

CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF  
MARCH 14, 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 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

- Matthew Stroia, Council President, At Large
- Stephanie Werren, Council Vice President, Ward 3  
(via Zoom)
- Jamie McCleaster, Ward 1
- David Metheney, Ward 2
- John Orr, Ward 4
- Daryl Revoldt, At Large
- Christina Weyrick, At Large
- Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Wayne A. Boyer, Director of Law
- Jina E. Alaback, Director of Finance
- Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services
- Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of  
Administration and Development
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Benjamin R. Young, Clerk of Council

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1 MR. STROIA: I'll now call to order the city  
2 council meeting of Monday, March 14, 2022. The time  
3 is 7:02 p.m.

4 Opening prayer. Jamie.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right.

6 Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking  
7 for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin  
8 this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful  
9 discussion, allow us to grow closer as a group and  
10 nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your  
11 grace as we make decisions that might affect all who  
12 live and work and visit in our community, and  
13 continue to remind us that all we do here tonight,  
14 all that we accomplish is for the pursuit for the  
15 truth of services for our community. Amen.

16 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

17 MR. STROIA: All right. Ben, would you  
18 please call the roll.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

20 MR. STROIA: Here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

22 MR. ORR: Here.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

1 MS. WEYRICK: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

3 MR. METHENEY: Here.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

7 MRS. WERREN: Here.

8 MR. STROIA: Let the record reflect that  
9 Member Werren is joining us virtually.

10 Consideration, can I have a motion and a  
11 second to approve as presented minutes from February  
12 14, 28, March 7, the February 2022 finance report and  
13 Chapters 1509, 741, 907, 953, 1136, 1143, 1191, and  
14 1739 as amended or established by recent legislation.

15 MR. YOUNG: 1141, not 1143.

16 MR. STROIA: 1141. Sorry.

17 MR. REVOLDT: I'll make that motion. Revoldt  
18 moves.

19 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

20 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 At this time we will have recognition of the  
24 public. Members of the public wishing to address  
25 council may do so. Each speaker will be granted five

1 minutes. Please come to the podium and begin by  
2 stating your name and address for the Record. As a  
3 reminder, for the -- as a reminder of the rules are  
4 posted on the screen to the audience right and  
5 violation of the rules is grounds for suspension for  
6 speaking privileges.

7 Anybody wishing to address council?

8 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne. 307 Fairview  
9 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

10 When I walked in here at 20 till there was  
11 more than a quorum of council members here and the  
12 remaining members came in shortly after that. I  
13 would like to know where my councilman is. Are  
14 virtual attendance now permitted by law? How much  
15 longer is this going to be allowed? Anybody answer  
16 that?

17 MR. REVOLDT: Virtual participation is  
18 permitted by law until June.

19 MR. OSBORNE: Till June.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Till June.

21 MR. YOUNG: July 1, 2022, to be exact.

22 MR. OSBORNE: So she will be allowed to  
23 vote -- excuse me?

24 MR. YOUNG: July 1, 2022, to be exact.

25 MR. OSBORNE: So she will be allowed to

1           participate in votes?

2                   MR. STROIA: Yes.

3                   MR. OSBORNE: I don't know why Mrs. Werren  
4           can't attend when all of you --

5                   MRS. WERREN: Mr. Osborne. Mr. Osborne.

6                   MR. OSBORNE: I'm speaking, Mrs. Werren.

7                   So I've seen this go on for ten years. This  
8           is pathetic representation. And as you all heard  
9           back in January, she refused publicly on the record  
10          to come and look into a complaint that I had. This  
11          is not the kind of elected representation that I  
12          would expect from my councilman. And Mrs. Weyrick  
13          joined in, refusing to come and look into a  
14          complaint.

15                  You are here to ask questions on behalf of  
16          residents, to scrutinize, criticize, and vote  
17          accordingly. But I just never, ever see it. You're  
18          just an extension of the government relaying what  
19          government wants to do. And it's too bad you don't  
20          want to televise this so people can hear it. Your  
21          audio is horrendous. And your video is pathetic. I  
22          thank Mr. Young for putting up the video camera  
23          rather than just leave it sitting on the shelf  
24          collecting dust, but as I said, when I first came in  
25          here to speak against the decision to stop

1 videotaping, the minute I walked in here it was  
2 obvious, this room you cannot videotape, it is so  
3 small.

4 Probably 15 years ago when we were going  
5 round and round about whether to transcribe minutes  
6 and everybody was praising the fact that we put them  
7 on audiotapes, the video of the audio, I went up to  
8 the City of Green. You would be blown away by the  
9 quality of their council chamber, their videotaping  
10 room. They have multiple cameras to videotape the  
11 entire body and the speakers who come to speak. So  
12 this is nothing I would run up the flag and cheer  
13 about, the way this city functions for its citizens.  
14 Thank you.

15 MR. STROIA: Anyone else wishing to address  
16 publicly? Okay. The floor is closed.

17 At this time, may I have a motion and a  
18 second to enter into executive session for the  
19 purpose of discussing the purchase of property for  
20 public purposes as permitted by ORC 121.22(G)(2).

21 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will move.

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

23 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

24 MR. REVOLDT: Roll call.

25 MR. STROIA: Roll call.

1 MR. YOUNG: Roll call.

2 MR. STROIA: Ben, would you please call the  
3 roll.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

7 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren. Come back to  
9 Member Werren.

10 Member Stroia.

11 MR. STROIA: Yes.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

13 MRS. WERREN: Yes. Yes.

14 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren votes yes.  
15 Member Revoldt.

16 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt votes yes.

18 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

19 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

20 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

21 MR. ORR: Yes.

22 MR. YOUNG: Seven for, zero against. The  
23 motion carries.

24 MR. STROIA: Thank you, Ben. At this time,  
25 council will enter into executive session.



1           Let the record reflect council would like  
2           Mayor Wilder, the director of administration, the  
3           deputy director of administration, the director of  
4           finance, Wayne Boyer and Terry Moore from the city's  
5           legal counsel to join council in executive session.  
6           Let the further record reflect that Member Werren  
7           will be joining the session by phone. We are now off  
8           the record.

9           (City council into executive session from  
10          7:10 to 8:26 p.m.)

11          (Mr. Boyer not present.)

12          MR. STROIA: Okay. May I have a motion and a  
13          second to adjourn from executive session.

14          MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

15          MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

16          MR. STROIA: All in favor?

17          ("Aye" in unison.)

18          MRS. WERREN: Second, Werren. Aye.

19          MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

20          Let the record reflect that no action was  
21          taken.

22          Moving on to no business -- new business --  
23          old business, sorry. Could I have a motion and a  
24          second to read by title only Ordinance 7-2022.

25          MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

1 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

2 MR. STROIA: All favor?

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MRS. WERREN: Aye.

5 MR. STROIA: All opposed? Motion carries.

6 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Title 5,  
7 Administration, of the Planning and Zoning Code of  
8 the codified ordinances of the City of North Canton,  
9 in order to establish more efficient -- effective and  
10 efficient zoning review and amendment processes.

11 MR. REVOLDT: All right. In your packets you  
12 have the memo dated March 14 that describes the  
13 changes that we have proposed with the rewriting of  
14 Title 5. But also have attached behind it a page  
15 that is noted as Section 1191.99, or Chapter 1199,  
16 Enforcement and Penalties. The attorneys have  
17 recommended that we amend the ordinance for  
18 consideration tonight to include a final -- or a new  
19 section entitled 1191.100, Violation and Penalty for  
20 Source Water Protection. So this -- we have already  
21 adopted this language in another location. We are  
22 folding this identical location into this particular  
23 ordinance so it is in both places.

24 I would just call your attention to the fact  
25 that, as you look at this, in Paragraphs 2 and 3, A2,

1 A3, you will note that the penalties for violating  
2 the ordinance are substantial. Are substantial. And  
3 I think that speaks to the significance that we  
4 attached to the source water protection legislation  
5 and the zoning.

6 Are there any questions? The administration,  
7 do you have anything to weigh in on?

8 MR. DEORIO: No.

9 MR. REVOLDT: If there are no questions or  
10 additional comments, then I would make a motion to  
11 amend Ordinance --

12 MR. STROIA: Got it right here.

13 MR. REVOLDT: -- 7-22. Go ahead and read it,  
14 sir.

15 MR. STROIA: Yeah. Can I have a motion and a  
16 second to amend Ordinance 7-2022, specifically  
17 Chapter 1191, to include the penalty provisions  
18 previously adopted by Section 2 of Ordinance 70-2021  
19 for said chapter as shown in the council's packet.

20 MR. REVOLDT: That's a thing of beauty. I  
21 will make that motion.

22 MR. METHENEY: I will second that one.

23 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

1 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 And then can I have a motion and a second to  
3 adopt the third reading of Ordinance 7-2022.

4 MR. REVOLDT: As amended.

5 MR. STROIA: As amended.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

7 MR. METHENEY: Second.

8 MR. STROIA: All in favor.

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

11 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 Moving on to Ordinance 8-2022. Can I have a  
13 motion and a second to read by title only Ordinance  
14 8-22.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

16 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

20 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 Ben.

22 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter  
23 145, Planning Commission, of the codified ordinances  
24 of the City of North Canton.

25 MR. REVOLDT: This ordinance, 8-22 and 9-22,

1 carves out -- carve out establishing in the code the  
2 planning commission set of rules as well as  
3 establishing the ZBA and its set of rules as well.  
4 It's been discussed. We've had no comments to the  
5 contrary. I would move the adoption of the third and  
6 final reading of Ordinance 8-22.

7 MR. MCCLEASTER: So moved.

8 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

11 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 MR. YOUNG: That's the second.

13 MR. REVOLDT: It should be the third reading,  
14 is it not?

15 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, this is.

16 MR. STROIA: It is the third.

17 MR. YOUNG: It should be the third reading.

18 MR. METHENEY: Third reading.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Let's pull a mulligan then. I  
20 will make a motion to adopt the third reading of  
21 Ordinance 8-22.

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

23 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

1 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 Okay. A motion and a second to read by title  
3 only Ordinance 9-2022.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

5 MR. METHENEY: Second.

6 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

9 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 Ben.

11 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter  
12 147, Building and Zoning Standards Board of Appeals,  
13 of the codified ordinances of the City of North  
14 Canton.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Is there any further discussion  
16 on this? Seeing none, I'll move for the adoption of  
17 the third reading of Ordinance 9-22.

18 MR. METHENEY: Second.

19 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

22 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 Moving on to 22-2022. Can I have a motion  
24 and a second to read by title only 22-2022.

25 MR. METHENEY: I'll make a motion.

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MS. WEYRICK: Second.

MR. STROIA: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

(Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

Ben.

MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending the boundaries of the wards of the City of North Canton pursuant to Article 2.02 of the charter of the City of North Canton and laws of the State of Ohio.

MR. ORR: This is the third reading of this. Wards are all within 2 percent of each other. It makes sense in doing this and we have had two other readings on this and no discussion, so I make a motion that we move this.

MR. METHENEY: I will second that.

MR. STROIA: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

(Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

Okay. Moving on to new business. Resolution No. 25-2022. Can I have a motion and a second to read by title only Resolution 25-2022.

MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

MS. WEYRICK: Second.

1 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

4 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

5 And I can have a motion and a second to  
6 adopt -- oh. Sorry. Go ahead.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Read it.

8 MR. YOUNG: A resolution to proceed, and  
9 declaration of official intent to finance the  
10 purchase of major equipment to be purchased in 2022,  
11 with a maximum principal amount expected to be  
12 financed of \$500,000, and declaring the same to be an  
13 emergency.

14 MR. STROIA: All right. Stephanie, are you  
15 there?

16 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Yeah, I'm here.

17 Okay. We've got asphalt paving equipment and  
18 then the valve turning truck. They were already in  
19 the budget. There really wasn't any discussion last  
20 week so I would move to adopt.

21 MR. METHENEY: Before we do that, I would  
22 like to make a record the reason we are doing this by  
23 emergency is the fact that the potential increases in  
24 these vehicles as things are continually raising in  
25 price that it is a good idea to move this through on



1 an emergency for council to make sure that we get the  
2 price that we were quoted before they move up again.

3 MRS. WERREN: Right. And last time Pat  
4 mentioned that. And it wasn't even a good idea, it's  
5 a necessity. Either we move on it and get that price  
6 or we don't. So that's why we're doing it. And Pat  
7 mentioned that last time. Okay.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves adoption.

9 MR. METHENEY: Second.

10 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MRS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves suspension of the  
15 rules.

16 MR. METHENEY: Second.

17 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

18 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

21 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

22 MR. REVOLDT: And Revoldt moves adoption of  
23 the rules as suspended.

24 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

25 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

1 (Aye" in unison.)

2 MRS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 Moving on to Ordinance 26-2022. Can I have a  
5 motion and a second to read by title only Ordinance  
6 26-2022.

7 MR. ORR: I make that motion.

8 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

9 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

12 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

13 Ben.

14 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter  
15 103, Official Standards, of the codified ordinances  
16 of the City of North Canton, in order to adopt the  
17 new city seal.

18 MR. ORR: Okay. It's really not a new city  
19 seal, we've been using it for quite some time. We  
20 were known as The Dogwood City for many years, now  
21 it's the North Canton, the NC that you see up there.  
22 So it's something we need to do. So I make a motion.

23 MR. REVOLDT: I'll second it. Revoldt  
24 seconds.

25 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

3 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 Can I have a motion and a second to read by  
5 title only Ordinance 27-2022.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: So moved.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

8 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

11 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 Ben.

13 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing Chapter  
14 701, General Licensing Provisions, of the codified  
15 ordinances of the City of North Canton.

16 MR. ORR: All right. We probably should have  
17 read the next one first, but this is telling people  
18 how to apply and get the application in for this.  
19 That's about all I have on that.

20 Ben, do you have anything to add?

21 MR. OSBORNE: John, can you speak up?

22 MR. ORR: Sure. Sorry about that. Is this  
23 better? My throat's kind of bad.

24 So this is a -- like a -- it tells the  
25 applicants how to apply for these different permits

1 that you'll -- you'll -- you'll hear about in the  
2 text in one. So I don't see a problem with this. It  
3 really needs to be done. So I would go ahead and  
4 make a motion that we go on to the second reading on  
5 this.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

7 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

10 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 Moving on to Ordinance 29-2022, can I have a  
12 motion and a second --

13 MR. YOUNG: 28.

14 MR. STROIA: Sorry. 28-2022.

15 MR. ORR: I'll make that motion.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

20 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing Chapter  
22 709, Commercial Amusements, of the codified  
23 ordinances of the City of North Canton.

24 MR. ORR: Well, with this, this could go for  
25 amusement rides, plays, all of this stuff. They need

1 to, you know, apply and we have to okay those. And  
2 then it's also to eliminate the word "minstrel" from  
3 there, which goes back into the '40s, '50s, so I make  
4 a motion we accept this.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

6 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

9 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 Moving on. Motion and a second to read by  
11 title only Ordinance 29-2022.

12 MR. METHENEY: I will move.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

15 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

18 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

19 Ben.

20 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter  
21 137, Department of Police, of the codified ordinances  
22 of the City of North Canton, specifically Section  
23 137.04, Personnel, in order to increase the  
24 authorized number of police sergeants to six.

25 MR. METHENEY: So last week in our committee

1 of the whole meeting Chief Kemp made a very good  
2 presentation on his needs to adjust the sergeants,  
3 raise them from five to six, but in turn not raise  
4 the number of police officers on staff. And this is  
5 going to allow them the flexibility that they need  
6 for efficient scheduling and better protection for  
7 the residents of North Canton.

8 I'll make a motion -- if there's no  
9 questions, I will make a motion that we pass this.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

11 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

15 Can I have a motion and a second to read by  
16 title only Ordinance 30-2022.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will move.

18 MS. WEYRICK: Second.

19 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

22 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 Ben.

24 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance accepting a record  
25 plat of Monticello Phase 8 located within the

1 corporate limits of the city of North Canton.

2 MR. STROIA: Okay. So this is mine. This  
3 came from planning commission back in February. We  
4 discussed it last meeting, last committee of the  
5 whole. And now it's here. They have met their  
6 obligations. Everything is in accordance to what  
7 everything needs. So I don't know if anybody else  
8 wants to comment on that but it's pretty -- an easy  
9 one. So I make a motion to adopt. Move that  
10 forward.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

12 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 (Mrs. Werren's response was not audible.)

15 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

16 Let's move on to department reports. Deputy  
17 Director of Administration.

18 MS. FARINA: Thank you, Mr. President.

19 I will just first start by saying we welcomed  
20 a new full-time general laborer employee to our parks  
21 department. His name is Michael Tozzi. Nice young  
22 man. This is a back-fill position, not something new  
23 but something definitely needed. We have high  
24 standards in all our North Canton parks and so we  
25 need someone like this: Great attitude, good -- good

1 experience.

2 And as we know, the biggest question that  
3 everybody says to me constantly is when the Dogwood  
4 Park going to be finished. So I'm just saying right  
5 now mid April is what we're shooting for. I'm not  
6 going to give a concrete date yet because of weather  
7 factors and the ground being, you know, waiting until  
8 it thaws.

9 But here's where we are now. Last week, if  
10 you drove by you'll see the turf is down, it's like a  
11 thick, lush, green color, and that's the ADA  
12 accessible very nice adaptive turf. The guys  
13 started, hoped to be finished, and then that lovely  
14 snow came in on Friday. So that sent them away and  
15 they're going to come back this week and finish.

16 The biggest excitement this week is the  
17 delivery of the prefabricated, solid concrete  
18 restroom facility. So I'm working, you know, with  
19 Chief Kemp on getting the oversized vehicle load  
20 permit on that because that's going to come on two  
21 85-foot trucks, 150,000 pounds each. It's in two  
22 sections. It's four restroom facilities. It will be  
23 offloaded by a crane and set on to the prepared pad  
24 where we already have the electrical and plumbing  
25 stubbed up. So that's going to be on the 16th. So



1 they'll have the police escort through town after  
2 they exit at Portage at 77 north. It's coming out of  
3 West Virginia. And so people are going to see that.  
4 It's going to look like overnight an entire facility  
5 was built. And this withstands all weather all the  
6 way up to a Category 4 tornado.

7 I'll just go high-level on all the other  
8 stuff that has to get done. We have concrete to  
9 finish, we have light poles and cameras, we have  
10 electrical work and subpanel and the lighting power  
11 to the pavilion.

12 The bio swale materials, those were two  
13 additional bio swales we had to account for water  
14 quality as well as water quantity, so we're working  
15 with Stark Soil and Water Conservation District on  
16 the type of materials they'll need to put in the  
17 basins.

18 Later we need to get the finish coat on the  
19 parking lots, stripe the parking lots.

20 We have to finish the Masonic shelter, if you  
21 looked on Orchard. People keep asking, there was a  
22 panel that was defective. That should be coming in  
23 in about two weeks and we'll get that up there.  
24 We'll finish over there.

25 Final inspections.

1           We have landscaping issues that are also  
2 dependent on, you know, it's got to be warm out,  
3 can't be too cold, but then again, the soil can't be  
4 too wet. And grass seed, they don't think it's  
5 optimal to get in until mid May. Then we'll take  
6 down the temporary fence and we will get the date,  
7 when I have it, the solid date, and then plan for a  
8 ribbon cutting.

9           Like all of council there, mayor. We'll have  
10 some significant groups, benefactors that were  
11 important to the project, the school. And that's  
12 what I have for now.

13           But it's exciting, and I think I'll videotape  
14 this delivery of this facility with the crane and  
15 I'll throw it up on the city Facebook page. People  
16 like that.

17           So that's all I have.

18           MR. STROIA: Nice. Thank you, Catherine.

19           MS. FARINA: Sure.

20           MR. STROIA: Director of Administration.

21           MR. DEORIO: Let you know that the pickleball  
22 courts at Arrowhead are in similar time frame. We  
23 have to wait for the asphalt plants to open, get the  
24 final coat, striping, sealing. The poles, the nets,  
25 the fence are on premise, they just can't be

1 installed until this other process is done. So that  
2 should be completed mid April as well.

3 MR. STROIA: Nice.

4 MR. DEORIO: That's all.

5 MR. STROIA: Mayor Wilder.

6 MAYOR WILDER: Yes. Thank you.

7 Nothing to report other than appreciate the  
8 work that our department heads are doing and progress  
9 is coming to fruition here as the spring weather  
10 opens up, but thank you.

11 MR. STROIA: All right. Thank you.

12 Director of Finance.

13 MS. ALABACK: If you had no questions on the  
14 monthly financial report. I know we're only two  
15 months into the year so I want to address anything  
16 with that.

17 I did want to update you on the interviewing  
18 of the deputy finance director position. We're in  
19 the middle of those. We are bringing someone back  
20 for a second interview tomorrow, so I'll keep you  
21 updated on the process and progress of that.

22 And then just as reminder for our public that  
23 the tax filing deadline is April 18. All forms,  
24 everything is available on ritaohio.com.

25 MR. STROIA: I think I heard some music in

1 the background.

2 Council clerk. Ben.

3 MR. YOUNG: Just update everyone on the  
4 assistant clerk of council. We've completed final  
5 interviews and will be picking our final candidate  
6 shortly.

7 And then if you remember back in the  
8 beginning of the year, you all approved a  
9 supplemental appropriation for council technology for  
10 the seven of you. As you can see by all of you with  
11 your iPads, that has been -- that rollout has been  
12 completed, and part of that was city phone numbers,  
13 which was a concern we heard from residents that they  
14 want to be able to call you all, so those, as of this  
15 morning, are now live on the city website; that your  
16 city phone numbers are out there for the public to  
17 reach.

18 And that's it.

19 MR. STROIA: All right. Thank you.

20 All right. Moving on to council reports.  
21 Let's go with Jamie.

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: All right. Hey, along with  
23 this technology I want to thank Ben for all you did  
24 with getting this set up here. Even despite the fact  
25 I have a Samsung phone, I have learned how to answer

1 calls. So as an Apple guy, I'll come around on it  
2 eventually. But thank you for your initiative and  
3 the work you put in on that.

4 The only other thing I want to do, is I  
5 wanted to thank Patrick, and I think it went to Cathy  
6 and also I think to Rob and possibly Marty, there was  
7 a resident who reached out with some questions around  
8 some flooding and got a lot of work out of these  
9 people and I want to thank you all very much for the  
10 time you put in on that.

11 So beyond that, I have nothing else to  
12 report.

13 MR. STROIA: All right. Ward 2. David.

14 MR. METHENEY: About a couple of things to go  
15 over and maybe a little longer than I normally take.

16 So Mr. DeOrio and I were having a  
17 conversation, we were talking about the job  
18 descriptions in certain positions and came across the  
19 fact that we don't actually have a job description  
20 for our city engineer. So I've tasked him and his  
21 team to put together that and to make sure that  
22 the -- that Mr. Graham is reviewed under that and  
23 that he is compensated at the level that he is  
24 performing and that it matches the job description.  
25 We're adding to his workload. We're adding the new

1 paver that we voted on tonight and that needs to be  
2 incorporated into that as he's planning now more  
3 streets to pave.

4 And just so everybody knows, I asked Ben to  
5 put together just a quick number for me. So since  
6 2020, Mr. Graham has provided the city with over  
7 \$8 million in grant money to help towards that. He  
8 is an asset to the city, and I think it's important  
9 that we get this matched up for him. So that's the  
10 first thing I wanted to cover.

11 And Mayor Wilder allowed me to take the next  
12 one. He is also reaching out to these individuals,  
13 but I wanted to make a note, because Mrs. Farina had  
14 sent me an e-mail today, that the City of North  
15 Canton has always supported their fire and EMS and  
16 their police, but specifically fire and EMS with the  
17 levy this past year that they passed. And three of  
18 our first responders were involved here this past  
19 week or so and I want to make sure I get to this part  
20 here and read this.

21 Allen DeGuzman?

22 MS. FARINA: DeGuzman.

23 MR. METHENEY: DeGuzman. Thank you. Brandon  
24 Henkel and Jake Morton, they responded to, you know,  
25 nobody wants to call for fire and EMS but they

1           responded to an incident and it was a segment  
2           elevation myocardial infraction. A lot of big words  
3           for somebody that's not in the medical field. But  
4           the important thing is response time. And normally  
5           those response times are like 90 minutes from the  
6           time they first arrive on the scene until the actual  
7           doctors and everything are involved. And our team  
8           did that in 47 minutes. And that is an attributing  
9           to their efficiency and their effectiveness and how  
10          well that they do their job. And I think those three  
11          gentlemen that did that is testimony to the strength  
12          and the power of our fire and EMS and I just wanted  
13          to bring that up. I know that the mayor is going to  
14          reach out to them directly and I think it's important  
15          that we realize that the assets that we have in our  
16          people here in North Canton.

17                        Thank you, Mr. President.

18                        MR. STROIA: Thank you.

19                        Stephanie. We can come back to Stephanie.  
20          Let's go to John.

21                        MR. ORR: Well, Ben, thank you for the iPads  
22          and the phones and posting those phone numbers. I've  
23          got a few phone calls, but thank you.

24                        Catherine, good job on the park. It is  
25          looking great.

1                   And that's all on my report tonight.

2                   MRS. WERREN: Hey, you can come back to me.

3                   MR. STROIA: Okay. Your turn.

4                   MRS. WERREN: Sorry. Ben was making sure I  
5 wasn't speaking out of turn. He had to unmute me.  
6 That is fine.

7                   Yeah, I totally agree, Dave, that was great  
8 that you're having those job descriptions set up. I  
9 know that it was something that Cathy's been working  
10 on really since she started here. We were lacking  
11 those job descriptions for many people and now it's  
12 definitely a part of the human resources and just  
13 helps us get better candidates and it was one of the  
14 things she working with Jina on in making sure that  
15 the salaries were compensatory to, you know, what  
16 people were doing and in the range that they needed  
17 to be. So that's great.

18                   And just after our exec and hearing just all  
19 the great things that I've been privy to know about  
20 because of the finance position, I just want to thank  
21 the whole exec team and Patrick really for making so  
22 much of this happen and I think it's really exciting  
23 what we're going to be seeing moving forward with the  
24 city and just some of the opportunities that we're  
25 going to be able to have. So thank you to that whole



1 team. And, Cathy, I can't wait to see the park and I  
2 know our city members are going to be so excited  
3 about that.

4 Also, just in regards to being able to be  
5 remote. You know, I work full-time, as all of you  
6 do, and I've worked my whole life full-time so I am  
7 allowed to take vacation, as all of you are, and I'm  
8 kind of thrilled that the state legislature  
9 recognized that and with still issues they're having  
10 with COVID and different things that people could be  
11 remote. Otherwise I wouldn't be able to be on this.  
12 So just to be able to do that and take a little bit  
13 of time with my vacation, which is no big deal to be  
14 part of this important meeting was significant, and I  
15 look at it as a step forward for our state, for our  
16 community governments because it allows people to  
17 move forward on things. If we needed certain votes  
18 today and this enabled us to move forward on a  
19 project, then that is significant and I think that is  
20 forward thinking on all parties.

21 So I hope that, you know, I know other people  
22 have been off on different weeks and I know that, you  
23 know, maybe you can call in. And if you can't,  
24 that's okay too. But this allows us to move in that  
25 direction. I know tomorrow I'm going to be on two

1 Zooms for work and yet I'm not there. So that is a  
2 good thing and I appreciate those that recognize  
3 that. So that's it.

4 MR. STROIA: Thanks for hanging on for almost  
5 two hours.

6 MRS. WERREN: That's pretty good; right?

7 MR. STROIA: That's impressive virtually.  
8 Absolutely.

9 MRS. WERREN: Thank you. I appreciate that.  
10 That means a lot. Thanks, Matt.

11 MR. STROIA: Absolutely.  
12 Daryl.

13 MR. REVOLDT: I'd like to, if I can, play  
14 upon two points that Dave mentioned.

15 The first is that for those who are  
16 listening, Rob Graham's success with grants,  
17 \$8 million, is the equivalent of one year's complete  
18 income tax receipts, roughly. That is astonishing.  
19 And I think it underscores the value that he has in  
20 this community. It's really, really amazing when you  
21 think about it.

22 The second is, before I came up tonight I  
23 caught a TV 5 segment about EMS in northeast Ohio.  
24 And the challenges that communities were having  
25 funding and staffing their EMS. And I think, as Dave