

CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF
MARCH 6, 2023, 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, March 6, 2023, at 7:19 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

- Matthew Stroia, Council President, At Large
- Stephanie Werren, Council Vice President, Ward 3
- Jamie McCleaster, Ward 1
- David Metheney, Ward 2
- Daryl Revoldt, At Large
- Christina Weyrick, At Large
- Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of
Administration and Development
- Jim Bertovich, Deputy Director of Finance
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Benjamin R. Young, Clerk
- Ginny Grier, Assistant Clerk of Council

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1 MR. STROIA: I now call to order the special
2 city council meeting of March 6, 2023. The time is
3 7:19 p.m.

4 Opening prayer. Jamie.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right. Let us pray.

6 Holy One, known by many names and beyond all
7 names, spirit of life, spirit of love, spirit of
8 community, we ask your blessings on the people here
9 in this room and those in the community not here
10 tonight. Bless us as we do the work of our neighbors
11 and guide us as always. Amen.

12 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

13 MR. STROIA: Ben, would you please call the
14 roll.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

18 MR. STROIA: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

20 MRS. WERREN: Here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: Here.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

24 MS. WEYRICK: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

1 MR. METHENEY: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr is absent. Six
3 present.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Move to excuse Member Orr.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

6 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

9 Okay. Moving on to recognition of the
10 public.

11 At this time, members of the public wishing
12 to address city council may do so. Each speaker will
13 be given five minutes. Comments shall be limited to
14 legislative items appearing on tonight's agenda only.
15 The rules for speaking and the speaker's time will
16 appear on both TV screens. This will serve as the
17 only warning for anyone in attendance. Any violation
18 of the rules will result in ejection from the
19 premises.

20 Anybody wanting to address council tonight,
21 please approach the podium.

22 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview
23 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

24 First, in order to avoid being ejection
25 tonight and spoiling Mr. -- the chief's evening, I'm

1 confused by your language tonight. You have referred
2 a couple items to the council agenda. And knowing
3 your propensity to throw it on your following
4 meeting, is the CRA approval going to be thrown on
5 there tonight? Because it's not on your printed
6 agenda. Mr. Revoldt said move 3c, which is this
7 item, to the council agenda. So is it going to be
8 put on tonight's council agenda?

9 MR. REVOLDT: Excuse me. I may have
10 misspoken. It should be Item 6a.

11 MR. OSBORNE: Yes. And that is also what
12 confused me.

13 MR. REVOLDT: That's what it is.

14 MR. OSBORNE: So you are moving it to the
15 agenda?

16 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

17 MR. OSBORNE: Okay. Being safe it's on the
18 council agenda so I don't get thrown out, I'd like to
19 speak to that.

20 The CRA that you've talked about is North
21 Ridge Apartments. That was a million-dollar tax
22 abatement that nobody at city hall would ever
23 acknowledge who approved it. A million dollars for a
24 40-unit apartment complex. It was whittled down, I
25 guess, with negotiations with the school district, to

1 a half a million dollars. But again, we have nobody
2 at city hall, mayor, council members, who would
3 acknowledge how that abatement was given. So I just
4 wanted to get it on the record, this is a tax
5 abatement with no foundation legally that nobody
6 would stand up and acknowledge how it came into
7 being.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. STROIA: Anyone else wanting to address
10 the public tonight? Okay. Final call.

11 Okay. Moving on to new business. Can I have
12 a motion and a second to suspend Council Rule 23 to
13 allow for consideration of legislative numbers
14 24-2023, 25-2023, 26-2023, 28-2023, and 29-2023
15 without a committee report.

16 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

17 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

18 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 Okay. Ben, would you please read the title
22 of Ordinance 24-2023.

23 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance continuing the
24 Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive Agreement
25 between the City of North Canton and 1303-1305 North

1 Main Street, and declaring the same to be an
2 emergency.

3 MR. STROIA: Okay. Daryl.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. We need to send this
5 down to the county for its -- I believe it's the
6 14th, is that the date of the meeting?

7 MR. YOUNG: Correct.

8 MR. REVOLDT: And so we're going to ask that
9 this be adopted this evening. Not only first reading
10 but also on emergency. And it's, as Mr. Osborne's
11 pointed out, it is Item 6a.

12 MR. MCCLEASTER: And this has been -- this
13 has been a part of the CRA for what? about ten years
14 now?

15 MR. REVOLDT: I believe it stems from 2016 or
16 2015.

17 MR. MCCLEASTER: Okay. I just didn't know.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Somewhere in those periods.

19 MR. MCCLEASTER: Still over five years.

20 MR. REVOLDT: It exists as a --

21 MR. MCCLEASTER: As a matter of the
22 settlement.

23 MR. REVOLDT: As a legal settlement.

24 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yeah.

25 MR. REVOLDT: As a result.

1 MR. MCCLEASTER: So there is legal basis for
2 this.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. And I would also note
4 that.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: Right or wrong, there is.

6 MR. REVOLDT: That one of the parties that
7 was, in my humble opinion, that was primarily
8 responsible for this matter is no longer with us.

9 MR. MCCLEASTER: That's exactly right.
10 Are you looking for a motion?

11 MR. STROIA: Let me just say, and as long as
12 they're complying with everything there's nothing we
13 can do legally.

14 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

15 MRS. WERREN: Right.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Definitely. So the important
17 thing is there is an outstanding legal settlement
18 that the parties agreed to.

19 MR. STROIA: Right. It's a legal obligation.

20 MRS. WERREN: Right.

21 MR. REVOLDT: It's a legal obligation. But,
22 the suggestion that those who may have been party to
23 this went unrecognized or unidentified is not true.

24 MRS. WERREN: Right.

25 MR. REVOLDT: They are no longer with us.

1 MR. MCCLEASTER: I was going to say. Yes.

2 Yeah.

3 So again, looking for a motion?

4 MR. REVOLDT: I seek a motion, sir.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: I will give you said motion.

6 MR. REVOLDT: You make, I'll second.

7 MR. MCCLEASTER: Give you a motion to move
8 ordinance -- or to --

9 MR. REVOLDT: To adopt.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: -- to adopt Ordinance
11 24-2023 on emergency.

12 MR. REVOLDT: And I'll second.

13 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

16 Can I have a motion and a second to suspend
17 the rules of council requiring three readings.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

19 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

20 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 And can I have a motion and a second to adopt
24 Ordinance 24-2023 under suspension of the rules.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

1 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

2 All in favor?

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

5 And moving on to 6b. Daryl. Sorry.

6 Stephanie.

7 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

8 MR. STROIA: Tricked you.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Scared me.

10 MRS. WERREN: We did talk about this in the
11 meeting, and this is just our request, putting it on
12 the record is all we're really doing is to put this
13 pre-recession levels back into our governmental fund.
14 And we can say that we did that. So I move to adopt.

15 MR. YOUNG: You need to read it first.

16 MRS. WERREN: Sorry.

17 MR. STROIA: Ben, you need to read the title.
18 I'm sorry.

19 MR. YOUNG: A resolution strongly urging the
20 Ohio governor and members of the Ohio General
21 Assembly to restore the local government fund to
22 pre-recession levels.

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: I move to adopt.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

25 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

3 Can I have a motion and a second to suspend
4 the rules of council requiring three readings.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

7 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 And can I have a motion and a second to adopt
11 Resolution 25-2023 under suspension of the rules.

12 MR. METHENEY: Motion to adopt Resolution
13 25-2023.

14 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

15 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 And, Ben, would you please read the title of
19 Resolution 26-23. 2023.

20 MR. YOUNG: A resolution authorizing the
21 mayor of the City of North Canton to execute the
22 participation agreement for the manufacturers Teva
23 and Allergan and the pharmacies CVS, Walgreens, and
24 Walmart regarding the National Opioid Settlement
25 Agreements available at nationalopioidsettlement.com,

1 and declaring the same to be an emergency.

2 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Again, we had discussed
3 this partially because we already received our first
4 payment so this would possibly be a second payment.
5 We're not sure of the amount, but this allows us to
6 receive that.

7 If no other questions, I move to adopt.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

9 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 And can I have a motion and a second to
13 suspend the rules of council requiring three
14 readings.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

16 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

20 And can I have a motion and a second to adopt
21 Resolution 26-2023 under suspension of the rules.

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: So moved.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

24 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 Ben, would you please read the title of
3 Ordinance 28-2023.

4 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
5 director of administration of the City of North
6 Canton to advertise and receive bids according to
7 specifications now on file in the director's office,
8 for the purchase of water treatment plant chemicals
9 for use by the city's drinking water treatment plant,
10 and authorizing the mayor, upon board of control
11 approval, to enter into a contract for the purchase
12 of said chemicals, and declaring the same to be an
13 emergency.

14 MR. STROIA: Jamie.

15 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right. Well, we just
16 talked about this a little bit ago. I don't know if
17 there's anything else to add or -- I would move that
18 we adopt.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

20 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 And can I have a motion and a second to
24 suspend the rules of council requiring three
25 readings.

1 MR. METHENEY: Motion to suspend.

2 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

3 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

4 ("Aye" in unison.)

5 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

6 And can I have a motion and a second to adopt
7 Ordinance 28-2023 under suspension of the rules.

8 MR. MCCLEASTER: So moved.

9 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

10 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

13 Ben, could you please read the title of
14 Resolution 29-2023.

15 MR. YOUNG: A resolution in support of the
16 Congressionally Directed Spending request of the City
17 of North Canton to fund the Arrowhead Water Well
18 Project.

19 MR. STROIA: Okay. Jamie from the rubbish
20 committee.

21 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right. Well, we
22 discussed this a little bit earlier. This is seeking
23 federal funding or federal assistance through a grant
24 for this project. Again, I don't know if there's
25 anything else to add. All right. And I at this

1 point would move that we adopt Resolution 29-2023.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

3 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

4 ("Aye" in unison.)

5 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

6 And can I have a motion and a second to
7 suspend the rules of council requiring three
8 readings.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

11 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

14 And can I have a motion and a second to adopt
15 Resolution 29-2023 under suspension of the rules.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

17 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

18 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 And I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

22 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

24 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

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MR. STROIA: Adjourned.

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(Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.)

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Attest:


Benjamin R. Young
Clerk of Council


Matthew Stroia
City Council President

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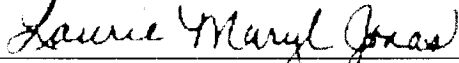
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Laurie Maryl Jonas, RMR & Notary Public.
My commission expires January 6, 2027.

