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SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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**TRANSCRIPT OF
JUNE 1, 2020, 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, June 1, 2020, at 7:15 p.m.

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1 MR. PETERS: All right. Now I will call to
2 order the North Canton city council special committee
3 of the whole meeting, June 1, 2020. The time is
4 7:15 p.m.

5 Ben, please call the roll.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

7 MR. REVOLDT: Present.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

9 MR. CERRETA: Here.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

11 MRS. WERREN: Here.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

13 MR. STROIA: Here.

14 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz? Member Foltz?

15 MR. PETERS: Did we lose audio for him?

16 MR. FOLTZ: Here. I'm sorry. Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: There we go.

18 Member Fonte?

19 MR. FONTE: Present.

20 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters?

21 MR. PETERS: Here.

22 MR. YOUNG: One, two, three, four, five, six,
23 seven. Seven present.

24 MR. PETERS: That's it. Okay. Thank you.

25 At this time we will start with Community and

1 Economic Development. Chairman Revoldt, the floor is
2 yours.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you, Jeff.

4 Council has for its consideration tonight
5 some amendments to the planning commission zoning
6 ordinance regarding how items proceed through the --
7 through the process. I think the goal -- and, Pat,
8 feel free to jump in here. The goal is to -- is to
9 work out, number one, details in advance of having
10 something get to the planning commission. That's
11 number one.

12 Number two is, is to give the clerk the
13 ability to manage and track the process so we don't
14 lose it as it moves through the various approvals.

15 Pat, is that -- is that a pretty good
16 summary?

17 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. Daryl, we went to a
18 seminar earlier this year in February. We took a
19 whole cadre of people from the City of North Canton;
20 we were the largest group in attendance, there was
21 about 14 of us. And at this -- this was a government
22 law seminar, and we learned through the session on
23 zoning code changes how it should work in a
24 municipality. And the big takeaway was how, in other
25 municipalities, the clerk of council is the

1 coordinator in making sure this flows through on any
2 initiation, be it from the mayor's office or from the
3 council or from a resident, goes to the clerk and
4 then the clerk tracks its progress through planning
5 and then back to council. So we really like what we
6 had heard, and Ben was there and so he's taken the
7 initiative to beef this up for us.

8 MR. REVOLDT: I -- the only question that
9 I've got, Pat, and I would defer to you on this, is I
10 look at Sections 1181.02 and 1181.03. I think one of
11 the things that, as I looked at the language, I want
12 to make sure we preserve the administration's
13 authority or right to initiate a request to the
14 planning commission outside of city council. There
15 may be situations where something comes up and
16 council may or may not necessarily be ready to go or
17 prepared to make a decision, and I think that the
18 administration really ought to have that authority.
19 And that's just kind of my take on it. I'm just not
20 sure the language is there that specifies that. If
21 you want it. That's the other question.

22 MR. DEORIO: Well, that's a good question. I
23 think the charter, if I'm not mistaken, addresses
24 some of that, and I thought we had that option within
25 the charter. That something from the mayor's office

1 can go directly.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Well, you can -- you can
3 initiate legislation, but I guess the thing of it is
4 I would like to see, as we talk about the process, I
5 would like to see something, maybe a line or two
6 written in there that gives you -- specifically gives
7 you the authority to do it.

8 MR. FONTE: What's wrong with the way it's
9 written now?

10 MR. REVOLDT: It's not there.

11 MR. FONTE: So it's working fine now, isn't
12 it?

13 MR. REVOLDT: No.

14 MR. DEORIO: No, it's not.

15 MR. FONTE: So what are you suggesting?

16 MR. REVOLDT: Well, this is what we're
17 suggesting. Is that give the authority to manage the
18 process to the clerk so we can track it from its
19 introduction to the very back end. And if you'll
20 notice, there's a -- there's an important section
21 here, Dom -- that's a fair question -- but one of
22 the -- one of the requirements is that an outside
23 applicant meet in advance to submitting an
24 application. So everybody kind of gets a chance to
25 take a look at what's being requested.

1 MR. FONTE: Right.

2 MR. REVOLDT: So -- so before somebody hires
3 an attorney, goes out and does survey work or
4 whatever and gets into the expense of getting
5 permission, we have a conversation first. And I
6 think that's really important. Pat, is that correct?

7 MR. DEORIO: That's correct.

8 MR. FONTE: That makes sense, guys.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. I guess, you know,
10 coming back to this 1181.02, I would really -- you
11 know, we talked about three ways to get this thing, I
12 would really like to have something where the
13 administration could submit it as well.

14 MR. PETERS: I would agree with that.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Just like a normal legislative
16 request.

17 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Exactly. I would agree
18 with that.

19 MR. FOX: Legislative request from the
20 administrator.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. That's what we need,
22 Tim.

23 MR. FOX: Yes, sir.

24 MR. PETERS: Good catch, Tim. That's the way
25 to word it.

1 MR. FOX: We'll do that.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Can we noodle on this a
4 little bit? Obviously we're going to have to
5 schedule a public hearing because you're seeking --
6 are we -- we're changing the zoning ordinance itself
7 or just the --

8 MR. DEORIO: Well, we're not changing the
9 zoning on any property.

10 MR. PETERS: No. It's initiation.

11 MR. REVOLDT: That's right. I misspoke.
12 Senior moment.

13 Okay. Well, can we -- do we want to -- is
14 there consensus to have the language cleaned up and
15 proceed with the first reading?

16 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Let's move forward.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

18 (inaudible.)

19 MR. REVOLDT: So we've got two, three, four.

20 MRS. WERREN: I will. I concur.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. Very good. Tim and Ben,
22 if you'll clean this up, run it past the
23 administration.

24 MR. FOX: Yes.

25 MR. REVOLDT: That would be great.

1 MR. FOX: Yeah. There we go.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Second item here.

3 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

4 MR. REVOLDT: The administration is seeking,
5 on an emergency basis, legislation for the
6 acquisition of a parcel on North Main Street not to
7 exceed \$230,000. This is part of our land banking
8 effort which will underscore or support our safety
9 building. The parcel in question at 1136 North Main
10 Street is the Duke station, is that not correct,
11 Mr. DeOrio?

12 MR. DEORIO: That is correct.

13 MR. REVOLDT: So all the requisite back work
14 has been done, the price is agreed upon and the
15 administration is ready to purchase.

16 MR. DEORIO: You know, we have a purchase
17 agreement in place and closing is going to happen
18 shortly. And, you know, one of the requisites is
19 that, you know, before we actually purchase the
20 property council has to authorize, you know, that,
21 that process. And so everything is done. Closing
22 will be in, like, the next two weeks, and I wasn't
23 quite sure if we would be able to get it back to
24 council, you know, before then if we waited much
25 longer.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Are there any other
2 questions?

3 MR. PETERS: No. I'm good. Move forward,
4 Daryl.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. So there's two of us.
6 Do I have three and four?

7 MR. STROIA: Yes.

8 MRS. WERREN: Yes. Got me.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz, yes.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Stephanie, Foltz.

11 MRS. WERREN: Werren, yes.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Very good. Okay. Then we'll
13 have legislation on emergency next week.

14 MRS. WERREN: Great.

15 MR. PETERS: Outstanding. Thank you, Daryl.
16 Appreciate it.

17 Okay. Next up Finance and Property.
18 Chairwoman Werren, the floor is yours.

19 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Thanks.

20 Actually, we're just kind of looking at kind
21 of allocating some different funds different places,
22 and so, Jina, if you wanted to talk about anything
23 regarding this, that would be great.

24 MS. ALABACK: Sure.

25 So we have a -- we would like to increase

1 \$31,100 for the golf course in the general fund, and
2 that is actually just the forfeited security deposit
3 we're going to use to pay for some facilities
4 maintenance at Arrowhead.

5 In the income tax fund, this is not actually
6 additional but we're just going to change the way
7 we're recording our income tax as to the net
8 (inaudible). We're going to record it and gross that
9 up so the city income tax will be reported as revenue
10 and then their collection fee to RITA will be
11 recorded as an expense. So we're just going to gross
12 both of those sides up.

13 In the general trust fund, the 212, the
14 farmers market is something new. We're going to
15 start receiving some sponsorships for farmers market
16 and so then we need -- just need an appropriation to
17 be able to turn around and pay some of those expenses
18 for the farmers market.

19 The MSB flags, that was actually a carryover
20 from 2019. The PO had gotten canceled and so we need
21 to reappropriate that so that we can spend that
22 donation that carried over from 2019.

23 And then in the 2000 -- I'm sorry, the 214,
24 the compensated absences fund, we had three people
25 that had terminated employment or retired and so we

1 just need to have an appropriation to pay out their
2 vacation, sick time, whatever was due to them upon
3 termination. Total supplemental appropriation is
4 \$276,200.

5 MRS. WERREN: So-I had asked Jina, I was -- I
6 was unsure about the Arrowhead and so she had
7 explained to me that, and the other ones seemed like
8 something kind of we have done over the years with
9 the flag moving forward and then with the farmers
10 market. And just to clarify, I did get an e-mail
11 today from a constituent that thought that the reason
12 that we bought the Kmart property was for the farmers
13 market. And so just to clarify that that was not why
14 we did that.

15 Any other comments or thoughts? Okay.
16 Thanks, Jina. That was -- that was great.

17 MS. ALABACK: Thank you.

18 MRS. WERREN: Good wrap-up.

19 And Dominic, thank you for your continued
20 flag monies moving forward.

21 MR. FONTE: We need to thank the sponsors.
22 You know, the Lions Club kicked in 2,500, Rotary
23 kicked in 2,500, and then we had a few other nice
24 little donations, so want to make sure we thank them
25 for their very generous support.

1 MRS. WERREN: Was that again? Was that
2 additional this year?

3 MR. FONTE: No. I think we had chose to
4 \$10,000 --

5 MRS. WERREN: Last year.

6 MR. FONTE: -- donated. Yes.

7 MRS. WERREN: Right.

8 MR. FONTE: Yeah, we're still working through
9 that.

10 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. And I know that we had
11 thanked them last year but it's great to keep
12 reminding.

13 MR. FONTE: Yeah. And we appreciate it.

14 MRS. WERREN: Very much. And for the
15 sponsors, too, for the farmers market.

16 So okay. Thanks, Jina. We'll move that
17 forward.

18 MR. PETERS: Okay. Very good. Thank you,
19 Stephanie.

20 Moving on. We have Rules, Ordinance, Claims.
21 Chairman Stroia.

22 MR. STROIA: Yes. Can you guys hear me okay?

23 MR. PETERS: Sure can.

24 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

25 MR. STROIA: All right. Yeah. So we're

1 going to talk about just a discussion, open
2 discussion, on modifications of the rules of city
3 council. Preface this, just a couple of things. So
4 as you scroll down through the documents, the first
5 one is the old version, and you can look through and
6 the ones in red that are stricken are recorded in
7 here and then following that you'll see a more
8 streamlined version that says "Rules of City
9 Council." So I do want to say I want this to be an
10 open discussion, I don't intend to move this forward
11 today. Let's consider it a work in progress and get
12 some feedback here.

13 And then I also want to read this, this small
14 part, because I think it's being overlooked by some
15 of the people reading this. "If any part of the
16 rules should become contrary to local," meaning the
17 city charter or state law, "it shall be considered
18 void." So keep that in mind.

19 So I want to open that up to those that have
20 questions on this, feel free to ask. And also, Ben,
21 he is the -- you know, this is his baby moving this
22 forward, so please be involved as you want, Ben.

23 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. I'm just -- it's Foltz
24 here.

25 I'm just looking at -- so we're starting

1 where we start the red and blue wording, we're
2 changing the committee and council meetings? We're
3 switching dates, or dates and months; am I reading
4 that right?

5 MR. STROIA: It's proposed as an idea for
6 just the alternating, to go back and forth between
7 the regular meeting and the quote/unquote special
8 meeting.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Committee meetings -- committee
10 meetings and council meetings, is that what you're
11 saying?

12 MR. STROIA: Correct.

13 MR. FOLTZ: So the committee meetings are
14 always first and third, council is second and fourth.
15 Of course, we varied that depending on what we need
16 to have done, you know, as far as working effectively
17 and efficiently with the administration, so now we're
18 switching that?

19 MR. STROIA: Yeah.

20 MR. FOLTZ: What's the thought process behind
21 that?

22 MR. STROIA: I think kind of -- and Ben, you
23 can speak as to this as well. But if you start as a
24 regular council meeting and if one has to get
25 canceled then it doesn't -- you know, you make sure

1 you get the council meetings in versus the committee
2 of the whole meetings in.

3 MR. YOUNG: So there are two kind of reasons
4 behind this. That would be what Mr. Stroia alluded
5 to, that we -- in council meetings is where we need
6 the three readings, so that's where we have a larger
7 need for more frequent meetings. So by switching
8 council to first, third, and fifth, in some months
9 we'll get that fifth Monday, which will give us
10 another opportunity to have a third reading.

11 And then second, it lines up better with the
12 organizational meeting of council, which is typically
13 the first Monday of December. And so under the
14 current structure what would happen is you would have
15 the organizational meeting, and let's say the entire
16 council turned over. You would swear in all the new
17 council people and then you would go home. The next
18 week when you returned it wouldn't be committee, it
19 would be council. Council wouldn't have had a
20 committee meeting to get any (inaudible) started. So
21 in December, if you switch committee and council, the
22 organizational meeting of council with regular
23 council and then that next week will be a committee
24 (inaudible) any new council member or the new council
25 introduce legislation before having a kind of awkward

1 council meeting with nothing on the agenda.

2 MR. FOLTZ: Uh-huh. Okay. Well, I'm just
3 trying -- I'm just trying to think this through.
4 Sometimes we're combining special committee with
5 council, vice versa. It's just flipping us around.
6 I'm not saying it's a bad thing, I'm just saying it's
7 something that, once I started looking at this, it's
8 just something we haven't done in my tenure here. So
9 it's something new, I guess. It doesn't mean we
10 can't look at it closer. I was just looking for the
11 reasoning.

12 MRS. WERREN: Well, and haven't we been
13 pretty accommodating where if we needed to have that
14 meeting we've done it?

15 MR. FOLTZ: That's what I meant, Stephanie.
16 We have.

17 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. Like, I guess I feel
18 like I like -- I like how we're reactive and
19 proactive in the fact that if Pat or the mayor or
20 somebody says, hey, we need to do this, there's never
21 been a time where we haven't said (inaudible)
22 meeting.

23 MR. STROIA: That wouldn't change with this.
24 This just makes it more organized and less likely to
25 have to do that, but no, I agree with that.

1 MRS. WERREN: Uh-huh.

2 MR. FOLTZ: So if we wanted to have a
3 committee meeting on the first Monday of the month,
4 that would be a special committee. You're saying the
5 regular committee meetings would be the second and
6 fourth.

7 MR. STROIA: Right. Correct.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Well, can I -- this is Daryl.
9 You know, the charter says, first of all, is
10 we conduct business at a regular council meeting.
11 We're obligated by charter to have just one of those
12 a month.

13 MR. FOLTZ: That's it.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Right.

15 MRS. WERREN: Right.

16 MR. REVOLDT: One meeting. A regular
17 meeting. We can schedule a committee meeting any
18 time we want. This charter is silent.

19 MR. STROIA: That's true.

20 MR. REVOLDT: And so, you know, my question
21 is this: Is, we want to make sure we get the regular
22 meetings covered consistent with the charter, but do
23 you want to start calling things special when you
24 really don't need to make them special?

25 MR. STROIA: That's a good point, Daryl.

1 MRS. WERREN: Well, and I feel we've had
2 constituents that have said to us and questioned the
3 legality of a special meeting.

4 MR. REVOLDT: That's precisely the point.

5 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

6 MR. REVOLDT: You know, I -- you know, I
7 think -- you know, here's the advantage of this is
8 that which what Matt's trying to do is split this off
9 between the codification and then requiring council
10 to adopt its rules. What I might submit is this
11 question: Do we want to have our own rules that says
12 council can meet as a committee any time it wants.
13 It just has to meet -- meet the requirements of
14 notification, publish an agenda.

15 MRS. WERREN: So meeting any day of the week,
16 any time of the day.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

18 MRS. WERREN: Yeah, well, that certainly
19 makes it more flexible.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

21 MRS. WERREN: And you think about (inaudible)
22 this past week.

23 MR. PETERS: And, you know, Daryl, I do like
24 that.

25 MR. STROIA: As long as we give notice.

1 MR. REVOLDT: You're not tangled up.

2 MRS. WERREN: Right.

3 MR. REVOLDT: I mean, you know, what you do
4 is we have to define what the meetings are. A
5 regular meeting is one in which the council conducts
6 its formal business. It votes.

7 MRS. WERREN: Right.

8 MR. REVOLDT: We have to have one of those a
9 month. You could make those the first Monday and
10 then you could have any others as council determines.

11 MR. PETERS: So what are you saying, Daryl?

12 (Cross-talk.)

13 MR. REVOLDT: (inaudible) we want.

14 MRS. WERREN: We could have three council
15 meetings a month if we want.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Absolutely.

17 MR. STROIA: We could have ten. Sure. Yeah.

18 MR. REVOLDT: We could have ten.

19 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

20 MR. PETERS: So, Daryl, what you're stating
21 is if we put that language in our rules of council,
22 then by voice vote we could set that meeting, whether
23 it be a committee or council --

24 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

25 MR. PETERS: -- and then it wouldn't be

1 special? It wouldn't be special?

2 MR. REVOLDT: It would not be special.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay.

4 MR. REVOLDT: It's not. You're just
5 conducting your business. And again, in your rules
6 you have to make sure that you provide adequate
7 notice, you have the agenda so nobody feels that
8 we're sneaking anything through.

9 MR. PETERS: Right.

10 MR. REVOLDT: But then we're not tripped up
11 over, well, is this a special meeting or not a
12 special meeting, you know?

13 MR. PETERS: Okay.

14 MR. REVOLDT: We're meeting to conduct
15 business.

16 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

17 MR. DEORIO: It works out better for people
18 that want to participate publicly, by the way.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. That's exactly right.

20 MR. PETERS: Sure.

21 MR. REVOLDT: You know, right now kind of our
22 rule is, well, if we're having a special regular
23 council meeting you can only talk about the item.
24 Well, you know, maybe somebody wants to talk about
25 something else. You know.

1 MR. PETERS: That's a great point.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Get a little more democracy.

3 MR. PETERS: That is a great point.

4 MR. FOX: If you let me shore it up a little
5 more in looking into the Open Meetings Act under the
6 part for the obligation of regularly scheduled
7 meetings of eventually confirming a date and time and
8 then just for your special, you know, something
9 unique. But I can pull that up a little bit for you.

10 MR. STROIA: Yeah, that would be great.
11 Yeah. And no intention to move this forward today.
12 This is just discussion points.

13 MR. PETERS: Yeah, no. This is a great
14 discussion. Daryl, I love your point, because, you
15 know, often during special council meetings we've had
16 to limit the input from the public to what's on the
17 agenda and it kind of hamstrings you and just makes
18 our job a little tougher. You know, people should be
19 able to come up and say whatever they want whenever
20 they want.

21 (Cross-talk.)

22 MR. STROIA: It really opens it up.

23 MR. REVOLDT: The other thing is this: The
24 other point is this. Is that if you are -- if you
25 are setting this by your rule as opposed to an

1 ordinance, you would adopt your rules every year at
2 your organizational meeting. Which means that if you
3 want to change it, you can change it.

4 MR. PETERS: Sure. Sure.

5 MR. REVOLDT: You can look back and say, you
6 know, it didn't work very well this last year. Let's
7 modify this. And you could do it right then and
8 there.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. And Matt -- this is Foltz
10 again.

11 Yeah, I think it's worth -- worth pursuing.
12 Obviously Monday is the day we meet unless really,
13 whether we call it special meetings or not, it's
14 exception not to meet on Monday. And we know
15 sometimes we have to get together, you know, later in
16 the week, that's understood, but I think as long as
17 we keep our Mondays intact the general public is used
18 to those meetings at a certain time.

19 MR. STROIA: Yes. Definitely. Definitely.

20 MR. FOX: And the big calls that we get with
21 that type of question is where a resident will call
22 and specifically ask, What date would I be able to
23 address council.

24 MR. PETERS: Right. Okay.

25 MR. FOLTZ: All right, Matt. Are we going to

1 work through this or are we just going to kind of --

2 MR. STROIA: Whatever you guys want to do.

3 If there's something specific --

4 MR. FOLTZ: A lot of red lining here.

5 MR. STROIA: Yeah, there is.

6 MR. FOLTZ: We got to read it and make sure
7 that it's -- that we're not eliminating something
8 that's critical for us down the road.

9 MR. STROIA: Sure. Yeah. Yeah, if you want
10 to go through it. I mean, we don't have to do that
11 now, but if you guys want to go line by line through
12 this and come back with any suggestions, that would
13 be great. But I just want to get the ball rolling on
14 this and I think there's some places we can improve.

15 MR. CERRETA: Give us a couple weeks, let's
16 go through it and come back. That sounds good.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

18 MR. STROIA: Okay. Yeah. So do we -- do you
19 want to continue? Has everybody said what they have
20 to say about it?

21 MR. FOLTZ: Well, I can have more discussion.
22 I don't want to, you know, let's -- I want to digest
23 it more.

24 MR. STROIA: Yeah. Yeah. I mean, we can
25 table it or we can --

1 MR. REVOLDT: May I?

2 MR. STROIA: Go ahead.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. This is Daryl.

4 Here's what I recommend we do. Let's
5 continue to work on this and let's rewrite the
6 codified ordinance in a proposed draft and then
7 let's, as you've got here, let's take a look at
8 those -- at those rules of city council. For
9 example, when Matt and I discussed this earlier, one
10 of the sections of the rules is it limits guests to
11 five minutes in the public speaks. What if you've
12 got somebody who's coming in who's your expert? He's
13 a guest. So let's -- let's look at this thing and
14 then when we have a chance to get back together face
15 to face let's walk through this.

16 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

17 MR. STROIA: Yeah. Definitely agree. I
18 think this is more of a face-to-face discussion
19 (inaudible).

20 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Daryl, I agree. I mean, I
21 think we need to get hard copies. And I haven't had
22 the availability to do that and just kind of look at
23 it and compare it to what's new and move through it
24 that way. If that's okay with you guys. Sure.

25 MR. STROIA: That sounds good.

1 MR. FOLTZ: We are meeting next week in
2 person or did I -- or Jeff, am I missing something?

3 MR. PETERS: No. No. Since Dr. Acton
4 extended that --

5 MR. FOLTZ: Extended it.

6 MR. PETERS: -- yeah, to July 1 limiting 10.
7 I would really like, when we get back together in
8 person we have the whole team together. And I still
9 think we're early on in the reopening process. There
10 are some folks, I think they're a little nervous,
11 would be a little hesitant to come out and I don't
12 want them to feel that, you know, the only way they
13 could participate if they -- if they had to do it in
14 person. So these seem to be going very well. I
15 think we're moving the ball along pretty quickly and
16 easily, so I think another three weeks of doing this
17 is not going to cause much harm.

18 MR. FOLTZ: Okay.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Hey, just -- this is Daryl.

20 One additional thought here. I'm quickly
21 strolling through this stuff. Is when we look at our
22 agendas, you know, I think those are something that
23 not necessarily ought to be codified but ought to be
24 in our rule. I want to make sure that we've got in
25 there, as part of the agenda, a final call for

1 business. You know, and I think council needs to
2 determine whether that's an opportunity for the
3 public, after something has happened, if the public
4 wants to say something. You know, I don't know
5 whether that's our business for council or it's
6 public business. Just something to ponder.

7 MR. DEORIO: Are you suggesting, Daryl --
8 this is DeOrio.

9 Are you suggesting that there are going to be
10 two public speaks?

11 MR. FOLTZ: No.

12 MR. REVOLDT: No. I'm not. First of all, I
13 think what's important is we have to understand this,
14 is that we're under no obligation for public speaks.
15 No legal obligation. I'm just laying a question out
16 because we do have this call for business. Is that a
17 place we want to go?

18 MRS. WERREN: But I think the call for
19 business is for us.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Correct.

21 MRS. WERREN: They have the opportunity --
22 they have an opportunity to already -- if there's
23 something they want to bring up, they can bring that
24 up.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Fair enough.

1 MR. FOLTZ: I concur. And if we're not --
2 and after the meeting if we're around, if they want
3 to talk individually or groups without any voting.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

5 MRS. WERREN: That's right.

6 MR. FONTE: And they can reach out to us any
7 time. Direct lines. We are very accessible.

8 MRS. WERREN: Very. And our public speaks
9 policy is one of the most, I guess --

10 MR. PETERS: Liberal.

11 MRS. WERREN: -- liberal in the whole county.

12 MR. FOLTZ: That is true, because I was there
13 when that (inaudible).

14 MR. FOX: We could tighten it up a little
15 bit. If you look, it's a little -- well, I beg your
16 pardon. Actually the opposite way. Because of some
17 recent supreme court -- US Supreme Court cases that
18 have happened in Florida.

19 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

20 MR. FOX: They're a little more open on
21 protecting free speech and so forth.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay.

23 MRS. WERREN: All right.

24 MR. PETERS: All right. So we're going to
25 let this marinate, everyone read through it.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

2 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Thank you.
4 Thank you, Matt. Thank you, Ben.

5 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. This is Maryl.
6 The court reporter.

7 MR. PETERS: Yes, ma'am.

8 COURT REPORTER: There's someone who's got, I
9 think, some ice that they're rattling in their cup
10 and there's someone who's tapping cards or something
11 and it's actually breaking through where you can't
12 hear the other person. So if people can be careful
13 when they have their mic open, I'd appreciate it.

14 MR. FONTE: And make sure you shut your phone
15 to silent.

16 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you so
17 much.

18 Okay. Moving on, we have Parks and
19 Recreation. Chairman Foltz.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. Was that rules and decorum
21 or that's -- we're just going to move that. Okay.
22 I'm sorry.

23 Bitzer Park. Had a discussion with
24 Mr. DeOrio earlier. As you know, that's a great
25 project for our downtown park. Obviously Pat's

1 worked hard on this with community businesses and
2 organizations. Right now we are looking to basically
3 authorize us to -- just to bid this out. And I think
4 it's -- it's a great opportunity to increase our
5 participation in Bitzer Park. As you know, it's in
6 the heart of the city. It's obviously going to be
7 done first class when we're finished with it. We've
8 got that beautiful memorial there now, our Christmas
9 tree that a lot of council members, Member Cerreta
10 especially, gets involved with. I think that's in
11 the heart of our city and I think we've kicked around
12 the idea of what to do with that area as far as some
13 additional entertainment and there's been discussion
14 through the years. And I think this -- this plan is
15 kind of a very nice approach to it as far as the
16 possibilities it presents for us as far as not only
17 to have entertainment there to some degree but also
18 esthetically to make that a nice contribution to our
19 downtown square.

20 So with that, Pat, if you want to add to
21 that, I know I just did general terms. There might
22 be some drawings or renderings available to us next
23 week so we can get a better view of this. I think we
24 need to start the process so we can get this off the
25 table and, you know, innerwork this a little bit so

1 we can get started on the project. Thanks, Pat.

2 MR. DEORIO: Yes. Mr. Chairman, many years
3 in the making, as you know. And just a quick recap
4 that this was phase 1 of a three-phase park expansion
5 project that the city proposed to the State of Ohio
6 to secure funding. We believe that when it's all
7 said and done it's probably, in total, around a
8 \$6 million renovation. We were seeking \$2 million
9 from the state; we received 750,000. This year's
10 allocation has been temporarily held due to COVID but
11 we'll see where the state is, you know, once the rest
12 of 2020 rolls around as far as additional funds for
13 the phase 2.

14 So with that, the North Canton Rotary has
15 been involved in this project, you know, for a long
16 time. They followed through on their commitment. We
17 thank them. As the chairman has indicated, a number
18 of individuals were involved with the overall design
19 of this. And that's one thing that you will note
20 when I give you these in your packet next week, these
21 overviews and these renderings, you'll get this.
22 You'll really understand how really the park was just
23 a hodgepodge of things thrown in wherever they might
24 fit without any overall design. And now we're going
25 to have an overall design that incorporates a

1 performing arts stage that is to accommodate
2 audiences of perhaps a hundred people in the park.
3 And then the plan was as that demand grew that we
4 would be able to relocate them to the Dogwood
5 facility when that expansion project went on. And if
6 they outgrew that, then to another one over on East
7 Maple.

8 But with this, there is the pavilion which
9 the Rotary kicked in \$50,000 of funds that they had
10 raised. And, as you recall, prior to the mayor being
11 the mayor he chaired our community energy savings
12 program, chaired that to success, and we obtained a
13 \$30,000 grant for lighting in the park. We're opting
14 to use that in Bitzer. Electrical issues have been
15 in the park. It has inhibited us from decorating the
16 park at Christmas, it's caused us some concerns with
17 the Christmas tree lighting over the years, and so
18 now we'll have a full electrical service. We'll work
19 with American Electric Power. Catherine Farina led
20 the project through to completion here.

21 We reviewed the bid documents. It's ready to
22 go out to bid. We think that the total cost not to
23 exceed 450,000 is -- is fairly close. Maybe a little
24 on the high side. We'll see when we get the -- when
25 we get the quotes in.

1 Most of the -- this is a very heavy cement
2 project. We're looking to replace the sidewalks that
3 go around the park, which, as you know, are all
4 brick. They're all uprooted by the trees and we're
5 looking to replace that with cement sidewalk with a
6 brick inlay like you see in front of city hall and
7 some of the more recent development trends that we've
8 been following over there in front of IRG and the
9 like.

10 We'll have some trees that need to be taken
11 down. They have reached the end of their life, or
12 they will soon. If you look close enough, you can
13 see dead parts at the top. And given the situations
14 that have happened here in the last, you know, year
15 and a half, two years with trees coming down and
16 being uprooted, this is probably the best time to
17 take down the trees that are at the end of their life
18 cycle and replace them with new trees that can grow
19 another hundred years for the next four or five
20 generations in this community. We just won't plant
21 them so close to the sidewalk where it will cause
22 problems. But other than that, that's just kind of
23 an overview. But I can go into more detail after you
24 look at the renderings and whatnot unless there's any
25 additional questions right now.

1 MR. PETERS: I don't.

2 MR. DEORIO: I should mention as well, you
3 know, when we pitched to the state we indicated that
4 the city was -- portion was going to be approximately
5 10 -- 10 percent of the project cost. We're
6 achieving that with this project by the use of city
7 labor. As an example, we need additional storm drain
8 put in Bitzer Park. That corner down there by the Y
9 at the bottom of the grade pools a lot of water and
10 it's very spongy at times. If we're going to have a
11 pavilion down there, that won't suffice, so we'll put
12 another storm drain in in front of the pavilion in
13 the concrete. And our crews are very capable of
14 doing that. Tremendous amount of experience. So
15 we've written it into the bid documents that whoever
16 the winning contractor is will have to work with city
17 crews. Not directing the city crews but allowing the
18 city crews to come into the construction site and do
19 their portion, which will be to install a storm
20 drain. So that is one way that we can do it without
21 having direct cash outlays. The rest of this will be
22 through the grant dollars that we have received.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. CERRETA: Pat, good explanation on this.

25 This is something that's been in the works

1 for a long time, as a lot of us know. I think it was
2 in the master plan when the master plan came in maybe
3 in 2012, something like that, or before that, so, but
4 seeing -- I have seen some of the early renditions
5 and I'm blown away by it. I think it looks gorgeous.
6 I think the people are going to like it. I don't
7 know if there's been any changes since I've seen it
8 last but I think this is something we can really be
9 proud of here and put our little square even better
10 on the map than it is now.

11 MR. FOLTZ: No, I concur, Mark.

12 MS. FARINA: This is Catherine. I just
13 wanted to also add, if I may, we vetted this with a
14 community focus group as well, so we had a lot of
15 eyes and input on this. We had folks from the
16 library, we had folks from the YMCA, the Rotary, the
17 chamber and, you know, it's going to be quality, top
18 quality.

19 MR. DEORIO: The high school, the middle
20 school, the orchestra.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Right. Well, I think it's a
22 companion to the front of city hall because that
23 looks fantastic. I think now you're going to see it
24 mirrored just on the other corner there along with
25 our great veterans memorial. So kudos to everybody

1 working on this. Any other questions? I feel we
2 should just move this forward for next week.

3 MRS. WERREN: Yeah, I agree. But I love,
4 Cathy, thanks for making the point about how you
5 actually asked some community partners and got their
6 thoughts and a lot of buy-in before anybody kind of
7 says, whoa, what's going on. So thank you for that.

8 MS. FARINA: Right. We talked to those that
9 we thought would utilize it. The library will be
10 some plays and things, some reading, some books and
11 story things. The high school want to put, you know,
12 Fire out there and do some performances, so it's real
13 good.

14 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. That's great.

15 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. So we'll just move it
16 forward. Any other questions?

17 MR. PETERS: No. I'm looking forward to the
18 end product.

19 MR. STROIA: Thank you.

20 MR. FOLTZ: All right. Thank you.

21 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thanks, guys.

22 Moving on, Street and Alley. Chairman Fonte.

23 MR. FONTE: Yeah. This is a continuation of
24 the East Maple project, you know, heading up to Walsh
25 University. This is a formal way for us to get

1 reimbursed from Stark County Commissioners for the
2 bridge. You know, there's the walking bridge we talk
3 about, that Mark talks about with the decorative
4 thing. Well, the part where the road goes over that
5 part of the bridge is going to be replaced with the
6 project and it's going to cost hundreds of thousands
7 of dollars which, well, we'll get reimbursed for the
8 county and then we have probably close to 2 million
9 or more in grants in the whole project. And so the
10 city, North Canton city's, contribution will be
11 probably somewhere close to 10 percent of the total
12 cost, which is very efficient. And Rob's online if
13 he wants to chime in on it. And this will be on an
14 emergency. So my recommendation is let's move it
15 forward and get the project rolling.

16 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Chairman Fonte. That
17 pretty much sums it up perfectly, that any cost that
18 the city incurs related to the vehicular bridge will
19 be reimbursed by the board of commissioners, you
20 know, after the grants and their percentages have
21 been applied.

22 MR. FONTE: So I say we move forward with
23 this and put it on the agenda and -- for next week.

24 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. Sounds good to me.

25 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Dom.

1 Moving right along, Water, Sewer, Rubbish.
2 Chairman Cerreta.

3 MR. CERRETA: Yes. Thank you.

4 This is a water replacement line. I'm going
5 to let Rob talk about it but it's going down
6 Pittsburg Road. And as you go down Pittsburg Road
7 there's a couple -- Milton, and is it called Carosel?

8 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah.

9 MR. CERRETA: Little roads that go off and it
10 looks like we're going to need water lines in those
11 areas.

12 Rob, go ahead and take it away.

13 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. No, that's it. We're
14 replacing -- this is phase 1 of our Pittsburg Avenue
15 water line replacement. We're going to start at
16 Portage and go north to the corp line. And as you
17 mentioned, we'll get the two cul-de-sac streets. Or
18 actually Milton is not a cul-de-sac, but Milton and
19 Carosel, dead-end streets. We have it in this year's
20 budget. We had set aside three-quarters of a million
21 dollars with 500,000 from the 651 account and 249,500
22 is a community development block grant for phase 1.

23 And that's what the legislation before us is,
24 is to go ahead and accept that grant via an agreement
25 with the Stark County Board of Commissioners. When

1 you have CDBG funds, they actually sell the project.
2 They'll pay out that first 249,500, then they'll send
3 us the invoice for any remaining, of which we set
4 aside about a half million of our own money. And
5 this is just -- I announced this grant a couple weeks
6 ago. And we also have one for next year, phase 2.
7 We'll pick up at the corp line, go north on Pittsburg
8 almost to Applegrove and then also replace our run on
9 Batton.

10 MR. FOLTZ: Good.

11 Hey, Rob, it's Foltz. I have a question.
12 Just so everybody knows, this is replacement. We're
13 not installing new lines for people down there that
14 already have North Canton water.

15 MR. GRAHAM: This is complete replacement.
16 Both sides.

17 MR. FOLTZ: We want to make sure that's
18 understood because sometimes we get calls about
19 people that are wanting water lines that they don't
20 have their own wells and so forth.

21 MR. GRAHAM: Old lines that have, you know,
22 reached their useful life and become problematic for
23 our water department to maintain, replace with breaks
24 and quality and whatnot.

25 MR. FOLTZ: Right. Second question is, are

1 we repaving entire road surface when this is
2 completed?

3 MR. GRAHAM: What -- I'm looking at that
4 right now. Our cost estimate, it seems we have
5 enough money from what we have budgeted, so once
6 we're done, rather than have a trench or half a road,
7 to go ahead and yes, repave our section within the
8 city on all three routes. You know, next year when
9 we do phase 2 we're not going to repave the county
10 road other than --

11 MR. FOLTZ: Right.

12 MR. GRAHAM: -- what they need for the trench
13 repair, but we wouldn't -- and I'd also like to do
14 some curb replacement while we're in there. We're
15 going to tear up some with the water line, but in
16 walking it today, there's hundreds of feet of curb
17 and gutter that --

18 MR. FOLTZ: Right.

19 MR. GRAHAM: -- have deteriorated out with
20 our salt, so it will look like a brand-new street
21 with a new water line when we're done.

22 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. Thank you, Rob, for that.

23 MR. CERRETA: So we're going to put on on
24 that emergency, Rob?

25 MR. GRAHAM: Yes, please. Yeah. The

1 commission, as soon as we get the plans done later in
2 this month in June, the CDBG monies are available
3 after July 1 and we'll sell the thing and get it
4 built yet hopefully this year.

5 MR. CERRETA: Good stuff. Any other
6 discussion at all? Then let's move it forward.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mark.

8 And at this time I'd like to ask for a motion
9 and a second to move into executive session. And
10 this will be the purpose to confer with the director
11 of law regarding an ongoing legal dispute involving
12 the public body that's subject to imminent court
13 action.

14 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

15 MR. FOLTZ: Second by Foltz.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt so moves.

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

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. REVOLDT: We need a roll call vote on
20 that.

21 MR. PETERS: All right. I'm sorry. Yeah.
22 Ben -- thank you. Roll call, please.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

24 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

1 MR. CERRETA: Abstain.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

3 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

5 MR. STROIA: Yes.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

7 MR. FONTE: Yes.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters?

9 MR. PETERS: Yes.

10 MR. YOUNG: 6-0 with one abstention.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Member Foltz. Yes.

12 MR. YOUNG: Oh, sorry. Member Foltz.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Okay. Motion
15 passes.

16 So Ben, we're going to go into executive
17 session. If you could mute Member Cerreta, and
18 that's it; right?

19 MR. YOUNG: Who would you like to take into
20 executive session with you?

21 MR. PETERS: Mayor, administration. Law
22 director. I mean, the finance director doesn't have
23 to be in there for this. Well, you know what? Yeah,
24 let's bring Jina along. Yeah. Let's bring everybody
25 in except for Member Cerreta. And let me know when

1 we're good, Ben.

2 MR. YOUNG: I will.

3 All right. The rooms are opening now. For
4 those watching on live stream, it's going to turn
5 into a buffering circle until such time as council
6 comes out of executive session.

7 (Council into executive session.)

8 MR. PETERS: Okay. I need a motion and a
9 second to adjourn out of executive session. Let the
10 record reflect that no action was taken.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz motions that.

12 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

13 MR. PETERS: We need a roll call for this as
14 well?

15 MR. FOX: Your voice vote is fine.

16 MR. STROIA: Voice vote, yeah.

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

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

20 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta abstains.

21 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

22 Okay. Now, finally, we have our council
23 meeting -- or meeting calendar. We are meeting next
24 week; we are doing it virtual. I know the press
25 release says that we will be back in person but we

1 are going to stay virtual until Dr. Acton revises or
2 lifts the safety order that she extended to July 1.
3 So June 8 will be a council meeting, and at this time
4 could I have a motion and a second to schedule a
5 special committee meeting directly following the
6 regular council meeting? Or do we need it to precede
7 the meeting, Pat?

8 MR. FOLTZ: No.

9 MR. PETERS: I don't think so.

10 MR. FOLTZ: It comes after.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay. So may I have a motion
12 and a second to schedule a special committee meeting
13 for next Monday directly following the council
14 meeting.

15 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to do that. Foltz.

16 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

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

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
21 carries.

22 And then to round it out, June 15 will be
23 committee of the whole; June 22, council meeting,
24 and, if needed, June 29 committee of the whole.
25 These will all be virtual.

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And that rounds out the agenda, so I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

MR. FOLTZ: Foltz, second.

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

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

Everyone have a great evening. Thank you so much.

MR. FONTE: Thank you.

MR. STROIA: Thank you, everybody.

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(Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.)

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Daniel Jeff Peters
City Council President

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