

CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF  
MARCH 7, 2022, 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 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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Matthew Stroia, Council President, At Large

Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

Jamie McCleaster, Ward 1

David Metheney, Ward 2

John Orr, Ward 4

Daryl Revoldt, At Large

Christina Weyrick, At Large

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Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

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Administration and Development

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Benjamin R. Young, Clerk

Frank Kemp, Jr., Chief of Police

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1 MR. STROIA: I now call to order the  
2 committee of the whole meeting on March 7, 2022. The  
3 time is 7 p.m.

4 Ben, would you please call roll.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: Present.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

8 MS. WEYRICK: Here.

9 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

10 MRS. WERREN: Here.

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

14 MR. STROIA: Here.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

16 MR. METHENEY: Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

18 MR. ORR: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

20 MR. STROIA: All right. Let's start off with  
21 Community and Economic Development.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. What we'd like to do is  
23 send to the planning commission a recommendation that  
24 we amend the Main Street North Gateway District to  
25 permit, as an accessory use on a conditional use

1 basis, gasoline station. And this is to support a  
2 forthcoming project which is well underway.

3 Does the administration have anything to add?

4 MR. DEORIO: I think you had a reference that  
5 there was a size of land restriction as well applied  
6 to that. I think it was like 5 acres or something.

7 MR. REVOLDT: I do not --

8 MR. YOUNG: That is correct.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

10 MR. YOUNG: Must be a retail use on 5 acres.

11 MR. REVOLDT: On 5 acres. Yes. I apologize.

12 Jamie, do you have anything?

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: No, sir.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Does any of the council have  
15 anything? We're going to send this to the planning  
16 commission.

17 MR. METHENEY: Sending this to the planning  
18 commission or sending this to council?

19 MR. REVOLDT: We're going to send it to the  
20 planning commission because we're going to amend the  
21 Main Street Gateway. Main Street --

22 MR. VAN GUNDY: North Gateway.

23 MR. REVOLDT: -- North Gateway District. So  
24 they'll run through the process.

25 MR. STROIA: Any other comments or questions?

1 MR. REVOLDT: I'll make a motion. Is there a  
2 second?

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

4 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor?

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. There's a note that we  
7 want to postpone this until the planning commission  
8 has made that recommendation. We don't want to do  
9 anything until it has done that. So we'll get it  
10 kind of back into the natural order of things.

11 MR. STROIA: So do we need to make a motion?

12 MR. REVOLDT: I will make that motion and  
13 I'll take a second.

14 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. REVOLDT: Perfect. Off to the planning  
17 commission it goes with a unanimous recommendation.

18 The other item that we have is we need to set  
19 a public hearing for the zoning of Parcel 10010198.  
20 This is the parcel that sits above Washington Square,  
21 it is that parcel that has been undeveloped for well  
22 over 20 years. The planning commission had a meeting  
23 and made a favorable recommendation to us. There  
24 were some conditions, which we won't have to get into  
25 at this moment, but we'd like to set that public

1 hearing for April 11 at 6:45.

2 Jamie, do you have anything to add?

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: No, I do not.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Council?

5 MS. WEYRICK: No.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Then I'll make that motion we  
7 set that public hearing on April 11 for 6:45 to  
8 consider the rezoning, and I should note this is from  
9 Office Building to General Business B.

10 MR. DEORIO: Mr. Chairman.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

12 MR. DEORIO: I believe there's a temporary  
13 placement on the calendar for the Charter Review  
14 Advisory committee at 5 p.m. in this room.

15 MR. YOUNG: There is. They said our first  
16 meeting we will be done by then. If not, we are  
17 permitted to start late, we're just not permitted to  
18 start early.

19 MR. REVOLDT: There we go.

20 MR. DEORIO: There we go.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. So we -- did we have a  
22 vote on that? All in favor?

23 MR. YOUNG: No. You still need a second.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Stroia seconded it. He's  
25 clever.

1 All in favor?

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. REVOLDT: Very good.

4 And then what we'd like to do is -- is motion  
5 and a second to move this out of committee. Correct?

6 MR. YOUNG: But not have the first reading  
7 until after the --

8 MR. REVOLDT: But not have the first reading  
9 until after the public hearing.

10 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

12 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor?

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. REVOLDT: Very good. Thank you.

15 MR. STROIA: All right. Moving on to Finance  
16 and Property. Stephanie.

17 MRS. WERREN: Okay. We have two -- I don't  
18 have my glasses so I'm having trouble reading. We  
19 have two different pieces of equipment we're going to  
20 be buying. The asphalt paver equipment, which is  
21 roughly \$285,000, and then the valve turning truck,  
22 which is about 181,000. And we talked about them  
23 during the budget but now I guess we're putting in --  
24 putting them in; right?

25 MS. ALABACK: Yes. We did a request for

1 quotes for financing from banks. We had three  
2 respond, and so we would like to award the capital  
3 leases for both pieces of equipment to Huntington  
4 Public Capital Corporation.

5 MRS. WERREN: Was it 2.3, 2.2 percent?

6 MS. ALABACK: Well, for the asphalt paving  
7 equipment it was 2.54 percent.

8 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

9 MS. ALABACK: Which was the lowest. And the  
10 valve turning truck was 2.32 percent.

11 MRS. WERREN: Okay. How many quotes did we  
12 actually put out to the banks? Or I guess how many  
13 responded?

14 MS. ALABACK: We sent it to four who asked to  
15 be included and three responded.

16 MR. METHENEY: Are we leasing this for the  
17 full purchase price?

18 MS. ALABACK: Yes.

19 MRS. WERREN: Okay. I move to put that on  
20 the agenda.

21 MR. REVOLDT: I'll second.

22 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

25 Moving on to Ordinance and Rules. John.



1 MR. ORR: All right. We've got an ordinance  
2 here, I guess we were known as the Dogwood City and  
3 we changed that probably, Pat, how many years ago?

4 MR. DEORIO: Yeah, that was interesting,  
5 Member Orr, that we did some checking around and --  
6 with the council clerk, and I would say ten years  
7 ago, nine years ago that --

8 MR. YOUNG: Just after the 2012 master plan  
9 it was taken off everything but never taken out of  
10 the codified ordinances.

11 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. So it was council's  
12 intent to do so, but it just somehow never got around  
13 to getting that into the codified ordinances.

14 MR. ORR: So all of the placards or whatever  
15 on the cars and trucks have already been changed and  
16 stuff?

17 MR. DEORIO: Yes, sir.

18 MR. ORR: So we need to, I guess, get with  
19 the times and pass this to get -- bring it on to --

20 MR. REVOLDT: We have a representation in our  
21 packets.

22 MR. ORR: Yeah. From the Dogwood to the NC.  
23 It's in the packets.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Can I ask a technical question?

25 MR. DEORIO: Yes, sir. And while you're

1 looking for that, to Member Orr, that, you know, we  
2 largely did that for all the marketing materials  
3 already and stuff that's on the trucks and that, but,  
4 you know, like when you do an official document you  
5 have the seal. So this will be that step, the last  
6 piece that we have to do.

7 MR. REVOLDT: So --

8 MR. DEORIO: There's one right here on the  
9 front.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I was just going to hold  
11 it up for the students because --

12 MR. DEORIO: Well, they can see it. It's  
13 right here. It's right in front.

14 MR. REVOLDT: But it doesn't say what it  
15 should say.

16 MR. DEORIO: What should it say?

17 MR. REVOLDT: It should say "NC beats  
18 Jackson." Right? Go Vikes.

19 MR. DEORIO: Wow.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Well, I won't get out of here  
21 alive tonight.

22 MRS. WERREN: Did you know they're all  
23 Jackson students?

24 MR. REVOLDT: I did.

25 MRS. WERREN: I think some of them were a

1 little late on getting their assignment done. I  
2 don't know.

3 MR. ORR: But we're rooting for your girls.

4 MRS. WERREN: I told them we'd be quick  
5 tonight.

6 MR. ORR: Could we do an emergency? Bring  
7 that up as an emergency? We've been using it for,  
8 you know, ten-plus years now. Do we need to drag it  
9 out any longer than the meeting next week?

10 MR. YOUNG: I'm not sure an emergency would  
11 be justified.

12 MR. ORR: No? Okay. Just checking.

13 MR. REVOLDT: So we need a motion to place it  
14 on the agenda.

15 MR. ORR: I will make the motion.

16 MR. REVOLDT: I will second.

17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

20 And John, 5C.

21 MR. ORR: 5C is --

22 MR. YOUNG: B.

23 MR. STROIA: B. I'm sorry.

24 MR. ORR: Very similar thing, correct, Ben,  
25 been on that? All three were --

1 MR. YOUNG: Kind of. So the next two are  
2 linked. The permits department and administration,  
3 from my understanding, were looking at the business  
4 code and at first they took a look at Chapter 701 and  
5 kind of like, well, we're not issuing any licenses,  
6 why is this in here.

7 MR. ORR: Right.

8 MR. YOUNG: And then doing a deeper dive into  
9 the code, the only thing left that is applicable  
10 under the general licensing provisions is Chapter  
11 709, Commercial Amusements, which we are not  
12 currently enforcing and I don't think, at least my  
13 understanding is we don't have an interest to enforce  
14 requiring a license for things like musicals,  
15 minstrel shows or festivals.

16 MR. METHENEY: When was the license ever  
17 issued? Permit.

18 MR. REVOLDT: When North Canton was New  
19 Berlin.

20 MR. DEORIO: When minstrel shows were big.

21 MR. ORR: It should have been changed years  
22 ago. So I will make a motion.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

24 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 John, 5C.

3 MR. ORR: 5C is an ordinance replacing 709B,  
4 that commercial amusement of the codified ordinances  
5 of the City of North Canton, so again, that's with  
6 minstrels and that type of wording and stuff, so we  
7 need to have that changed as well. I thought maybe  
8 those could be combined but we'll just go ahead and  
9 keep it the way it is. So I'll make a motion that we  
10 do that.

11 Do you have anything to add on that, Daryl?

12 MR. REVOLDT: I do not. You're looking for a  
13 second?

14 MR. ORR: Yeah, I'm looking for a second.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Then Revoldt will second.

16 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

17 ("Aye" in unison.)

18 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

19 Moving on to Personnel and Safety. David.

20 MR. METHENEY: So Chief Kemp has approached  
21 us with the idea of changing some staffing so -- not  
22 adding to staffing but changing the staffing.

23 So currently we have five sergeants, and one  
24 of them is a swing-shift sergeant. So that  
25 individual has, in some weeks, worked all three

1 shifts. It's making scheduling very difficult. That  
2 individual also never gets a weekend off. So the  
3 enticement, he gets one --

4 CHIEF KEMP: One a month.

5 MR. METHENEY: One a month. That seems like  
6 never. So it's been very difficult for him to fill  
7 this staffing so I'm going to let Chief Kemp get into  
8 a little more detail here, but the important thing is  
9 to remember they will be reducing some overtime. The  
10 cost to bring this person on board is not going to be  
11 that great when you consider the cost of no one  
12 wanting to take the swing-shift position. They're  
13 better off and the feelings is staying on a first  
14 shift or a second shift and not being stuck in that  
15 so this is allowing Chief Kemp an opportunity to  
16 manage the department, to get the coverage that we  
17 need and provide the coverage within the city better.

18 So if you would like to elaborate on that,  
19 what you want to do here, and explain to the rest of  
20 the members how this staffing change without adding  
21 additional people is going to work.

22 CHIEF KEMP: Okay. I think what I'm looking  
23 at is the idea of flexibility, wellness factor, and  
24 future-proofing. The department supervision  
25 structure --

1 MR. OSBORNE: Can you speak louder?

2 CHIEF KEMP: I apologize. I tend to be  
3 soft-spoken because when I speak softly people stop  
4 yelling at me because they want to listen to what I  
5 have to say. I'll try to scoot in closer to the  
6 microphone.

7 What I'm looking at is flexibility in  
8 staffing, consistency in supervision, wellness  
9 factor, and future-proofing the department. An  
10 additional sergeant position brings with it a  
11 flexibility that a sergeant is capable of doing the  
12 job of a patrol officer. In addition, a sergeant is  
13 able to step into the dispatch room and provide  
14 supervision to the dispatch room on afternoons and on  
15 nights as needed. By adding an additional sergeant  
16 position, I would be looking at changing my  
17 scheduling structure for the sergeants to put two  
18 sergeants on each shift and to stagger those  
19 sergeants in such a way that they are each scheduled  
20 every other weekend off.

21 As we've experienced some of the challenges  
22 that we've been through with COVID, when we end up  
23 with a supervisor off we have a preference written  
24 into our contract so that that position is filled by  
25 overtime of the other supervisors, which could be

1           either a sergeant on overtime or could be a  
2           lieutenant filling the position of a sergeant on  
3           overtime because of that preference. When they don't  
4           fill it, we have an officer in charge, but the  
5           officer in charge does not necessarily have the same  
6           supervision training that we send our sergeants  
7           through.

8                     Do you have any questions related to that?

9           MR. ORR: What do the other sergeants think  
10          of this?

11          CHIEF KEMP: There's a little bit of mixed  
12          opinions, because we are set to have a -- if it's  
13          going to be put on the council for consideration for  
14          vote, I plan to have a meeting with the sergeants so  
15          we can further discuss it. I know there's some  
16          reservations because, as was indicated, it could  
17          possibly reduce some overtime costs. As sergeants  
18          look at their paycheck and the diminishing paychecks  
19          because of the economic situation that's happening to  
20          everybody, they don't necessarily want to lose the  
21          overtime. But they also like to have their time off.  
22          So you can't have both. And with having two  
23          sergeants on each shift -- currently day shift is the  
24          only shift that is set up as such. I have a shift  
25          supervisor that runs the shift and I have my



1 administrative sergeant who handles a lot of the  
2 tasks related to IT support, supporting the  
3 communications center, and what they do actually is  
4 oversees the communications center by structure of  
5 the department with the day-shift sergeant in the  
6 administrative spot, but what I'm looking at by  
7 having two sergeants on the other two shifts I would  
8 additionally task those other two sergeants with  
9 becoming more familiar with public records policy  
10 procedure, that way on afternoons and on nights I  
11 have somebody there that has a public records  
12 strength as one of their backgrounds. That would  
13 allow me to have three days a week where I have two  
14 sergeants scheduled.

15 Many times, as we are approaching the summer  
16 and the weather starts turning nice, the officers  
17 enjoy the luxury of coming in and going, We have  
18 minimum staffing. Or we are above minimum staffing.  
19 I am able to request my supervisor to let me go home  
20 so I can go enjoy the sunshine. If I have two  
21 sergeants on, one of those sergeants has that chance  
22 of going home and I'm not having to fill that  
23 position with overtime. So they get to use their  
24 vacation time, so there is that benefit with it.

25 The other thing is I had spoken to

1 future-proofing it. The last three exams that we've  
2 given, I've had no more than three people sign up and  
3 express interest in that position. Because what  
4 happens is, as they come up through the ranks we  
5 provide them with training and have great candidates  
6 available to be supervisors. They get to a shift of  
7 preference where they get to the every other weekend  
8 off so they get to have their family time. That is  
9 not a luxury that three of the five current sergeants  
10 get to enjoy. Three of the five current sergeants  
11 only get one weekend off a month. And when somebody  
12 goes off and they start covering overtime shifts,  
13 sometimes they have no weekends off a month because  
14 of covering those overtime shifts.

15 So I'm looking at it being a benefit that  
16 they get fixed shifts. I would still maintain one of  
17 those positions as a swing shift possibility in the  
18 event that somebody would go out sick, that by  
19 maintaining the ability to swing one of those  
20 positions, if absolutely necessary, we could help to  
21 make it fit within our payroll that's budgeted.

22 MR. METHENEY: I think Chief Kemp did an  
23 excellent job explaining the rest of that. The fact  
24 that it gives a better quality of life and better  
25 scheduling abilities of Chief Kemp, I motion we move

1 this to council next week.

2 MR. MCCLEASTER: I'll second.

3 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

4 ("Aye" in unison.)

5 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

6 Moving on to Street and Alley committee. So  
7 this is we're discussing Monticello Phase 8. This  
8 left the planning commission on February 9. It  
9 involves -- I think it was 12 -- 12.97 acres and 15  
10 lots. It was discussed in planning commission. It  
11 was moved out very easily.

12 Marty, Patrick, would you like to make any  
13 comments on this?

14 MR. VAN GUNDY: That fairly well covers it.  
15 The improvements, the required improvements, that is,  
16 have been completed. This was a project where, as it  
17 came to planning commission, there was an additional  
18 fire access road incorporated. They have  
19 incorporated that fire access road. The gate has  
20 been installed. You know, I think it's worth  
21 pointing out that, you know, staff was certain to  
22 make sure that that gate was installed prior to  
23 construction to help mitigate any traffic from the  
24 construction as it progressed through the  
25 neighborhood. So seems to be a reasonable middle

1 ground to provide the fire access for the community,  
2 and that's about all I have to have for that. I  
3 think that covers it.

4 MR. STROIA: Okay.

5 MRS. WERREN: I walk it every day. It looks  
6 great.

7 MR. VAN GUNDY: It does, yeah.

8 MRS. WERREN: That whole area is coming along  
9 really well. And I think all the neighbors seem very  
10 pleased with it. No one has mentioned it. We've had  
11 meetings through the community. No one -- it's all  
12 fine.

13 MR. VAN GUNDY: Excellent.

14 MR. STROIA: I'll make a motion to move this  
15 out of committee.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

20 Moving on to Water, Sewer and Rubbish.

21 Jamie.

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right. We have  
23 previously talked about the source water protection  
24 area, which is something we brought forth to protect  
25 our water wells we have here in the city, so this is

1 just moving on to the next step where we are actually  
2 going to be presenting the attached map.

3 Mr. DeOrio, do you have anything you would  
4 like to tell us about this?

5 MR. DEORIO: Certainly. This has been a  
6 project a year in the making since we engaged a  
7 consultant to help put this together, and the  
8 consultant is familiar with our water systems, and  
9 with that we were able to map out the areas that are  
10 within a one-year time of travel, a three-year time  
11 of travel, a five-year time of travel. You can look  
12 at the map up there for our water sources where we  
13 get our water from.

14 So we have wells in all different kinds of  
15 places and we look at how the subsurface water flows  
16 to that. When you -- when you use a well, you're  
17 drawing water out of the ground and it acts like a  
18 vacuum. It sucks. And so all the water that's  
19 underneath in the surrounding area starts drawing  
20 towards the well, which then causes other water to  
21 fill that space. So the intent here is to be mindful  
22 of what business operations are going to be operating  
23 within those zones of those time to travel. And so  
24 it's important that we have this map and, you know,  
25 much of this will encompass areas of Jackson Township

1 and Lake Township and Plain Township. The City of  
2 Canton will be doing this as well, and their map will  
3 be different than our map.

4 So in order for us to take advantage of the  
5 changes in the Ohio Revised Code that give the  
6 municipalities that make water the authority to limit  
7 the uses on lands that are within that time travel,  
8 we have to adopt the SWP, and with that we have to  
9 have the maps. So as soon as this goes into effect  
10 for us, then we will be engaging with neighbors to  
11 share with them and encourage them at their zoning  
12 boards to adopt our plan and put them in a position  
13 where they partner with us on protecting our water.

14 MR. MCCLEASTER: Okay. All right.  
15 Fantastic. Do does anybody have any questions or  
16 comments?

17 So I will move that we recommend the proposed  
18 amendment to the planning commission for their review  
19 and be entertaining a second.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

21 MR. MCCLEASTER: Okay. All those in favor?  
22 ("Aye" in unison.)

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Those opposed?

24 Second step with this, so I would also move  
25 we postpone until planning commission has made a

1 recommendation or 15 days, whichever occurs first.

2 So --

3 MR. REVOLDT: Is that a motion?

4 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yeah, that's a motion.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right. Motion and a  
7 second. Do we have all -- I guess all those in  
8 favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right. Any opposed?

11 All right.

12 MR. STROIA: Go ahead, Daryl.

13 MR. REVOLDT: I have a technical question.  
14 In our packet we have for consideration under Street  
15 and Alley the Woodside Avenue parcel. I don't have  
16 it on our agenda. Are we going to move forward with  
17 that tonight?

18 MR. YOUNG: That was from the Thursday draft  
19 agenda, and as I noted then, if we did not receive  
20 everything from the applicants --

21 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

22 MR. YOUNG: -- by the deadline, and we did  
23 not receive everything.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Very good. Thank you.

25 MR. DEORIO: It should be noted that

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Mr. Young, Mr. Van Gundy, Mr. Graham, myself have all, for a period of weeks, encouraged the developer to get information to us ad nauseam but to no avail so we pulled it from the agenda.

MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Perfect. Okay.

MR. STROIA: Noted.

MR. REVOLDT: Duly noted.

MR. STROIA: Any new business or further comments on anything tonight?

All right. I make a motion to adjourn.

MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

MR. STROIA: All in favor?


("Aye" in unison.)

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(Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.)

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Attest:

  
Benjamin R. Young  
Clerk of Council

  
Matthew Stroia  
City Council President



