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APPEARANCES:

- Daniel Jeff Peters, President
- Daryl Revoldt, Vice-President
- Douglas Foltz, Member, Ward 1
- Stephanie Werren, Member, Ward 3
- Dominic Fonte, Member, Ward 4
- Matthew Stroia, Member, At Large
- Mark Cerreta, Member, At Large
- Timothy Fox, Director of Law
- Patrick DeOrion, Director of Administration
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of Administration
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Robert Graham, PE
- Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk

1 MR. PETERS: Are we good to go, Ben?

2 MR. YOUNG: We are live.

3 MR. PETERS: I think I'm good here.

4 MR. FONTE: Are we ready to go on?

5 MR. PETERS: Yeah, we got you, Dom.

6 Okay. All right. I'd like to call to
7 order the North Canton City Council meeting,
8 via teleconference, April 27th, 2020. The
9 time is 7:05 p.m. We are starting a little
10 bit late. We had some technical
11 difficulties.

12 Mark, would you like to lead us in
13 prayer?

14 MR. CERRETA: Sure would. Please bow our
15 heads.

16 (Whereupon, Mr. Cerreta lead us in
17 prayer.)

18 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mark. All right.
19 At this time, if you'd join me in the Pledge
20 of Allegiance.

21 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
22 recited.)

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
24 everyone.

25 Ben, would you please call the roll?

1 MR. YOUNG: President Peters.
2 MR. PETERS: Here.
3 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.
4 MR. STROIA: Here.
5 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.
6 MR. REVOLDT: Here.
7 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.
8 MR. FOLTZ: Here.
9 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.
10 MR. CERRETA: Here.
11 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.
12 MS. WERREN: Here.
13 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.
14 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
15 MR. FONTE: I'm here. Fonte is here.
16 MR. PETERS: Okay. We've got Fonte here.
17 All right. For your consideration, I need a
18 motion and a second to approve as presented
19 the 2021 revenue projections.
20 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.
21 MR. FOLTZ: Second.
22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moved.
23 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
24 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
25 MR. PETERS: Aye.

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MR. CERRETA: Aye.

MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

MS. WERREN: Aye.

MR. FONTE: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Aye.

MR. PETERS: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.
At this time, we will have recognition of
visitors.

Ben, I will turn it over to you.

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Osborne, are you there?

MR. OSBORNE: I am here. I'm unable to
see the meeting on the City. I don't know
why. I clicked the link, and it's not coming
up. Can I go straight to the City's Web site
and find a link to it?

MR. YOUNG: Yes. You go to the agenda
center. There should be a small television
icon next to tonight's meeting date, and that
should take you to live.

MR. OSBORNE: Okay. I just -- I just got
it. Thank you. Okay. Chuck Osborne, 307
Fairview Street, Southeast, North Canton,
Ohio. First of all, I asked last week

1 that -- if a particular piece of legislation
2 regarding the amendments of the zoning code
3 on fencing could be explained. I think we
4 have had this discussion for quite some time.
5 The Chairman of whatever committee that is
6 sponsoring the legislation, for some reason,
7 is unable to detail what the legislation is
8 all about. And we need to strive more how to
9 do that. Otherwise, all you are doing here
10 -- you are nothing but --

11 THE REPORTER: I can't --

12 MR. OSBORNE: You are just saying, yes,
13 yes, yes. And you don't even know what you
14 are passing. So I would like for somebody
15 who would simply like to explain the -- the
16 amended legislation for fencing, like I asked
17 for last week.

18 MR. REVOLDT: This is Daryl Revoldt.
19 I'll do that tonight.

20 MR. OSBORNE: Thank you, sir. Second
21 topic here, back several months back, you
22 announced and passed legislation to expend
23 \$2.9 million to acquire property for
24 municipal purposes. I spent probably an hour
25 and a half the other night trying to find the

1 minutes of where that was explained. I was
2 at the meeting. I fairly recall Finance
3 Director Alaback explaining that we had
4 successfully got a rate of 1.76 percent on
5 the bond, and that our first payment was due
6 in December of \$75,000. And I cannot find
7 that, for the life of me, in any minutes that
8 have been approved. So if somebody can
9 direct me. You don't have to do it at this
10 meeting, unless somebody knows off the top of
11 their head.

12 But in addition to directing me to where
13 those minutes would be found, Director
14 Alaback did an excellent job explaining how
15 the financing would take place on that. But
16 nobody has finally acknowledged what
17 properties were acquired and for what
18 municipal purposes they are being acquired
19 for. So I would like to see that explained.
20 I mean, it's --

21 MR. REVOLDT: Chuck, I will explain --
22 this is Revoldt. I will explain it to you
23 tonight in simple, clear, and unambiguous
24 terms.

25 MR. OSBORNE: The legislation passed back

1 on March 2nd, yet here we are almost two
2 months later, and we still don't know what.
3 So that's money expended for what? That's
4 about all I have. I won't keep you. Thank
5 you very much.

6 MR. FONTE: Thank you, Chuck.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
8 Chuck.

9 MR. YOUNG: If you can stop --

10 MR. PETERS: All right.

11 MR. YOUNG: -- I had quite a few
12 complaints about live stream. I'm going to
13 restart it and hope that it synchs.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. We'll pause for
15 a minute here.

16 MR. FONTE: I also just got a text from a
17 client in the City saying he could -- I'm on
18 YouTube streaming site, but cannot hear when
19 anyone talks, except Ben, but it's just
20 garble.

21 Did you guys hear that?

22 THE REPORTER: Yes.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

24 MR. PETERS: Yes.

25 MR. FONTE: It's just someone who is

1 listening in.

2 MR. YOUNG: Okay. Hopefully that fixes

3 the problem.

4 MR. PETERS: Okay. We are good to go,

5 Ben?

6 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

7 MR. PETERS: Okay. We will move on to

8 new business. May I have a motion and a

9 second to read by title only Ordinance 22-20?

10 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

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

13 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

14 MR. PETERS: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

17 MR. FONTE: Aye.

18 MS. WERREN: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

23 Tim.

24 MR. FOX: Okay. Can you guys hear me?

25 THE REPORTER: Yes.

1 MR. PETERS: Yes.

2 MS. FARINA: Yes.

3 MR. FOX: Ordinance 22-2020, an ordinance
4 authorizing the Mayor of the North Canton to
5 enter into an agreement with the Stark County
6 Commissioners to accept and utilize the Stark
7 County Community Development Block Grant
8 program for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and
9 2023.

10 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
11 Chairman Revoldt.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you. As we discussed
13 last week, this is a three-year agreement.
14 This -- previously, we -- we had participated
15 in two-year intervals. But we are going for
16 a third year this time, at the request of the
17 County.

18 The CDBG program typically supports low
19 and moderate income housing programs,
20 providing loans and grants for rehab and
21 rebuilding homes. It also provides a limited
22 amount of money for storm and sanitary
23 infrastructure projects --

24 THE REPORTER: Daryl --

25 MR. REVOLDT: -- in areas --

1 THE REPORTER: Daryl, "It also provides a
2 limited amount of money for" --
3 MR. REVOLDT: -- for -- for storm and
4 sanitary projects in areas where the
5 residents have low and moderate income, as
6 established by the census bracket. And I
7 should note regarding the housing programs,
8 these funds are either in the form of loans
9 or grants. And it is obviously administered
10 through the County.
11 Are there any other questions?
12 (No response.)
13 MR. REVOLDT: If none, may I have a
14 motion to adopt the first reading of
15 Ordinance 22-20?
16 MR. FOLTZ: So moved by Foltz.
17 MR. CERRETA: Second, Cerreta.
18 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
19 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
20 MR. PETERS: Aye.
21 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
22 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
23 MR. FONTE: Aye.
24 MS. WERREN: Aye.
25 MR. STROIA: Aye.

1 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
2 (No response.)
3 MR. PETERS: Okay. Motion carries. And
4 moving on, may I have a motion and a second
5 to read by title only Ordinance 23-20?
6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
7 MR. FOLTZ: Second, Foltz.
8 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
9 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
10 MR. PETERS: Aye.
11 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
12 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
13 MS. WERREN: Aye.
14 MR. FONTE: Aye.
15 MR. STROIA: Aye.
16 MR. PETERS: Those opposed?
17 (No response.)
18 MR. PETERS: Okay. I'm assuming that was
19 7-0. Can you guys hear me?
20 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.
21 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.
22 MR. PETERS: I cut out for a minute
23 there.
24 Okay. Tim.
25 MR. FOX: An ordinance to amend Chapter

1 1133, single-family and two-family
2 residential districts, of the codified
3 ordinances of the City of North Canton,
4 specifically Section 1133.08(e), fences and
5 walls, as described below.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. Chairman Revoldt.

7 MR. REVOLDT: All right. You have in
8 your packet approximately four pages of
9 amendments -- or four pages of text that
10 constitute the amendments to the section of
11 the code that focuses on fences and walls.

12 I won't go into all the details that
13 Chuck requested, because I believe he can
14 compare the text provided in the packet with
15 the text in the zoning code. But for those
16 who are listening, the revision we had -- are
17 considering tonight has -- is more definitive
18 and more elaborate than what we have had in
19 the past.

20 And it also does a couple of other
21 things. For example, it establishes a
22 materials list for fences, and it also -- and
23 this is new, actually -- has what is labeled
24 a vision triangle to address the kinds of
25 fences at intersections, and aligns it with

1 other regulations.

2 So that, in a sense, is it. This is a
3 far more detailed, far more elaborate set of
4 descriptions than what we have currently --
5 currently have in our possession.

6 MR. CERRETA: I'll make a few comments
7 about that, also. This is Cerreta. I really
8 do think -- it's exactly what it says here.
9 It does clarify and improve some of the
10 standards that I think there were a lot of
11 question marks on at times. It kind of
12 modernizes it to not just our City, but kind
13 of brings us in line with a lot of things we
14 are doing with what's going on in today's
15 world and other areas.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Yep. Yes.

17 MR. CERRETA: It has been approved by the
18 Planning Commission, from what I'm reading.

19 MR. REVOLDT: That is correct. It was
20 referred to us -- it was referred to us in
21 its present form by the Planning Commission.
22 And we can adopt the first reading tonight,
23 but pursuant to our regulations, we will be
24 holding a public hearing in the future before
25 the third and final vote.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Any other
2 questions?
3 (No response.)
4 MR. PETERS: All right. Is there a
5 motion and a second to approve first reading
6 Ordinance 23-20?
7 MR. REVOLDT: Moved.
8 MS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.
9 THE REPORTER: Can't hear.
10 MR. PETERS: Revoldt moved. Who was the
11 second?
12 MS. WERREN: Werren.
13 THE REPORTER: Thank you.
14 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
15 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
16 MR. PETERS: Aye.
17 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
18 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
19 MS. WERREN: Aye.
20 MR. FONTE: Aye.
21 MR. STROIA: Aye.
22 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
23 (No response.)
24 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.
25 All right. That concludes our legislative

1 section. Before I start into department
2 reports, I just want to make a brief, but
3 exciting, announcement. This past weekend,
4 our Clerk of Council, Ben Young, graduated
5 from Walsh University with a Bachelor of Arts
6 degree in government and foreign affairs. He
7 not only graduated with distinction, he
8 achieved and was awarded the highest academic
9 honor, summa cum laude.

10 MR. FONTE: Wow. Congratulations.

11 MS. FARINA: Congratulations, Ben.

12 MR. CERRETA: Great honor.

13 MR. YOUNG: Thank you very much.

14 MR. FONTE: We are glad to have you,
15 buddy.

16 THE REPORTER: Good job, Ben.

17 MR. PETERS: Okay. So with that being
18 said, we'll move on to department reports.
19 Deputy Director of Administration.

20 MS. FARINA: No report tonight.

21 MR. PETERS: Okay. Director of
22 Administration.

23 MR. DEORIO: Mr. President, can you hear
24 me?

25 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir, I can.

1 MR. DEORIO: Okay. I believe that we are
2 going to need a -- another meeting of City
3 Council before next Monday. As I understand
4 the legislative process in acquiring the
5 properties under these various development
6 plans that we have, that City Council needs
7 to approve the appropriations of the funds as
8 specific properties are coming to close. If
9 that is a correct understanding, then -- you
10 know, if the Law Director believes otherwise,
11 let me know. But if that is the case, then I
12 would like to have a meeting this week. We
13 have a closing on Monday, May 4th.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay. How about we shoot
15 for Wednesday evening? Do you want to do it
16 around 7:00, or do you want to do it earlier?

17 MR. DEORIO: Whatever is convenient for
18 the Council.

19 MS. WERREN: Can we do it right after
20 work?

21 MR. PETERS: I'm sorry?

22 MS. WERREN: Never mind. It doesn't
23 matter.

24 MR. FONTE: I'm flexible. Dominic is
25 flexible.

1 MS. WERREN: I'm just wondering if we all
2 call in --

3 MR. PETERS: How about this, how about --

4 MS. WERREN: Jeff, if we all -- are we
5 calling in?

6 MR. DEORIO: Yes.

7 MS. WERREN: Could we do it during the
8 lunch hour? Could we do it during the lunch
9 hour then, or during the day?

10 MR. DEORIO: No.

11 MR. FOLTZ: No. I've got -- I've got
12 some conference calls. I wouldn't be able
13 to --

14 MS. WERREN: Okay. I didn't know if we
15 could do it during lunch. Okay.

16 MR. PETERS: That's hard for me, as
17 well --

18 MS. WERREN: Okay.

19 MR. PETERS: -- especially now. How
20 about if we did it, say, Wednesday, 5:00?

21 MR. FOLTZ: That's fine.

22 MR. PETERS: Is that amenable to
23 everyone?

24 MS. WERREN: Yes.

25 MR. FONTE: Dominic -- Dominic is in.

1 MR. PETERS: How about -- may I have a
2 motion and a second to approve a Special
3 Committee meeting --

4 MR. DEORIO: With a regular to follow.

5 MR. PETERS: Wait a minute. Yeah --
6 Special Committee at 5:00 p.m., followed by a
7 Special Council meeting immediately
8 following?

9 MR. REVOLDT: I move a Committee meeting
10 at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by a Council
11 meeting -- Special Council meeting on
12 Wednesday.

13 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, "aye."

15 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

16 MR. PETERS: Aye.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

18 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

19 MS. WERREN: Aye.

20 MR. FONTE: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Aye.

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. Motion carries. Back
25 to you, Pat.

1 MR. DEORIO: That's all I have. Thank
2 you, Mr. President.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. You got it.
4 Mr. Mayor, you are up.

5 MR. WILDER: Yes. Good evening,
6 everybody, and the listeners. Thank you for
7 being with us tonight. We are still walking
8 through some technical issues, but I have
9 been on a number of Zoom meetings, and not
10 one that has not had a little bit of a
11 technical issue.

12 But I'd like to share some good news with
13 you. First of all, I'd like to thank, again,
14 our residents for complying with the public
15 orders and requests that have been coming
16 from our Governor, Department of Health,
17 Homeland Security, and our President of the
18 United States, and even from this office.

19 I just want to share with you a --
20 communicate, I received from Kimble Recycling
21 and Disposal, and their employees are
22 thanking us for our support and cooperation
23 with their service requests as they have
24 tried to manage the COVID-19 situation thus
25 far, asking us to help reduce the volume of

1 waste that their operators are needing to
2 come in contact with.

3 Effective immediately, their team will be
4 serving our customers, again, without the
5 request of limitations. And our customers
6 who have cooperated and held back additional
7 materials, as I requested and they requested
8 before, can now place those items out at the
9 curb. And items that have been held as we
10 requested for previous limitations to be
11 collected still will be at no cost. There is
12 no additional cost.

13 And so over the next two to three weeks,
14 I would just like our residents to tender how
15 much material they are still putting out.
16 But their normal service actually resumed
17 today, Monday, April the 27th. And their
18 routes and their times -- well, times are
19 flexible, but their routes still remain the
20 same. But I just want to thank you, our
21 residents and their customers, and they
22 thanked us, too, for their cooperation during
23 this -- as this -- this COVID-19 situation
24 still evolves.

25 As many of you heard today, the Governor