17 And, finally, a motion and a second to
18 adopt Ordinance 10-21 under suspension of the
19 rules.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

23 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

24 MR. PETERS: Aye.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

1 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. FONTE: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Aye.

5 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

8 All right. Moving on, department
9 reports. Deputy Director of Administration,
10 Catherine.

11 MS. FARINA: Thank you, Mr. President. I
12 just want to give an update on the exciting
13 Dogwood Park project. And I will plan to
14 continually give updates as we journey along.
15 We are right now in the stage where we have
16 issued an RFP, a request for proposal. And
17 proposals will be due back March 12th. After
18 that, we'll move into the interviews in order
19 to select a construction manager at risk, and
20 that's going to be interviews held on March
21 16th. So the timeline is looking at, you
22 know, contract negotiations happening week of
23 March 22nd.

24 Once we get all of this necessary
25 information back and the interview is done

1 and we get the contract negotiations and the
2 construction manager at risk in place, that's
3 when we can really start getting down to the
4 real details on the projects. And I know
5 people are hungry for exactly, you know, what
6 it's going to look like. And I will
7 definitely keep sharing those updates as we
8 go along.

9 But the excitement has already
10 generated -- so we already have people
11 calling in wanting to make donations. We are
12 working on a more formal donor program. It
13 has just been so exciting already, without
14 even having the formal donor program. We've
15 just had people call.

16 In fact, I have a meeting with a
17 gentleman tomorrow who's wife was a teacher
18 and an occupational physical therapist in
19 North Canton schools for 20-plus years. And
20 she passed away, and the family and
21 co-workers have been wanting to do -- doing
22 something in her name. And this is the
23 perfect project, perfect fit for what her
24 career was, working with children with
25 special needs. So just really exciting

1 things like that that are real meaningful.
2 And so we want -- I will get the information
3 out as we journey along. So that's all I
4 have for tonight.

5 MR. PETERS: All right. Catherine, thank
6 you so much. And you're right, there is a
7 lot of buzz, a lot of excitement out there.
8 And I'm very happy to hear that there is an
9 opportunity for families to create some sort
10 of legacy for their family members regarding
11 this. So --

12 MS. FARINA: Yes.

13 MR. PETERS: -- good stuff.

14 MS. FARINA: Great. Thanks.

15 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

16 Director of Administration, Patrick.

17 MR. DEORIO: No report.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Mr. Mayor, you
19 are up.

20 MAYOR WILDER: Thank you, President
21 Peters. I'd just like to share a couple
22 items with the Council and for our citizens.
23 In regards to COVID in Stark County, I have
24 been on a number of calls each week with the
25 Stark County Health Department and the other

1 three health departments in Stark County.

2 The -- thank goodness the cases are
3 trending down. But I just want to caution
4 our public that are listening that when it
5 comes to the health department, just keep
6 these three things in mind: First, they
7 will -- they will never ask you for your
8 social security number or your credit card
9 information.

10 Number two, they will identify themselves
11 and provide you with information that you
12 have registered with. And that is when they
13 contact you for your appointment. Thirdly,
14 they will never schedule a -- you for an
15 early or late evening appointment time. So
16 just kind of keep those three things in mind.
17 That's coming to us from the Stark County
18 Health Department.

19 Also, I want to just pass something else
20 on that has been occurring in Stark County
21 and throughout the State of Ohio. And this
22 is from the Ohio Department of Job and Family
23 Services. It deals with unemployment fraud.
24 And I have become a victim of someone using
25 my information, and sending me information, a

1 letter with a pin number and account
2 information.

3 So I just want to let you all know I went
4 online today, and if you go to unemployment
5 Ohio -- unemployment.ohio.gov --
6 unemployment.ohio.gov, and all you have to do
7 is click on report identity theft. And so
8 there are several questions in there that
9 they'll ask you.

10 And when it comes down to the reason,
11 there are about six reasons there that you
12 can check. For me, I checked I received a
13 temporary pin number for Ohio unemployment.
14 So I just want to caution our public, be very
15 careful if you are receiving documents in the
16 mail from the Ohio Department of Job and
17 Family Services, especially when you haven't
18 filed anything.

19 And there is a -- if you go to that
20 website, there is also a toll free number, if
21 you need to speak with someone. So just a
22 word of caution for our public that it
23 doesn't matter who we are anymore, someone is
24 out there to try to scam us during a time
25 of -- of trial and tribulation as we navigate

1 this COVID pandemic and everything else we
2 have ongoing in our city and county and state
3 and country.

4 That's all I have, President Peters.
5 Thank you for the time.

6 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
7 Mayor.

8 Okay. Next up, Director of Finance,
9 Jina.

10 MS. ALABACK: Thank you. I don't have a
11 report, but I do want to share some
12 information. The US postal office deliveries
13 have been lagging. And I know we are all
14 aware of that. Today we received a check
15 from -- it was dated December 16th for a
16 utility bill.

17 So I just want to remind residents that
18 their utility bills can be paid online, so
19 that they are not late. We can't rely on the
20 US Postal Service either until they get
21 caught up. They seem to be getting better,
22 but everything is still behind. So I just
23 want to remind, go to our website and you can
24 pay online or drop it in the drop box. The
25 kiosks are coming soon, and so that will be

1 another advantage of -- of being able to pay
2 at City Hall, even if we are closed, because
3 they will be outside access.

4 And then with income taxes, again, RITA
5 is not coming on site to any of the site
6 locations that they serve, any of the cities.
7 But, again, all of their forms are online;
8 the phone number is online. It's
9 RITAOhio.com, so R-I-T-A, Ohio.com.

10 And you can access that from our City
11 website, as well. So I just wanted to share
12 that information.

13 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Jina.
14 I appreciate it.

15 Okay. Moving on, Engineer, Rob.

16 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you. No report this
17 evening, Mr. President.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, sir.
19 And Council Clerk, Ben.

20 MR. YOUNG: My only report this evening
21 is to give you all an update on where the
22 Civil Service Commission currently is. We
23 are in the final stages of setting up the
24 promotional tests for battalion chief, and
25 those will hopefully be the week of April

1 12th. And so we should have some -- someone
2 in that new position of fire battalion chief
3 by the end of April.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Outstanding.
5 All right. Thank you.

6 Moving on to Council reports. Member
7 Foltz.

8 MR. FOLTZ: No report, Jeff.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Member Werren.

10 MS. WERREN: Yeah, I just want to thank
11 Ben for doing a really good training this
12 week we were able to participate in. So
13 thank you for that.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
15 Member Fonte.

16 MR. FONTE: Excuse me. No report. Just
17 thanks, Ben, for the special training you
18 gave us. And hope everybody stays safe and
19 enjoys their life.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Dom.
21 Member Revoldt.

22 MR. REVOLDT: No report.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Member Cerreta.

24 MR. CERRETA: Cathy, great job on the
25 Dogwood Park. I'm really looking forward to

1 that. And thanks to everyone for their
2 efforts. And I have no report.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
4 Member Stroia.

5 MR. STROIA: Just wanted to thank the
6 road crew for doing such an amazing job. I
7 think I forgot to thank them last time. But
8 being around, talking to people in the
9 community, it's -- it's -- our kids literally
10 think that our streets are heated. So they
11 are doing a fantastic job. So that's all I
12 wanted to say. Thanks.

13 MR. PETERS: All right. Good stuff.
14 Thank you, Matt.

15 Okay. At this time, we want to move into
16 executive session, upon an unanimous roll
17 call, for the sole purpose of considering a
18 request for economic development assistance,
19 which involves public infrastructure
20 improvements in order to protect the possible
21 investment of public funds as permitted under
22 ORC121.22(G)(8).

23 So may I have a motion and a second to
24 enter into executive session?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

1 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.
2 MR. PETERS: Ben, please call the roll.
3 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.
4 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.
5 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.
6 MS. WERREN: Yes.
7 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.
8 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.
9 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.
10 MR. FONTE: Yes.
11 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.
12 MR. STROIA: Yes.
13 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.
14 MR. CERRETA: Yes.
15 MR. YOUNG: And Member Peters.
16 MR. PETERS: Yes.
17 And let the record reflect, other than
18 Council, we will need the Deputy Director of
19 Administration, Director of Administration,
20 Director of Finance, Mayor Wilder, and
21 Council Clerk Young.
22 MR. YOUNG: All right. I'm going to open
23 up the executive session. You all should get
24 a pop-up inviting you to join. For the
25 public, the stream will lose audio at this

1 point. But you will hear us when we return.

2 (Whereupon, Council enters Executive
3 Session.)

4 MR. PETERS: There we go. All right. It
5 looks like we got everyone back now?

6 MR. STROIA: Yep.

7 MR. PETERS: Three, four, five, six.
8 Okay. Ben, are we -- we are back on the
9 record?

10 MR. YOUNG: Yes. Everybody is back, if
11 Shannon is still with us.

12 THE REPORTER: Shannon is still here.

13 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, Mr.
14 President.

15 MR. PETERS: Very good. Now, can I get a
16 motion and a second to adjourn the executive
17 session?

18 MS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.

19 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

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

22 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

23 MR. PETERS: Aye.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

25 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

1 MR. FONTE: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Aye.

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. Let the
7 record reflect that no action was taken.

8 At this point, final call for new
9 business to Council.

10 (No response.)

11 MR. PETERS: All right. Seeing none,
12 we'll address the meeting calendar real
13 quick. March 1st we have a 6:30 p.m. public
14 hearing on 309 Lindy Lane, Northwest,
15 followed by a Committee of the Whole.

16 March 8th will be a regular City Council
17 meeting. March 15th, Committee. The 22nd,
18 Council meeting. And March 29th, no meeting.

19 Any adjustments to this calendar, or
20 requests?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PETERS: Seeing none, I'll entertain
23 a motion to adjourn.

24 MS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.

25 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

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

MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

MR. PETERS: Aye.

MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

MR. CERRETA: Aye.

MR. FONTE: Aye.

MS. WERREN: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Aye.

MR. PETERS: Opposed?

(No response.)

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

(This proceeding concluded at 9:14 p.m.)

ATTEST:

Daniel Jeff Peters,
Council President

Benjamin R. Young

Benjamin R. Young,
Council Clerk

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