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City Council, taken by the undersigned, Shannon L.
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APPEARANCES:

- Matthew Stroia, President
- Daryl Revoldt, Member
- David Metheney, Member
- John Orr, Member
- Stephanie Werren, Member
- Christina Weyrick, Member
- Jamie McCleaster, Member
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administrator
- Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of Administration
- Robert Graham, Engineer
- Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk

1 MR. STROIA: I now call to order the
2 North Canton City Council meeting for
3 February 28th, 2022. The time is 7:00 p.m.
4 Opening prayer, Mayor Wilder.
5 (Whereupon, Mayor Wilder leads us in
6 prayer.)
7 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is
8 recited.)
9 MR. STROIA: All right. Ben, would you
10 please call the roll?
11 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.
12 MR. METHENEY: Here.
13 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.
14 MR. ORR: Here.
15 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.
16 MR. STROIA: Here.
17 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.
18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Here.
19 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.
20 MR. REVOLDT: Here.
21 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.
22 MS. WEYRICK: Here.
23 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.
24 MS. WERREN: Here.
25 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

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MR. STROIA: Thank you. Could I have a motion and a second to approve as presented the minutes from February 7th, 2022, Committee of the Whole and City Council?

MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

MR. METHENEY: Second.

MR. STROIA: All in favor?

MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Aye.

MR. METHENEY: Aye.

MR. ORR: Aye.

MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

MS. WERREN: Aye.

MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

At this time, we will have the recognition of the public. Members of the public wishing to address Council may do so. Each speaker will have a -- five minutes.

Please begin by stating your name and address. As a reminder, the rules we posted on the screen and termination -- violation -- a violation of the rules will be grounds for

1 your termination.

2 MS. LALIBERTE: What screen did you post
3 those?

4 MR. STROIA: Right there.

5 MS. LALIBERTE: Oh, that's interesting.
6 This is my first. I'm a virgin.

7 MR. STROIA: Welcome.

8 MS. LALIBERTE: Thank you. For the
9 record, my name is Amy Laliberte, and I
10 currently have and for 28 years resided at
11 1674 Ambler Avenue, Southwest, North Canton,
12 44709.

13 To be clear and concise, I believe we
14 need concrete curb placement on -- on the
15 Westfield to Ambler Avenue curve, as our
16 grade on the hill is substantial. And we
17 need to offset cost prohibitive erosion
18 issues to the City of North Canton.

19 Asphalt curbs have, if reviewed, not cut
20 the mustard. And if -- according to Matt
21 Morrow, a City employee for the road
22 services, are unavailable at this time.
23 Thanks to oil production in the U.S. being
24 shut down in favor of foreign supply,
25 concrete is only 4.6 -- you know, \$4 point 6

1 square -- per square foot.

2 Records will show asphalt has not
3 withstood weather and snow removal. We need
4 concerned people willing to consider future
5 cost to the City of North Canton and move
6 this issue forward.

7 Got to give kudos to the City of North
8 Canton and caring City employees for their
9 response to my concerns. I want to commend
10 Matt Morrow first for his caring and
11 considerate response last Thursday and
12 completing a request I had for an incorrect
13 drainage placement on my street.

14 Also, kudos to Councilman-at-Large Daryl
15 Revoldt, my councilman, John Orr, and City
16 Engineer Rob for all responding to my calls
17 last Thursday regarding my concerns. This is
18 what makes our City phenomenal.

19 My only complaint is I was surprised my
20 five-minute speak couldn't have any continued
21 conversation, yet I understand.

22 I am a citizen of North Canton and would
23 love consideration of concrete curb placement
24 on Westfield through Ambler Avenue. We have
25 a considerable grade of elevation around a

1 curve on our road that is causing erosion to
2 the roadway. Asphalt curbs have not curbed
3 the issue. Concrete pricing is competitive
4 to asphalt, and choosing it now, like Matt
5 Morrow so concisely said, asphalt is not
6 available, is the better choice to curb
7 their -- further erosion on an already
8 compromised area.

9 Our street is platted -- have no idea
10 what that means -- under a grandfather
11 clause. Our street indeed meets those
12 requirements, but so much continued damage is
13 being caused due to complacency. Please
14 consider in looking at our small but crucial
15 area to further cut cost to the City of North
16 Canton. Many thanks for your consideration.

17 MR. STROIA: Thank you.

18 MR. ORR: Thank you.

19 MR. STROIA: Anyone else wishing to
20 address the public?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. STROIA: Okay. Moving on to old
23 business, can I have a motion and a second to
24 read by title only Ordinance 58-2021?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

1 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.
2 MR. STROIA: All in favor?
3 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
4 MR. STROIA: Aye.
5 MR. METHENEY: Aye.
6 MR. ORR: Aye.
7 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.
8 MS. WERREN: Aye.
9 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.
10 MR. STROIA: Opposed?
11 (No response.)
12 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.
13 Daryl.
14 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
15 1133, single-family and two-family
16 residential district regulations,
17 specifically Subsection 1133.08(d), swimming
18 pools, and Chapter 1707, swimming pools,
19 spas, and hot tubs, specifically Subsection
20 1707.01(b) of the codified ordinances of the
21 City of North Canton to lower the minimum
22 required height of fencing for swimming pools
23 to 4 feet.
24 MR. STROIA: Daryl.
25 MR. REVOLDT: We have discussed this ad

1 nauseam, 4-foot height, standard fence
2 height. We have eliminated also the
3 requirement, the -- the permission for what
4 would be called green fencing, and we have
5 eliminated the requirement for a fence for an
6 above-ground pool, arguing that the height of
7 the pool constitutes its own fence.

8 No one spoke against this at any Council
9 meeting or at the public hearings. If there
10 are no other comments, I move we adopt the
11 third and final reading of Ordinance 58-21.

12 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

13 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

14 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

15 MR. STROIA: Aye.

16 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

17 MR. ORR: Aye.

18 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

19 MS. WERREN: Aye.

20 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

24 Can I have a motion and a second to read
25 by title only Ordinance 6-2022?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
2 MS. WEYRICK: Second.
3 MR. STROIA: All in favor?
4 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
5 MR. STROIA: Aye.
6 MR. METHENEY: Aye.
7 MR. ORR: Aye.
8 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.
9 MS. WERREN: Aye.
10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.
11 MR. STROIA: Opposed?
12 (No response.)
13 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.
14 Ben.
15 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
16 1127, establishment of districts and maps,
17 specifically Section 1127.01, establishment
18 of districts, of the codified ordinances of
19 the City of North Canton in order to remove
20 the chart of districts contained therein.
21 MR. STROIA: Daryl.
22 MR. REVOLDT: Editorial effort to
23 guarantee consistency, so we don't have
24 incontinuity between two sections. We'll
25 have requirements in one location. That's

1 it. No one is -- I move we adopt the second
2 reading of Ordinance 6-22.

3 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

4 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

6 MR. STROIA: Aye.

7 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

8 MR. ORR: Aye.

9 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

15 Moving on, can I have a motion and a
16 second to read by title only Ordinance
17 7-2022?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

19 MR. METHENEY: Second.

20 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

21 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

23 MR. STROIA: Aye.

24 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

25 MR. ORR: Aye.

1 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

7 Ben.

8 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Title
9 5, administration, of the planning and zoning
10 code of the codified ordinances of the City
11 of North Canton in order to establish more
12 efficient and effective zoning review and
13 amendment processes.

14 MR. STROIA: Daryl.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Pretty much. As this is
16 only the second reading, I won't go into
17 great detail. But I do want to add one
18 thing. I want to draw your attention to page
19 9 in which the rationale for these changes
20 are outlined. You know, in the past we had
21 members of Council prepare the minutes for
22 the legislation -- prepare the meeting
23 minutes --

24 MS. WERREN: Oh, that's right.

25 MR. REVOLDT: -- for action. I can never

1 remember preparing committee minutes that had
2 these details and clarity that would outline
3 what we are doing. And this is the
4 byproduct. This is the by-product of our
5 Clerk.

6 And, Ben, I appreciate this. As I was
7 looking at this in preparation for the
8 meeting, I was -- I was struck by how great
9 the record will be for what and why we have
10 done things. And it's all here in two pages
11 -- two and a half -- two pages. So, Ben,
12 great job.

13 MR. YOUNG: Thank you.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Any other questions or
15 comments? We'll bring this back one more
16 time for the third and final reading.
17 Anything right now?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. REVOLDT: Seeing none, then I move we
20 adopt the second reading of Ordinance 7-22.

21 MR. METHENEY: Second.

22 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Aye.

25 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

1 MR. ORR: Aye.
2 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.
3 MS. WERREN: Aye.
4 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.
5 MR. STROIA: Opposed?
6 (No response.)
7 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.
8 Moving on, could I have a motion and a
9 second to read by title only Ordinance
10 8-2022?
11 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
12 MS. WEYRICK: Second.
13 MR. STROIA: All in favor?
14 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
15 MR. STROIA: Aye.
16 MR. METHENEY: Aye.
17 MR. ORR: Aye.
18 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.
19 MS. WERREN: Aye.
20 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.
21 MR. STROIA: Opposed?
22 (No response.)
23 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.
24 Ben.
25 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter

1 145, Planning Commission, of the codified
2 ordinances of the City of North Canton.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. This -- this
4 ordinance and the one that follows it
5 establish the -- in our code, the Planning
6 Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals as
7 their own separate entity, organizational
8 entities. Again, this is to allow them to be
9 treated -- actually, they are identical
10 ordinances, but it specifies the requirements
11 for quorum, it requires adoption of rules,
12 sets the monthly meetings, et cetera.

13 So this is just the -- again, the
14 guardrails for both Planning in this
15 particular ordinance and the one that follows
16 it for ZBA. Also, I might add it requires
17 that the meetings be recorded and
18 transcribed, which many of you know, we have
19 had problems in the past. So that ordinance
20 addresses those issues.

21 If there are no other issues or comments,
22 I will move the adoption of the second
23 reading of Ordinance 8-22.

24 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

25 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

2 MR. STROIA: Aye.

3 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

4 MR. ORR: Aye.

5 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

6 MS. WERREN: Aye.

7 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

8 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

11 Moving on, can I have a motion and a
12 second to read by title only Ordinance
13 9-2022?

14 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

15 MS. WERREN: Werren second.

16 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

17 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Aye.

19 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

20 MR. ORR: Aye.

21 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

22 MS. WERREN: Aye.

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

2 Ben.

3 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
4 147, zoning and building standards board of
5 appeals, of the codified ordinances of the
6 City of North Canton.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Given the eloquent
8 explanation that was just provided, I move we
9 adopt the second reading of Ordinance 9-22.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

11 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

13 MR. STROIA: Aye.

14 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

15 MR. ORR: Aye.

16 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

22 Moving on -- we'll give Daryl a break
23 here.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

25 MR. STROIA: Ordinance -- can I have a

1 motion and a second to read by title only
2 Ordinance 22-2022?

3 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

4 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

5 MR. METHENEY: Second.

6 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

7 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

8 MR. STROIA: Aye.

9 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

10 MR. ORR: Aye.

11 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

17 Ben.

18 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending the
19 boundaries of the wards of the City of North
20 Canton, pursuant to Article 2.02 of the
21 charter of the City of North Canton and the
22 laws of the State of Ohio.

23 MR. ORR: You want to handle it, Daryl?

24 MR. REVOLDT: I'm on a roll. John, I
25 don't want to steal your thunder. This is

1 your first big piece here.

2 MS. WERREN: It will be eloquent. That's
3 what we need to know.

4 MR. REVOLDT: In detail.

5 MR. ORR: This ordinance is -- every ten
6 years, with the census, we need to take a
7 look at the population of the different wards
8 and stuff. Right now, there is a little bit
9 of a variance. Under this new action, how we
10 redistrict, we are within 2 percent all
11 across.

12 We haven't had much discussion on the
13 first reading, and it's on the board here,
14 the current map and the new map. It's not
15 that big of a change. They do extend a
16 little bit. So I -- I'll make a motion that
17 we accept this.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

19 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Aye.

22 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

23 MR. ORR: Aye.

24 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

25 MS. WERREN: Aye.

1 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

2 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

5 Moving on to new business, can I have a
6 motion and a second to suspend Council Rule
7 24 to allow for consideration of what will be
8 Ordinance 23-2022 without a committee report?

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will move.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

11 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

13 MR. STROIA: Aye.

14 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

15 MR. ORR: Aye.

16 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

22 And can I have a motion and a second to
23 read by title only Ordinance 23-2022?

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

25 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

1 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

2 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Aye.

4 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

5 MR. ORR: Aye.

6 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

7 MS. WERREN: Aye.

8 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

12 Ben.

13 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance continuing the
14 Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive
15 Agreement between the City of North Canton
16 and 1303 through 1305 North Main Street, and
17 declaring the same to be an emergency.

18 MR. REVOLDT: For those of you who are
19 new and in the audience, annually, the City
20 is required by state law to review tax
21 abatements on residential and commercial
22 properties. That is done internally, and
23 then it is forwarded to the county entity,
24 TERC, which also reviews those. That meeting
25 is going to be held on March 14th here in the

1 City. So this is the reason that we have the
2 emergency clause tonight. We are suspending
3 the rules. We need to get the decks cleared
4 for that.

5 This particular property is the only
6 property we currently have under a CRA tax
7 abatement. And that was subject to some
8 discussion starting in 2016, and so we are
9 in -- we are moving along on this one.

10 And I might add that the property was in
11 compliance with the requirements, too. And
12 that's part of the process, has the
13 property -- has the property complied with
14 the representations made at the time of the
15 application. And the answer is yes.

16 Mr. DeOrio.

17 MR. DEORIO: I might just add -- thank
18 you, Mr. Chair. So I'd also like to add that
19 part of the reason for the necessity on the
20 emergency is not just that the deadline is
21 March 14th to have a meeting, but that we are
22 also dependent upon the county auditor's
23 office for information that is necessary to
24 go into the reports that the CRA approves and
25 that go to the TERC. And that information

1 we adopt the first reading of Ordinance
2 23-22.

3 MR. METHENEY: Second.

4 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

6 MR. STROIA: Aye.

7 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

8 MR. ORR: Aye.

9 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

15 Can I have a motion and a second to
16 suspend the rules of Council requiring three
17 readings?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

19 MS. WERREN: Werren second.

20 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

21 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

22 MR. STROIA: Aye.

23 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

24 MR. ORR: Aye.

25 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

1 MS. WERREN: Aye.

2 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

6 And, finally, can I have a motion and a
7 second to adopt Ordinance 23-2022 under
8 suspension of the rules?

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

11 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

13 MR. STROIA: Aye.

14 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

15 MR. ORR: Aye.

16 MR. WEYRICK: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

22 Moving on, department reports. I'll
23 start with Catherine. Catherine.

24 MS. FARINA: Thank you. I have no report
25 tonight. Thank you.

1 MR. STROIA: All right. Rob, go for it.

2 MR. GRAHAM: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
3 President. Just a couple quick things. One
4 is we turn the calendars tonight to March
5 tomorrow morning. We are getting ready to
6 get going with construction season. We
7 already have four of our projects bid out and
8 ready to go.

9 I have a pre-construction meeting
10 tomorrow on our Pittsburg waterline, phase
11 two. That's one that we had actually sold
12 last year with the commissioners. We had
13 CDBG funding in that. We sold it late
14 because they don't get their check from HUD
15 for a quarter million dollar grant until
16 pretty late in the fall. So we look to get
17 started -- our contractor, weather
18 permitting, is looking to get started out
19 there on March 14th. So we'll have the
20 orange barrels up.

21 Now, that one luckily is just outside the
22 City. We did phase one in the City on
23 Pittsburg the year before last and then
24 finished it last spring. And that one is
25 going to be Pittsburg up to about Ronelle and