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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF**

**MAY 24, 2021, MEETING**

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5 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3  
6 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4  
7 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large  
8 Matthew Stroia, At Large  
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13 Martin Van Gundy IV, Chief Building Official  
14 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor  
15 Benjamin R. Young, Clerk

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1 MR. PETERS: Okay. Good evening, everyone.  
2 I'd like to call to order the City of North Canton  
3 City Council meeting, May 24, 2021. The time is  
4 7:01 p.m.

5 Mark, would you like to lead us in prayer.

6 MR. CERRETA: Sure would. Sure would.

7 Lord, thank you for bring us together, both  
8 the council, administration, and the community.  
9 Thank you for giving us the honor for serving our  
10 community. Thank you for the understanding that you  
11 give us to the community. Help us to be better in  
12 every way we can to help our community grow and be  
13 safe and be alive and have a great future. We ask  
14 that you continue to give us the courage, the  
15 determination and the compassion to serve the people  
16 of our community. We thank you for the safety you've  
17 given us throughout these difficult times.

18 In God's name we pray, Amen.

19 MR. PETERS: Amen. Thank you, Mark.

20 All right. At this time if you would please  
21 join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

22 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

23 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, would you please  
24 call the roll.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

1 MR. STROIA: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

5 MR. PETERS: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

9 MR. CERRETA: Here.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

11 MR. FONTE: Here.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

13 MRS. WERREN: Here.

14 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

15 MR. PETERS: All right, thank you.

16 All right. For your consideration, I need a  
17 motion and a second to approve as presented minutes  
18 from April 26 council; minutes from April 26  
19 committee of the whole; minutes from April 30 special  
20 council; minutes from May 3 committee of the whole;  
21 minutes from May 3 special council; minutes from  
22 May 10 city council; minutes from May 17 public  
23 hearing; Part 17 of Property Maintenance Code as  
24 adopted by Ordinance 2-21; Chapter 139 as amended by  
25 Ordinance 13-21; Chapter 140 created and based on

1 Ordinance 11-21; Chapter 148 created and based on  
2 12-21; Chapter 505 as amended by Ordinance 14-21;  
3 Chapter 521 as amended by Ordinance 16-21; Chapter  
4 719 as amended by Ordinance 18-21; Chapter 907 as  
5 amended by Ordinance Chapter -- or Ordinance 19-21,  
6 and Chapter 953 as amended by Ordinance 25-21.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz motions to approve as  
8 presented.

9 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

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

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
13 carries.

14 Let the Record reflect that Peters abstains  
15 from Item 5.e, the minutes from May 3, '21, special  
16 council.

17 All right. Moving on, we now move into  
18 recognition of the public. Ben, we have four  
19 speakers, so at this time I will turn it over to you.  
20 Just a quick reminder, there is a five-minute time  
21 limit. And, Ben, take it away.

22 MR. YOUNG: I have also been asked to remind  
23 everyone to speak into your microphone.

24 First up is Mr. Osborne. Mr. Osborne.

25 MR. OSBORNE: I am here.

1 MR. YOUNG: When you're ready.

2 MR. OSBORNE: I'm here.

3 Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview Street,  
4 Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

5 When I ran for a seat on North Canton city  
6 council 20 years ago, I was not aware pension  
7 benefits could be accrued, nor did I expect or desire  
8 a pension. I simply wanted to serve the community  
9 and bring about open, honest government. Although  
10 the salary legislation on tonight's agenda is under  
11 the finance and property committee, chaired by  
12 Council Member Werren, Council Member Revoldt  
13 introduced the increase in salary legislation last  
14 week with a brazen pronouncement complete with a  
15 PowerPoint presentation that salaries for North  
16 Canton elected officials must keep up with OPERS  
17 minimum salary requirements.

18 The salary requirement Mr. Revoldt is talking  
19 about is the minimum monthly salary required by OPERS  
20 to receive full-service pension credit. What  
21 Mr. Revoldt failed to say is that it is not an all or  
22 nothing OPERS requirement. OPERS does give part-time  
23 service credit for salaries that do not meet the  
24 minimum monthly salary amount.

25 Council's current salary of \$660 per month,

1 as stated in the PowerPoint presentation, is another  
2 less-than-full disclosure piece of information  
3 regarding council's monthly compensation. In  
4 addition to the \$660 per month, taxpayers contribute  
5 an additional 14 percent of that salary toward each  
6 councilperson's pension. This monthly taxpayers'  
7 supported pension contribution adds an additional  
8 \$92.40 per month toward that elected official's  
9 monthly compensation, raising the total monthly  
10 compensation to \$752.40 per month. Bringing the  
11 annual salary to 9,028.80 per year.

12 Council's 2020 meeting schedule resulted in  
13 43 meeting dates. Using an average of 2 hours per  
14 each meeting, council were required attendance at  
15 meetings lasting 86 hours last year. Given current  
16 compensation rates in a typical year's meeting hours,  
17 council members averaged an hourly rate of \$113.38  
18 per hour. Extrapolated to a 40 -- full-time  
19 40-hour-a-week job, members of city council would  
20 have grossed a monthly salary of \$19,653. And that  
21 equates to an annual salary of more than \$235,854.

22 One particular PowerPoint slide focused on a  
23 comparison of compensation for elected officials in  
24 other communities. I would suggest a comparison to  
25 compensation earned by your constituents. Does any

1           elected official have constituents who earn \$113.38  
2           per hour in their job?

3           In another PowerPoint slide, there was a  
4           bullet remarking that council lost healthcare. No  
5           one on city council has had to go without healthcare.  
6           For years it seemed ludicrous that elected officials  
7           had double family healthcare coverage, a Cadillac  
8           full-family coverage provided by North Canton  
9           taxpayers on top of the benefits provided by that  
10          council member's full-time employers. Through my  
11          efforts, North Canton voters ended this practice in  
12          the 2012 general election. The ending of this  
13          flagrant misuse of taxpayers' monies over the last  
14          years -- eight years has saved taxpayers in excess of  
15          \$1.2 million.

16          It is my perception that individuals run for  
17          a seat on city council because they want to better  
18          the city and contribute something positive back to  
19          their community. I do not believe individuals run  
20          for public office in hopes they can earn a pension  
21          and qualify for it with a meeting schedule averaging  
22          seven hours per month.

23          Lastly, it is my understanding that OPERS has  
24          increased the number of years needed to qualify for a  
25          pension for OPERS from 10 to 15 years. Perhaps if



1 this legislative body is so committed to ensuring  
2 that its members qualify for pension under OPERS,  
3 council needs to have companion legislation changing  
4 the term of council members in the city charter to 15  
5 years. Council members would then be assured of  
6 qualifying for a pension. This sounds crazy, and it  
7 is crazy. This is about as crazy as jacking up  
8 salaries of North Canton elected officials to keep  
9 pace with minimum salary requirements set by  
10 bureaucrats a hundred miles away in Columbus. Vote  
11 no on Ordinance No. 40-2021.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

14 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Mulqueen, you're up next.

15 MR. MULQUEEN: Am I unmuted?

16 MR. YOUNG: We can hear you now.

17 MR. MULQUEEN: All righty. My name is Joseph  
18 Mulqueen --

19 MR. YOUNG: Go ahead.

20 MR. MULQUEEN: Hello. My name is Joseph  
21 Mulqueen. I'm a recovering alcoholic staying sober  
22 one day at a time at 1016 Park Avenue, Northeast, and  
23 I would like to begin my speech with some words by  
24 John Fitzgerald Kennedy that my godmother down the  
25 street and my Vietnam veteran neighbor Ray heard

1 before I was even a thought to be brought into this  
2 world. And his words say, The very word "secrecy" is  
3 a repungent [sic] in the free -- is repungent in a  
4 free and open society. And we are, as a people,  
5 inherently and historically opposed to secret  
6 societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings.  
7 And the reason why I bring this up is because we, the  
8 people of North Canton, we, the people of Ohio, and  
9 we, the people of the United States of America,  
10 cannot trust the police as long as secret societies  
11 exist because it's blatantly obvious. And, you know,  
12 there's a guy who wrote the article that I shared  
13 among the fellow administration how the Freemasons  
14 and police have a secret handshake now. And I also  
15 shared with Mr. Cerreta how, you know, thanks to the  
16 FBI and all the investigation team that found out  
17 that the Baltimore Masonic Lodge was embezzling a  
18 million dollars out of it because I go to counseling  
19 once a month, on top of many things I've seen as a  
20 kid, my old football coach, Mr. Houses, was  
21 embezzling money and somehow this went underneath  
22 everyone's noses. And, you know, I wish he had the  
23 courage to turn himself in to do the prison time he  
24 did, but sadly, he put something very grave on his  
25 wife and kids and, you know, the kids that he coached

1 what he did.

2 And this brings me to my second point because  
3 I am now a victim of police brutality in this town  
4 after being a victim of harassment, hazing and  
5 assault. And Friday night, you know, usually once a  
6 month I like to go down and support my local business  
7 El Rincon. And I was skating back home and  
8 somebody's dog got out of their yard and almost bit  
9 me in the ankle. And I have two dogs at home and I  
10 know how to deescalate something, so I safely exited  
11 off my board. And the dog went back on the yard and  
12 the property owner approached me yelling some profane  
13 things and pushed me twice. And this was all May 14  
14 around 6:40 or 7 p.m.

15 And then last week he kicked my burrito, and  
16 then my head, so that's the camel that broke the  
17 straw's back, or whatever the saying goes. And I  
18 called 911 and said how, you know, I was pushed twice  
19 by this obvious criminal, the aggressor, and he  
20 kicked my burrito. And, you know, I wasn't going  
21 home without my leftovers. And, you know, I called  
22 911 hoping the police would document the situation in  
23 a nice, fair manner, treating me, the victim of  
24 assault, with respect. And when the officer showed  
25 up and I tried telling him that I lived down the

1 street where this person assaulted me at, I said  
2 let's go down to my house and I'll tell you how he  
3 pushed me twice and kicked my burrito. And my  
4 skateboard was on the ground and I went to, you  
5 know -- I thought I had the right to, you know, walk  
6 down the street to my house, you know, the victim of  
7 assault. And I went to pick up my skateboard and  
8 this officer, I want to say, and I told Sam  
9 Ferruccio, my old family friend that I met at Winking  
10 Lizard, that, you know, he put his hand on me and  
11 pushed me twice like I was a criminal when I was the  
12 victim of assault. And this officer wants to try  
13 saying that the skateboard could have been a weapon  
14 when the United States Supreme Court and God bless  
15 Amy would define the skateboard, Webster dictionary  
16 word is a toy, not a weapon, and even the Supreme  
17 Court of Ohio would label a skateboard as a toy and  
18 means of transportation for someone who is disabled.

19 And it's a shame our police officers treat  
20 the disabled when they treat me with disrespect and  
21 when they violate the constitution and illegally put  
22 their hands on me, they also violate everybody in  
23 this country's rights, they violate everybody in the  
24 state's rights, and ultimately they violate everybody  
25 in North Canton's rights. And now that I'm disabled,

1 I represent the disabled demographic. So when they  
2 illegally put their hands on me, you know, and, you  
3 know, Ferruccio understands my point, I just told  
4 him, I said if what that officer did that night is  
5 found illegal, like, you know, the person assaulting  
6 me, I said I don't want any money from a lawsuit. I  
7 said, you know, put it in a scholarship for kids like  
8 me who come from single-family backgrounds where, you  
9 know, dads just maintain sobriety and my mom's been  
10 on and off with drugs and alcohol all her life, and  
11 recently I had to cut ties with her because it's  
12 obvious she's back drinking again. And it's a shame  
13 that there's people in the community harassing me as  
14 the disabled and they make up fake police reports and  
15 Sergeant Dollinger thinks he has the right to violate  
16 my constitutional right of life, liberty and pursuit  
17 of happiness.

18 MR. PETERS: Mr. Mulqueen --

19 MR. MULQUEEN: -- and hopefully an apology  
20 and put this all in the past because I deserve an  
21 apology and I deserve to be allowed to skate at the  
22 skate park when I pay the property tax in this town.

23 MR. PETERS: Mr. Mulqueen --

24 MR. MULQUEEN: It's a shame what the police  
25 officers did to me and, you know, how they -- you

1 know, I'm disabled. I should, you know, not be  
2 illegally assaulted by police officers. And when  
3 they ask me what my disability is, the disability,  
4 well, it protects my right to, you know, to tell you  
5 I'm disabled. I don't have to tell you my medical  
6 conditions. Because police officers aren't doctors  
7 and counselors. God bless.

8 MR. PETERS: Hey, Ben, can you hear me?

9 MR. YOUNG: I can now.

10 MR. PETERS: You couldn't hear me before?

11 MR. YOUNG: No. Zoom makes it so that only  
12 one person can speak at a time.

13 MR. PETERS: Okay. I apologize for that. I  
14 was trying -- he was way past his time. So all  
15 right. Go ahead. Thank you.

16 MR. YOUNG: Miss Baughman, are you still with  
17 us? Miss Baughman, if you can hear me, you're on  
18 mute at the moment.

19 MR. PETERS: Ben, do you have the ability to  
20 take her off mute?

21 MR. YOUNG: Because she's on a phone I can  
22 only ask her to unmute.

23 MR. PETERS: I got you. Okay.

24 MR. YOUNG: Miss Baughman, if you hear us,  
25 you're on mute. We're going -- I'm going to go ahead

1 and let Mr. Tripp speak in hopes that you can get off  
2 mute by the time he's done.

3 MR. FONTE: Hey, Ben, can you explain how to  
4 get off mute? She may not know how to do that.

5 MR. YOUNG: Well, I have no idea what kind of  
6 phone she's using.

7 MR. FONTE: Usually if you tap your phone,  
8 there's a little line across it. So tap it and it  
9 will unhook it.

10 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

11 Mr. Tripp, if you would like to go ahead,  
12 I'll give Miriam a call while you speak.

13 Mr. Tripp? Mr. Tripp, can you hear us?

14 MR. FONTE: Larry might be on mute, too.

15 MR. PETERS: No, he's not. He must have  
16 walked away. I'm looking at it right now and he's  
17 not on mute.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Jeff, if I could make a  
19 suggestion.

20 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

21 MR. REVOLDT: I suspect that Miriam and Larry  
22 want to speak about new business. So maybe we could  
23 just move out of order and consider the old business,  
24 the three items, and then if they're -- if we can get  
25 them back we'll have them come on before the new

1 business.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Yeah.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Can I make a motion -- I'll  
4 make a motion that we deviate from the agenda to  
5 begin voting on A, B, and C awaiting Mr. Tripp and  
6 Mrs. Baughman.

7 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

8 MR. CERRETA: Ben, go ahead and contact them  
9 too and get them back.

10 MR. PETERS: All those in favor, say "aye".  
11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
13 carries.

14 Okay. We will move on to new business -- or  
15 old business, I'm sorry.

16 May I have a motion and a second to read by  
17 title only Ordinance 35-21.

18 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta moves.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

20 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

21 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."  
22 ("Aye" in unison.)

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.  
24 Ben.

25 MR. CERRETA: Ben can't do two things. He's



1 calling --

2 MR. FOLTZ: He's on the phone.

3 MR. CERRETA: All right. Go ahead. Someone  
4 else read it.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will read it.

6 An ordinance amending Chapter 935, Waterlines  
7 and Hydrants, of the codified ordinances of the City  
8 of North Canton, specifically Section 935.02(a), Fee  
9 Where Connection Cost -- Fee Where Connection Cost Is  
10 Not Paid By Assessment, to authorize payment plans  
11 for the premises located outside the city.

12 MR. PETERS: Well done, Daryl.

13 Chairman Cerreta.

14 MR. CERRETA: All right. Well done, Daryl.  
15 Yeah, good reading there.

16 This is third reading. We have talked about  
17 this in many and we've had two votes on it already.  
18 This just gives those folks that are outside the city  
19 a chance to connect to our water and have a payment  
20 plan. We do it for the inside folks, we're now just  
21 kind of giving the outside folks an opportunity to do  
22 that. So I move we go ahead and pass this in the  
23 third reading.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

25 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

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

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
4 carries.

5 May I have a motion and a second to read by  
6 title only Ordinance 38-21.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

8 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta moves. Cerreta  
9 seconds.

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

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
13 carries.

14 An ordinance repealing Chapter 149,  
15 Recreation Board, of the codified ordinances of the  
16 City of North Canton and dissolving the Recreation  
17 Board of the City of North Canton.

18 Chairman Stroia.

19 MR. STROIA: We discussed this a couple times  
20 before. This can be found on pages 7 and 8. I  
21 believe there's only one active committee member  
22 that's expiring shortly. There's no more schedules  
23 or activities to approve by the board.

24 Anybody have any comments on this?

25 MR. FONTE: No. No, sir.

1 MR. FOLTZ: No. Motion to approve third  
2 reading. Foltz.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Second reading.

4 MR. FOLTZ: Second reading.

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

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

8 All right. May I have a motion and a second  
9 to read by title only Ordinance 39-21.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz moves.

12 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

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

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
16 carries.

17 An ordinance amending Chapter 935, Waterlines  
18 and Hydrants, of the codified ordinances of the City  
19 of North Canton, specifically Section 935.08, Sale of  
20 Water or Sanitary Sewer Service Outside City  
21 Boundaries.

22 Chairman Stroia.

23 MR. STROIA: All right. We've read this a  
24 couple times before as well. This is on pages 9  
25 through 11. Mainly dealing with the outside water

1 connection fees and it would make the administration  
2 in charge of negotiations.

3 Any comments or questions on this? This is  
4 the second reading, sorry.

5 MR. PETERS: No.

6 MR. STROIA: All right. Motion to approve.

7 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

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

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
11 carries.

12 Ben? Do we have you?

13 MR. YOUNG: We do. And we have at least  
14 Mr. Tripp, I believe. Mr. Tripp?

15 MR. TRIPP: Yeah. Are you ready? Are you  
16 ready for me? Are you ready, Ben?

17 MR. YOUNG: I'm going to go back to the  
18 slide.

19 All right. I am ready when you're ready,  
20 Mr. Tripp.

21 MR. TRIPP: Okay. Larry Tripp, 1127 East  
22 Maple, North Canton, Ohio.

23 Come August 1, I will probably say I've been  
24 able to enjoy 26 years of retirement. During that  
25 time, to remain active and hopefully keep a sound

1 mind, I have taken several part-time jobs with the  
2 intent once it became a job and it was not fun I  
3 would leave that position. Yes, those extra dollars  
4 for having fun were enjoyable, too, but the one I  
5 have probably enjoyed the most is the one I am doing  
6 right now with no pay but much gratification. Yes,  
7 being active in local government in a minor but  
8 productive role.

9 Each of you have received my e-mail this  
10 afternoon in which I disputed various bullet  
11 points --

12 Hello? Who interrupted me?

13 MR. REVOLDT: You're good, Larry. Go.

14 MR. TRIPP: Each of you have received my  
15 e-mail this afternoon in which I disputed various  
16 bullet points as presented last week. I stand by  
17 each of my remarks and can ask only one question:  
18 How can you be led to humiliation when you discuss  
19 the post -- the proposed increase with friends and  
20 citizens of North Canton as you are trying to explain  
21 you are only worth a \$25-per-month pay increase.  
22 Yes, I, as well as each of you, received  
23 Mr. Revoldt's reply to my earlier e-mail and it  
24 centered on changing times with pay being the major  
25 incentive. Yes, I would agree. But not in a

1 part-time position where the present occupants and  
2 new ones to come are well into their chosen  
3 professions and their own retirement plan. As usual,  
4 Mr. Revoldt completely evaded my remarks, which is  
5 only par for the course. Like the promise of 200  
6 jobs when purchasing the Kmart property, no young  
7 talent will run for city council to start a  
8 government career.

9           Tonight I see on the agenda ordinance  
10 proposed to eliminate recreation board and the  
11 creation of a billing dispute board. We are getting  
12 more boards than Carter has liver pills. Is the  
13 creation of a new board one to confuse the public and  
14 waste the time of council? The legislation reads  
15 "for the need to monitor and oversee disputes that  
16 cannot be handled through normal city channels."  
17 First, if there are that many billing disputes, we  
18 have a problem far greater than the need for a  
19 billing dispute board. We should look straight at  
20 the top and question Director of Administration and  
21 Finance, why so many problems? We hear of a  
22 well-trained and well-paid office staff, so is the  
23 creation of this board a hint not all is quite as  
24 rosy as being presented within city government walls.

25           Then, to top it off, the new board would

1 consist of those now responsible for the billing.  
2 Mr. Mayor, you and I have had a couple of  
3 conversations about confusion among the city's --  
4 about among the citizens of North Canton. This  
5 certainly leads -- adds to the confusion we are now  
6 experiencing. And it's funny, Mr. -- the speaker  
7 before me would mention John F. Kennedy. The words  
8 really echoed through my mind when I think of that  
9 man. Ask not what you can do for yourself but what  
10 you can do to your government. Ponder that when you  
11 vote tonight on a pay increase.

12 I'm done, Ben. Thank you.

13 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

14 MR. TRIPP: Okay.

15 MR. YOUNG: And it looks like we also have  
16 Miss Baughman back.

17 MS. BAUGHMAN: I'm here.

18 MR. YOUNG: Yay. When you're ready, Miss  
19 Baughman.

20 MS. BAUGHMAN: Okay. Miriam Baughman. 320  
21 Weber Avenue, North Canton.

22 I would like to speak on Ordinance 40-2021,  
23 Compensation for Elected Officials. I agree with the  
24 raises; however, I do not agree for automatic  
25 increases for the next six years. Consider raising

1 for the next term only. Let the following councils  
2 authorize raises for their following two-year  
3 periods. A lot can change in a two-year period for a  
4 city circumstances. So it's prudent to only  
5 authorize raises for a two-year period.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

8 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Miriam.

9 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

10 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, are we caught up on  
11 the screen there? Yes, we are. All right, folks, we  
12 will move on to new business.

13 May I have a motion and a second to read by  
14 title only Ordinance 31-21.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

16 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

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

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

20 Ben, please.

21 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending the Zoning  
22 Code of the City of North Canton to create Chapter  
23 1136, Main Street Districts Regulations, establishing  
24 the Main Street North Gateway, Main Street North,  
25 Main Street Center, and Main Street South and Main



1 Street South Gateway zoning districts in order to  
2 fully enact such districts, together with providing  
3 opportunities for future residents and businesses.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

5 Chairman Revoldt.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you very much.

7 Council, what I'd like you to do tonight is  
8 do a couple of things. First of all, is I'd like to  
9 adopt this, but before we do the first reading is  
10 amend it consistent with the memo that you have in  
11 your packet listing the changes that we are  
12 proposing. This document is dated 5/21, there's one  
13 page, and it's entitled "Proposed Amendments for  
14 MSZ." Main Street Zone. These changes came as a  
15 result of our analysis of the public hearing and  
16 working session that Administrator DeOrio, Marty,  
17 Sean Suder, our consultant, Ben, and I participated  
18 in last Friday. We believe that we have cleaned up  
19 the language and addressed many of the issues that  
20 were raised at the public hearing.

21 I'd ask you to look at them, look at the  
22 proposed amendments, to determine if there are  
23 anything at this point that you find problematic or  
24 have questions about.

25 MR. FONTE: Daryl, Dom here.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

2 MR. FONTE: I read through the whole thing  
3 and I think it was good to modify the building to  
4 25 feet, but the question I still keep asking is, in  
5 certain areas where the commercial is, I didn't see  
6 anything about the light poles, that they can go an  
7 additional 10 foot with LEDs. So I was curious, if  
8 Marty's on the call, if he can clarify what the  
9 current zoning rules or how we modified it if we can  
10 have that option to, like, for example, you know,  
11 where Acme was, they wanted to do that in 2018, and  
12 we only had to allow 20 foot. So I wanted to know is  
13 there in somewhere because I couldn't find it  
14 anywhere.

15 MR. REVOLDT: I don't think it was. Marty?

16 MR. FONTE: What I need to know, is Marty  
17 there? Can we add that into there or do we have  
18 flexibility?

19 MR. REVOLDT: I'll tell what you: Marty, are  
20 you in?

21 MR. VAN GUNDY: I'm here. Yeah.

22 MR. FONTE: So I think that's important  
23 because like the example that had pushed me to think  
24 about the MSB thing all along was when the LED  
25 technology changed and I went up to Green to see the

1 30-foot poles in the commercial zoning area. Not  
2 residential because that would intrude a little on  
3 the lighting pollution, but not with LEDs, not  
4 mercury lights or high pressure sodium, you know, it  
5 would save the business owner \$96,000, I think it  
6 was, or 90,000, and it would save energy, and they  
7 can improve the technologies there. And, of course,  
8 generate more revenue, which would help offset some  
9 of the income tax issues. You know what I mean?

10 So when we -- initially it wasn't permitted  
11 to go beyond 20 feet, we couldn't make an exception  
12 so that's kind of what got me going on this whole  
13 thing to start with. So that's why I'd like the  
14 option to see that 30-foot option there in the areas,  
15 like, say, for example, across from Kmart we got, you  
16 know, all those businesses there and that would save  
17 them money, why not have that provision in there and  
18 do we need to add it or is there some flexibility.  
19 That's what I needed to know.

20 MR. REVOLDT: I guess the question is, Marty,  
21 does it go into 1136 or does it go under -- would you  
22 recommend it be placed in another location? It says  
23 that it's set forth in 1155.11.

24 MR. VAN GUNDY: The challenge gets to be in  
25 areas that would adjoin residential uses,

1 particularly with the LED. LED can be fairly intense  
2 on the lighting and we do get complaints from --

3 MR. FONTE: From commercial. Marty,  
4 commercial only. Yeah.

5 MR. REVOLDT: I mean, Dominic, we've got a  
6 problem up on, you know, Karen Benfield up in Doug's  
7 ward has complained -- complains about the lighting  
8 already from the church. And it's been adjusted.

9 MR. FONTE: Yeah, but like, here's what I'm  
10 getting. That backs up to residential. So, for  
11 example, let me give you a perfect example.  
12 Versailles Gardens, which is an apartment complex  
13 that backs up to Acme's strip up there, that would be  
14 the standard 20-foot poles like we've been using for  
15 many years with LED technology, but on the front end,  
16 where, like, say, all the commercial stuff is along  
17 Main, that should be up to 30 feet, you know, in  
18 those areas that don't protrude against residential.  
19 But if you're in a church, you're in a residential  
20 neighborhood, get it? So that's all I'm saying is  
21 that flexibility we need to have, in my opinion.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Well, Dom, I think what  
23 you're saying we need to take a look at 1155.11.  
24 That's the section that deals with lighting. So,  
25 Ben, if you would be kind enough to place this on the

1 agenda for next city council of the whole, let's look  
2 at the existing language.

3 Marty, if you would take a dive at this to  
4 see if there's some ways that it can be tweaked. If  
5 not, okay, but try to give us a recommendation one  
6 way or another or something in between. Does that  
7 work for you, Dom?

8 MR. FONTE: Yeah. It's just basically in  
9 commercial zones and -- and, you know, obviously if  
10 you back up to residential you got to be cognizant of  
11 the neighbor; right? So that would be your standard  
12 20 foot that's been in account for many, many years.  
13 But we had -- remember mercury lights, which were  
14 glaring and light pollution and everything. The  
15 LEDs, if you drive up to Green, Acme Green, you'll  
16 see what I'm talking. They're fabulous. And who on  
17 our team has been up that way?

18 MR. PETERS: I have.

19 MR. FONTE: Do you recall -- do you  
20 understand what I'm talking about?

21 MR. PETERS: Yeah. For commercial areas. It  
22 wouldn't work on up against --

23 MR. FONTE: That's exactly correct. And I'm  
24 110 percent for that. If it's going to help save  
25 money for the business owners who are bringing in

1 revenue for the city, that's a win-win plus energy  
2 savings; right?

3 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. So let's do this: Let's  
4 place this issue on an agenda, the next council of  
5 the whole agenda, and we'll look at -- we'll look at  
6 how we might best address it.

7 MR. FONTE: Thanks, Daryl.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. And so this would apply  
9 not only for Main Street but our regular business  
10 zones; correct?

11 MR. VAN GUNDY: That's correct.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

13 MR. CERRETA: So we're also going to have the  
14 planning commission look at this; right?

15 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. What I'd like to do is  
16 have the -- have the planning commission, as a  
17 courtesy, not necessarily have it as a public  
18 hearing, but once we've adopted these amendments I'd  
19 like to kick it over to the planning commission and  
20 have them take just one more look at it to see if  
21 there's anything that jumps out at it as we continue  
22 to work through the adoption process.

23 MR. CERRETA: One of the questions I had is,  
24 you know, at our public hearings some folks, and  
25 folks who were developers -- and here's the other

1 thing. You know, we looked at this thing. I went  
2 through this with a fine-tooth comb but I'm not a  
3 qualified contractor and anything like that and I  
4 probably looked and found, what, 80 percent of those  
5 changes. Probably 15 of these things I kind of  
6 scribbled. So I want to make sure that when we guide  
7 this stuff through it's not just -- we're laymen when  
8 it comes to this. I want to make sure that we still  
9 have some -- some developers looking at this and  
10 making sure when they come to develop in our  
11 community that we didn't screw this whole thing up.  
12 So I would still like to get some eyes on this from  
13 developers, and somehow. Because we are not  
14 qualified to do a lot of these. Now, Marty is and  
15 he's agreeing with a lot of the things that we want,  
16 but I still would like someone who actually wants to  
17 build in our community take a look at this. My  
18 question was -- go ahead, Daryl.

19 MR. REVOLDT: No. Go ahead. I'm sorry.  
20 Finish.

21 MR. CERRETA: My question was, they argued  
22 about the 35 feet. Why does it even have to be  
23 25 feet? What are we trying to prevent here? A  
24 one-story building rather than a two-story building?  
25 I mean, if someone wants to come in and put an ice

1 cream stand or something at a spot, or something  
2 that's a building that is, you know, good -- a good  
3 business, why are we limiting it to a minimum of  
4 25 feet? That's a two-story building. Am I not  
5 correct with that?

6 MR. REVOLDT: That is correct.

7 MR. CERRETA: So what is --

8 MR. REVOLDT: Think -- think -- think about  
9 the economic footprint of what we're trying to  
10 achieve. We wanted -- we want capital investment.  
11 We want employment. And we also wanted some  
12 residential on the second floor, if possible.

13 MR. CERRETA: Uh-huh.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Most of the buildings on Main  
15 Street, Mark -- and this is a great question -- are  
16 two stories. They're already two stories. If they  
17 are demolished, we'd like them replaced with  
18 two-story buildings.

19 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

20 MR. REVOLDT: And we'd like them to come a  
21 little closer to the curb. Again, when you look  
22 at -- when you look at kind of what you like or what  
23 your vision is for Main Street, is it do you want a  
24 McDonald's or, well, another fast food -- I shouldn't  
25 say -- another fast food, when you look at the value