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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF
JUNE 6, 2022 MEETING

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APPEARANCES:

- Matthew Stroia, Council President, At Large
- Stephanie Werren, Council Vice President, Ward 3
- Jamie McCleaster, Ward 1
- David Metheney, Ward 2
- John Orr, Ward 4
- Daryl Revoldt, At Large
- Christina Weyrick, At Large
- Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Jina E. Alaback, Director of Finance
- Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of
Administration and Development
- Benjamin R. Young, Clerk of Council

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1 MR. STROIA: I now call to order the
2 committee of the whole meeting of June 6, 2022.
3 The time is 7:00 p.m.

4 Ben, would you please call the roll.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: Here.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

8 MS. WEYRICK: Here.

9 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

10 MS. WERREN: Here.

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

12 MR. STROIA: Here.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

16 MR. METHENEY: Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: And Member Orr.

18 MR. ORR: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

20 MR. STROIA: Okay. Let's start off
21 with economic development. Daryl.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you. We have for
23 our consideration this evening a proposal to
24 expand the hours of our DORA, to basically make
25 it a seven-day event.

1 This has come to our attention by
2 Councilman Orr, so I'm going to kick it over to
3 John right now if he wants to add anything to
4 it, and then we'll go with a discussion.

5 MR. ORR: Well, currently it's set up
6 from Wednesday to Saturday, I believe, with --
7 or no -- until Sunday, and Mondays and Tuesdays
8 are off. So I just think to be consistent.
9 There are some holidays, I know we're going to
10 be having a Labor Day fest and stuff of that
11 nature, and for those Monday holidays I just
12 think it's the right thing to do, and it might
13 bring more people to use the DORA and visit the
14 establishments.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Let me start with Jamie
16 on my far right, the co-chair. Do you have any
17 thoughts?

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: No. My only thoughts
19 are is this has been a very successful program,
20 and I look forward to seeing the days extended,
21 so that's it.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Christine.

23 MS. WEYRICK: Agreed. I think it's
24 confusing that it's not on Mondays and
25 Tuesdays. I don't think people realize that.

1 So make it consistent at the days. It's a
2 great program.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Stephanie.

4 MS. WERREN: Same.

5 MR. STROIA: Same here.

6 MR. REVOLDT: David.

7 MR. METHENEY: Just as a point of
8 clarification, we might want to include daily
9 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., because the way it's
10 written it could be construed as starting at
11 noon and going 24 hours a day for the whole
12 week and running through Saturday midnight or
13 Sunday. Just I think we need to amend that to
14 say daily.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Why don't you try to go
16 ahead and clean up the language a little bit
17 and make sure it then reflects that.

18 Okay. So on that particular item I
19 hear no objections. Again, to reiterate Mr.
20 McCleaster's comments, we have found this to be
21 tremendously successful. We've had -- the
22 reports are that the businesses that are
23 participating have experienced a significant
24 increase in revenue at the times when the DORA
25 has operated. And per the chief of police,

1 we've had no law enforcement issues.

2 So having said that, let me have a
3 motion to place on the agenda for next Monday a
4 revision in the hours pursuant to Mr.
5 Metheney's request. I'll make that motion.
6 Can I get a second?

7 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

8 STROIA: All in favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Part two of this,
12 we have a request from St. Paul's Catholic
13 Church to amend the DORA legislation to include
14 its parking lot.

15 Before you on the screen is the area
16 that in green is the area in question. This
17 will allow the DORA and the church to have
18 activities in that spot, and would facilitate
19 other events, as well.

20 MR. ORR: Is that the parking lot
21 behind the chamber, does anybody know?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

23 MR. ORR: Okay.

24 MR. REVOLDT: And I should note,
25 parenthetically, the chamber has also expressed

1 an interest, as has Howlin Bird. So we've got
2 the support of the businesses that are in front
3 of the -- on the east side of the parking lot,
4 and the owner of the parking lot has made the
5 request.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: And just for
7 clarification, this is St. Paul's that is okay
8 with it and asking for this.

9 MR. REVOLDT: That is correct.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Okay.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. Is there any
12 discussion? To my right?

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: No, sir.

14 MR. REVOLDT: To my left? I'll make a
15 motion that the map be so amended to include
16 the parking lot as designated in the map.

17 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

18 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

22 MR. STROIA: Okay. Finance and
23 property. Stephanie.

24 MS. WERREN: This is regarding the
25 rental registration, and we have kind of talked

1 about how we're going to do those rental
2 registrations and the software that's going to
3 be included for those rentals.

4 Then I was talking to Mr. DeOrio today
5 about that, and if you want to talk a little
6 bit about that and the moneys that will start
7 this year and then what will be budgeted for
8 the future.

9 MR. DEORIO: Okay. This is certainly
10 a part of what Jina's appropriation and the
11 funds, and she'll get into more detail on that
12 from her end.

13 But for purposes of the rental
14 registration software, we're going to go with
15 OpenGov. And OpenGov is the provider that we
16 currently use in our finance department for our
17 budget, and OpenGov has, you know, a dozen or
18 more models or modules that can be used by
19 municipalities and townships. And we've spoken
20 to a number of municipalities that use OpenGov,
21 and as a user of it ourselves we think that
22 this would be the best term.

23 We're going to go for right now just a
24 year-and-a-half term to coincide with the
25 contract that we have with OpenGov in the

1 finance department. So for this year we have
2 approximately -- this would start July 1st. It
3 gives us six months to get it up and running.
4 It's approximately \$9,000 for the software and
5 installation, and then the ongoing subscription
6 to this is approximately \$15,750 a year. So
7 it's competitive with the others that we looked
8 at, and we feel that this one gives us the most
9 control over actually writing some of the
10 software, very user friendly, and we look
11 forward to getting it and moving it rather
12 quickly through implementation, learning, and
13 then with a January 1 start.

14 MS. ALABACK: Okay. Some of the other
15 appropriation amendments that are listed, we
16 are budgeting to try to true up some of the
17 budget since we're nearly halfway through the
18 year.

19 We have the service union contract
20 that we opened early and settled on, so we
21 wanted to make some amendments for that. We
22 have our seasonal hires for our parks
23 department, so we needed to amend the budget
24 for those hours. We had the occupancy grant
25 for Akron Children's Hospital, so we actually

1 reviewed three years and caught them up through
2 the COVID years, and they are going to donate
3 half of that back to us for our parks expansion
4 project. So that was really good news, as
5 well.

6 Some of the other things, again, are
7 just truing up some of our line items so that
8 going into tax budget season in August we'll be
9 ready to go.

10 MS. WERREN: Okay. Any other
11 questions? All right. We'll move to put that
12 on the agenda. Do we have a second?

13 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds. All in
14 favor?

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.

17 Okay. Next we're going to move on to
18 ordinance and claims. I'm going to make a
19 motion, I'm going to ask for a second to
20 suspend Council Rule 24 and instead require a
21 two-thirds majority in order for items 5A
22 through 5G to be recommended to the council --
23 to be recommended to be added to the council
24 agenda in accordance with final passage
25 requirements under Ohio law.

1 So basically we're going to need five
2 votes to move this onto the agenda, so --

3 MR. REVOLDT: Any of the items on the
4 agenda.

5 MR. STROIA: Any of them, right.
6 Correct. So John, we'll let you kick it off
7 here.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Well, I'll make that
9 motion. Revoldt will make the motion.

10 MR. METHENEY: Second.

11 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. STROIA: Opposed? Motion carries.
14 Thank you.

15 MR. ORR: Well, we have 5A, an
16 ordinance to submit to the electors of the City
17 of North Canton a charter amendment for the
18 purposes -- or for the purpose of altering the
19 terms of office of elected officials of the
20 City of North Canton and thereby establish a
21 four-year alternating term beginning on January
22 1st.

23 So how I understand it, the mayor and
24 the council-at-large seats would go first, and
25 then the four councilpeople would go after that

1 on that. So if I can have a motion. Well, do
2 we need that, do you --

3 MR. STROIA: We'll have discussion
4 first.

5 MR. ORR: Okay. Do we have any
6 discussion on that, or are we all --

7 MS. WERREN: Good idea.

8 MR. REVOLDT: I think the other point
9 is not only are there staggered terms, but
10 we're also moving the term from December 1 to
11 January 1, which -- and pursuant to the
12 administration's request or input, that is much
13 smoother for other kinds of issues.

14 MS. WERREN: Well, consistent with
15 what the county does, as well.

16 MR. REVOLDT: And it's consistent.

17 MR. STROIA: Yes.

18 MS. WERREN: It was confusing.

19 MR. ORR: We were the only one, I
20 think, doing the December.

21 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

22 MR. REVOLDT: And I think that was for
23 budgetary reasons back in the day. Is that a
24 motion, Mr. Orr?

25 MR. ORR: Yes, I'll make a motion.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

2 MR. STROIA: Okay. What should we do?
3 Do we need to do a roll call vote or should we
4 do a roll call vote on this?

5 MR. YOUNG: We certainly can if you
6 would prefer.

7 MR. STROIA: Yeah, let's do that.
8 That way it's very clear. So Ben, could you
9 call the roll.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

13 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.

14 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

15 MS. WERREN: Yes.

16 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

17 MR. STROIA: Yes.

18 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

20 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

21 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

22 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

23 MR. ORR: Yes.

24 MR. YOUNG: Seven in favor, zero
25 opposed.

1 MR. STROIA: Thank you, Ben.

2 MR. ORR: So 5B is an ordinance to
3 submit to the electors of the City of North
4 Canton a charter amendment for the purpose of
5 simplifying the notice requirements imposed on
6 the clerk of council for special meetings of
7 city council.

8 So maybe you explain to you what you
9 have to go through now and what we want to go
10 through.

11 MR. YOUNG: So by charter now, I am to
12 hand deliver you all notice or post it on your
13 front door. However, if you show up at that
14 special meeting, that is considered you have
15 waived that requirement for notice.

16 Basically what this would change --
17 and there's another exception in there. This
18 would change it to there are no exceptions, I
19 must always give you notice, but it doesn't
20 have to be hand delivered or posted on your
21 door anymore. It must still be in writing, but
22 it can be an email or a Teams chat or a text
23 message or something to that effect.

24 Member Revoldt asked me today what
25 would happen if we lost all power and internet,

1 and in that event then I guess I would go back
2 to --

3 MS. WERREN: Horse and buggy.

4 MR. YOUNG: -- hand delivering it and
5 posting it on your front door.

6 MR. ORR: That still must be done
7 within 24 hours; correct?

8 MR. YOUNG: Yes, that must be done at
9 least 24 hours before the meeting is to occur.
10 That did not change.

11 MS. WERREN: Okay.

12 MR. MCCLEASTER: And I do have a
13 question. So removing the requirement for hand
14 delivering, do we need to specify the methods
15 or just is it one of the above that you
16 mentioned, Teams, email, text, phone calls?

17 MR. YOUNG: As the amendment's
18 currently written, it just says "written
19 notice," and at charter advisory we did
20 discuss, you know, should we put email or
21 something like that, and we sort of came to the
22 conclusion that I'm sure that when this was
23 written hand delivery seemed like the best
24 method.

25 MR. MCCLEASTER: Mm-hmm.

1 MR. YOUNG: So, you know, we put in
2 email today, forty years from now is email
3 going to be like some stupid method.

4 MR. MCCLEASTER: That's a good point.

5 MS. WERREN: Well, you think about the
6 last year and just how many different ways
7 there are to communicate. And people like Zoom
8 work or then they like Teams and there's other
9 formats. So I think you leave it vague,
10 written as we get it. I think that's clear.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Okay.

12 MR. YOUNG: It will be kept written so
13 that there must be a record --

14 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

15 MR. YOUNG: -- of it. I can't just
16 call.

17 MR. MCCLEASTER: Okay.

18 MR. REVOLDT: And if it fails, we come
19 back and we amend the charter.

20 MR. MCCLEASTER: Okay.

21 MR. ORR: Well, I'll make a motion.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

23 MR. STROIA: Ben, would you call the
24 roll.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

1 MR. ORR: Yes.
2 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.
3 MR. METHENEY: Yes.
4 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.
5 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.
6 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.
7 MR. STROIA: Yes.
8 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.
9 MS. WERREN: Yes.
10 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.
11 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.
12 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.
13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.
14 MR. YOUNG: Seven in favor. Motion
15 carries.

16 MR. ORR: 5C, an ordinance to submit
17 to the electors of the City of North Canton a
18 charter amendment for the purpose of clarifying
19 the legislative process of the City of North
20 Canton and establishing a distinct
21 difference -- differences between ordinances
22 and resolutions.

23 They talked quite a bit about this.
24 It's quite confusing about what an ordinance is
25 and what a resolution is. We really have to

1 separate the two of them because they are
2 completely different.

3 So any discussion on this or --

4 MR. METHENEY: Is this also the
5 ordinance to have -- or the -- to have only two
6 readings for every ordinance? And I find that
7 may not give the public enough notice. I don't
8 mind the idea of a single reading for a
9 resolution, but I think that for an ordinance
10 there needs to be three readings and not two.

11 So I think unless we change that, I'm
12 not going to be in favor of passing this one.

13 MR. ORR: I thought they were against
14 two readings on their -- on that. I thought
15 they went back to three.

16 MR. YOUNG: In the final version that
17 made it out of charter review there was just
18 two readings.

19 MR. ORR: Just two readings?

20 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

21 MR. ORR: I agree with Dave on what he
22 had said on that.

23 MR. REVOLDT: I'm a Luddite. I
24 concur, I like three readings.

25 MR. MCCLEASTER: Same here.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Just if I might, I've
2 sat around council tables for many years. I've
3 seen councils change their minds, one or two
4 members, at the third reading. They'll give
5 you two. They want to let it percolate,
6 they'll keep it alive, but when the third
7 reading comes, often to my profound
8 disappointment, I've had someone walk away from
9 me. I bring scotch that night.

10 But seriously, I think to Dave's
11 point, let's not lose sight of the fact that we
12 are deliberative. We often may not have all of
13 the information that we need at one time. We
14 want to let things steep a little bit, and just
15 that third extra reading can give us that.
16 So --

17 MS. WERREN: What -- oh, I'm sorry.

18 MR. REVOLDT: So I would prefer that
19 we keep three.

20 MS. WERREN: I think we've been really
21 responsive to where if we -- if we need to move
22 things up, we add a special council meeting --

23 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

24 MS. WERREN: -- we add something that
25 still lets it percolate, but it gives us that

1 third -- that third chance.

2 MR. STROIA: I agree. We have other
3 tools to address it.

4 MS. WERREN: Yep.

5 MR. OSBORNE: State law requires three
6 readings.

7 MS. WERREN: Anything else?

8 MR. REVOLDT: So I think -- I think
9 what we -- before we adopt it, what do we --
10 just a discussion, we want to say hey, let's --

11 MS. WERREN: Well, should we just
12 vote, we can vote it down? Or vote it --

13 MR. REVOLDT: Well, I think we can
14 vote it with the understanding that -- I'll
15 make a motion that we amend this to read --
16 this is page 20, section 1.1 --

17 MR. STROIA: If we don't want it to go
18 forward --

19 MS. WERREN: Yeah, why would we vote
20 on it?

21 MR. STROIA: We wouldn't want to amend
22 it, so --

23 MS. WERREN: Just keep it.

24 MR. REVOLDT: But you've got -- don't
25 you have the other -- you have the other

1 issues, as well; correct?

2 MR. STROIA: Well, we could -- so
3 there's two things: We could -- someone could
4 make a motion, then if there's not a second it
5 doesn't move forward. Or second, it can --

6 MR. REVOLDT: Well, this is -- first
7 of all, you're establishing a difference
8 between a resolution and an ordinance. That's
9 part A. But part B is you want to strike 1.1
10 and make sure it says three readings.

11 MS. WERREN: I still was confused
12 after reading part A, so I didn't think they
13 did a good enough job doing that either, but --

14 MR. STROIA: This is the one -- and
15 Ben, would this be the format as it would
16 appear to people voting?

17 MR. YOUNG: Yes. So we do have to put
18 the entirety of the old text and the entirety
19 of the new text on the ballot language. This
20 one in particular would be quite lengthy.

21 MS. WERREN: This one scares me that
22 people just stop after this, like I don't even
23 understand what they're talking about --

24 MR. REVOLDT: Voter fatigue.

25 MS. WERREN: -- and they vote down --

1 MR. STROIA: And in the multiple
2 meetings, that was kind of the -- that's what
3 everybody was saying --

4 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

5 MR. STROIA: -- because it was very
6 confusing at first going back and forth for
7 that.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Just drop it.

9 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

10 MR. ORR: Can we drop the second half
11 of that and just go with the first about
12 resolution, or --

13 MR. METHENEY: I like the idea of
14 having a resolution where, you know, it's
15 spelled out what it can and cannot be versus
16 what an ordinance is. I think that's very
17 important that a resolution can be passed in
18 one reading and that's what it's used for, and
19 just change the ordinance to being three
20 readings.

21 I get it, there's a lot in here, but
22 we're spelling out the difference between an
23 ordinance and a resolution, and we're only
24 changing the fact that a resolution requires
25 one vote. But it doesn't -- it's not spending

1 money, it's not buying anything specific; it is
2 simply a resolution.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Expression of thought.

4 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

5 MS. WERREN: I guess I feel like we
6 talk about it a lot. Jina, I feel like you
7 continually say what a resolution is versus an
8 ordinance. I don't know that that writing
9 there is going to change anything. And it's a
10 lot of time.

11 MR. METHENEY: I think it establishes
12 it in our charter, which is important.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Clarity.

14 MR. METHENEY: And then it sets it
15 aside. And then the ordinance being three
16 votes so that the public can attend and make
17 their voices known.

18 MS. WERREN: But we have three votes.

19 MR. METHENEY: We do now, but we don't
20 have the distinction. We have to have three
21 votes for a resolution; correct?

22 MS. WERREN: No.

23 MR. YOUNG: Currently we must have
24 three votes for a resolution or suspend the
25 rules.

1 MR. METHENEY: Or suspend the rules,
2 which is an extra action, which is by
3 emergency. And I think clarifying this
4 ordinance and resolution is the best move for
5 the future.

6 MR. YOUNG: Another change note that
7 this amendment would make resolutions no longer
8 subject to mayoral veto. And that's part of
9 the reason for explicitly limiting what they
10 can be used for is that they should only be
11 used for expressions of council's will --

12 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

13 MR. YOUNG: -- things that the mayor
14 doesn't have discretion over. Such as who you
15 appoint to the civil service commission,
16 whether or not you say yes or no to a union
17 contract that the mayor's administration
18 negotiated.

19 MR. METHENEY: Right.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Pursuant to Mr.
21 Metheney's comment, I'm going to make a motion
22 that we amend this proposed resolution, 2022-3,
23 and in section 1.1 we strike two different
24 reading -- or "two different" and replace that
25 with "three different," preserving it, and also

1 then clarify the matter of resolutions per the
2 discussion.

3 MR. METHENEY: I would second that
4 amendment.

5 MR. STROIA: All right. Ben, can we
6 have a roll call, please.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

8 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

9 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

10 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

12 MS. WERREN: Yes.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

14 MR. STROIA: Yes.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

18 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

20 MR. ORR: Yes.

21 MR. YOUNG: Motion to amend carries.

22 MR. METHENEY: And I will make a
23 motion to move this to council meeting as
24 amended.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

1 MR. STROIA: Ben, could you call the
2 roll.

3 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

4 MR. ORR: Yes.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

6 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

9 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

10 MR. STROIA: Yes.

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

12 MS. WERREN: Yes.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

14 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

16 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

17 MR. YOUNG: Seven in favor, motion
18 carries.

19 MR. STROIA: Okay. Thank you, Ben.
20 John.

21 MR. ORR: 5D, an ordinance to submit
22 to the electors of the City of North Canton a
23 charter amendment for the purpose of
24 eliminating the requirement that legislation be
25 published in a newspaper.

1 We've talked about that and how the
2 declining of the newspaper are, there's just
3 much better ways to get the communication out
4 to the folks, through the website, you know,
5 blogs, different communications of that nature.
6 And plus --

7 MR. STROIA: It saves us money.

8 MR. ORR: -- it saves us a lot of
9 money. It's very expensive.

10 Any other discussion on this? I'll
11 make a motion that we put this on.

12 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

13 MR. STROIA: Ben, would you call the
14 roll.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

16 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

18 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

20 MS. WERREN: Yes.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

22 MR. STROIA: Yes.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

1 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

3 MR. ORR: Yes.

4 MR. YOUNG: Seven in favor, motion
5 carries.

6 MR. STROIA: Thank you, Ben. John,
7 5E.

8 MR. ORR: 5E, an ordinance to submit
9 to the electors of the City of North Canton an
10 amendment for the purpose of eliminating the
11 budget deadlines of May 15 for revenues and
12 June 15 for expenses.

13 So we've heard about the difficulties
14 it is to obtain these and it's a lot better
15 changing this. I think our finance director
16 would agree on this.

17 MS. ALABACK: Absolutely. We'll still
18 continue to follow the county budget and the
19 alternative budget deadlines and then into our
20 normal budget timeline starting in --

21 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry.
22 Starting in? Can you speak up?

23 MS. ALABACK: October.

24 MR. ORR: Any other discussions on
25 this?

1 MR. METHENEY: So I was wondering if
2 we're creating voter confusion a little bit by
3 eliminating those dates and not spelling out a
4 future date when the actual budgets going to be
5 done.

6 MS. ALABACK: I believe that these
7 were in place when it was -- we were changing
8 the council and mayor elections to be from
9 December to January. So now we're back to a
10 normal calendar year, and that was -- that is
11 also our fiscal year, so we'll be back on the
12 regular deadlines for budget.

13 MR. METHENEY: Right. In this it
14 states those dates, but it doesn't put a date
15 in place then. So it's been mentioned as the
16 voter's reading through this they're going to
17 see dates disappear but no date replacing, and
18 I wonder if it's going to create confusion and
19 they're like well, what is taking place and
20 when is it due?

21 MS. ALABACK: The budget needs to be
22 adopted prior to January 1 every year or we
23 can't --

24 MR. METHENEY: Right.

25 MS. ALABACK: -- pay any bills or

1 collect any money.

2 MR. METHENEY: Okay.

3 MS. ALABACK: So the normal budget
4 deadlines. And then the county auditor, of
5 course, requests the alternative tax budget.

6 MR. METHENEY: I have absolutely no
7 doubt and complete faith that you are taking
8 care of all those dates. It's merely the
9 voters' confusion that I was concerned about
10 looking at it from the outside in, that's all.
11 And if nobody else sees that, then I'm fine.

12 MR. STROIA: All right. I mean that's
13 a good point, David. It is -- I mean to us
14 that know the calendar it's not confusing, but
15 to the typical voter it may be. We might want
16 to look into spelling that out.

17 MS. WERREN: Just the longer you make
18 it, the less they're going to read.

19 MR. STROIA: That's true too.

20 MS. WERREN: Is there any way to move
21 the date?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Just a quick question.
23 I'm looking at the enabling language here.
24 Could we -- could he simply insert a phrase for
25 the adoption of a budget by January 1, would

1 that work?

2 MS. ALABACK: It's innate in the
3 process, but yes, I mean you certainly can
4 spell it out.

5 MR. REVOLDT: So this takes care of --

6 MS. ALABACK: These dates were the
7 exception to all other budget deadlines, so we
8 just thought -- the charter review community or
9 advisory board just wanted to --

10 MR. REVOLDT: Take it out, but to
11 signal to the voters you've got to have the
12 budget by January 1, even though the State
13 requires it and everything.

14 MS. WERREN: I like the January 1 and
15 remove the May 15 and June 15. Right? Because
16 they just -- it doesn't matter to them. And
17 like you said, it's innate in there, so these
18 are just what it was. It is just going to
19 confuse them. They aren't necessary for --

20 MR. STROIA: Right, yeah.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Could you whip something
22 up for January 1?

23 MR. YOUNG: Which -- there are two
24 sections of the charter being amended here.
25 Which one would you like to put it in?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Good question.

2 MR. METHENEY: So maybe it would be in
3 the second one where the verbiage changed to
4 the May 15th of each year shall assist the
5 mayor in preparation of the budget. Instead of
6 just saying shall assist the mayor in
7 preparation of the budget, shall assist the
8 mayor in preparation of the budget for January
9 1st deadline, for an option.

10 MR. STROIA: Yeah.

11 MR. METHENEY: That tells everybody
12 that's looking at it and voting on it that the
13 budget will be in place by January 1st.

14 Should we think about this and discuss
15 it? Do we have time?

16 MR. REVOLDT: I mean it's a time
17 issue. Is it not?

18 MS. WERREN: I think it's time.

19 MR. YOUNG: No. It will be a time
20 issue when you come back from break, so --

21 MR. ORR: Several weeks before that.

22 MR. YOUNG: Yeah. You have three
23 meetings before now and break, so --

24 MR. ORR: That's several.

25 MR. YOUNG: I mean I do not believe it

1 can be passed under suspension, so we would
2 need -- if something does not move forward
3 tonight, we would need a special meeting to get
4 it done before break.

5 MR. WEYRICK: With five out of seven
6 votes?

7 MR. YOUNG: With five out of seven.

8 MR. WEYRICK: We would be missing one
9 person.

10 MS. WERREN: Are we okay with that
11 change?

12 MR. METHENEY: Jina, your thoughts?

13 MS. ALABACK: If you want to change
14 both of them to January 1. The presentation
15 begins in August, and then October -- there's a
16 process in these.

17 MS. WERREN: Right.

18 MS. ALABACK: So if you want to
19 clarify that the budget has to be presented and
20 approved by January 1, that's absolute.

21 MR. STROIA: Let's do that.

22 MR. YOUNG: Both, we can make that
23 amendment.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. So that's the
25 amendment. I'll make that motion.

1 MR. ORR: I'll second.
2 MR. STROIA: Ben, would you call the
3 role.
4 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.
5 MR. ORR: Yes.
6 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.
7 MR. METHENEY: Yes.
8 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.
9 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.
10 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.
11 MR. STROIA: Yes.
12 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.
13 MS. WERREN: Yes.
14 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.
15 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.
16 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.
17 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.
18 MR. YOUNG: Seven in favor, motion
19 carries.
20 MR. ORR: 5F --
21 MR. METHENEY: I'll make a motion that
22 we move this to the council meeting as amended.
23 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds. Ben,
24 would you call the roll.
25 MR. YOUNG: Start in the middle this

1 time. Member Stroia.

2 MR. STROIA: Yes.

3 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

6 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

8 MR. ORR: Yes.

9 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick.

12 MS. WEYRICK: Yes.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

14 MS. WERREN: Yes.

15 MR. YOUNG: Seven in favor, motion
16 carries.

17 MR. STROIA: Thank you, Ben. John,
18 5F.

19 MR. ORR: 5F, an ordinance to submit
20 to the electors of the City of North Canton a
21 charter amendment for the purpose of altering
22 the standard for potential removal of elected
23 officials from office from three consecutive
24 meetings to five meetings in a calendar year.
25 We've talked a little bit about this,

1 and something has to be said I think in this
2 about an excused absence. Have we defined what
3 an excused absence is and what a non-excused
4 absence?

5 MR. STROIA: No.

6 MS. WERREN: It gets tricky.

7 MR. ORR: You know, this is one thing
8 that I think we really have to define, and if
9 someone's missing because of health reasons or
10 something of that nature, they might have to --
11 I think we should maybe -- I would be in favor
12 of taking this off.

13 MR. STROIA: I really don't see much
14 of a difference between three consecutive
15 meetings and five meetings in a calendar year.

16 MR. ORR: And what are we considering
17 a meeting.

18 MR. STROIA: Yeah. Well, and then you
19 go down the rabbit hole of trying to define an
20 excused absence and the politics involved in
21 that. I don't like it.

22 MS. WERREN: No.

23 MR. REVOLDT: And it's a legal
24 nightmare.

25 MR. STROIA: Yes. Yes, it is.

1 MR. REVOLDT: It's a legal nightmare.

2 MS. WERREN: Yeah. I mean we haven't
3 really had problems with people having
4 unexcused. People have work issues, they have
5 family issues, they have vacations. There
6 really isn't much more that people are taking
7 off for. They have family items, all of
8 which -- I've never been on council for ten
9 years where someone said not excused, so --

10 MR. ORR: Yeah. And who would be
11 enforcing that, would that be the president of
12 council?

13 MS. WERREN: Patrick would come to our
14 door, I think.

15 MR. REVOLDT: I just don't like it.

16 MR. ORR: We just don't really want
17 to --

18 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

19 MR. ORR: -- I think approach this at
20 this time.

21 MS. WERREN: I think we have
22 councilpeople that are very responsible. So --

23 MR. REVOLDT: There does not appear to
24 be a motion.

25 MR. STROIA: There's not a motion. Is

1 there a motion on the table?

2 MR. REVOLDT: There is not.

3 MR. STROIA: Okay.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Can we go to 5G?

5 MR. STROIA: Move on to 5G.

6 MR. ORR: 5G, an ordinance to

7 submit --

8 MR. YOUNG: Pardon me. Before we move
9 on, can you please state for the record the
10 result of the lack of a motion.

11 MR. STROIA: Okay. Yeah. For 5F
12 there was no motion on the table, and therefore
13 it's not going to move forward.

14 MR. YOUNG: Died due to lack of a
15 motion.

16 MR. ORR: All right. 5G, an ordinance
17 to submit to the electors of the City of North
18 Canton a charter amendment for the purpose of
19 permitting council to call charter review
20 commissions more frequently than every ten
21 years.

22 So it's nice that we're able to -- if
23 we need it in a year, we might need it in three
24 years, you know, it's nice that we can call
25 that committee back.

1 MS. WERREN: Yeah, I think it's a
2 great idea. I think if nothing for the past
3 two years has shown us that business is
4 entirely different, and so we need that
5 flexibility to be able to ask those questions
6 to our constituents.

7 MR. WEYRICK: Didn't we just do this
8 though? Like how did we -- it hasn't been ten
9 years since our last one, has it?

10 MR. REVOLDT: I think it was 2018.

11 MR. OSBORNE: 2017.

12 MR. REVOLDT: 2017. I'm sorry.

13 MR. YOUNG: Every year ending in
14 seven.

15 MR. REVOLDT: 2017.

16 MR. WEYRICK: So how did we just do
17 this one?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Well, we can -- it's a
19 great question.

20 MR. WEYRICK: Sorry. I don't
21 understand.

22 MR. REVOLDT: The charter
23 prescribes -- the charter prescribes on a
24 10-year cycle a charter review commission
25 comprised of 16 citizens?

1 MR. YOUNG: Fifteen.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Fifteen citizens.

3 That's method one. Method two is the council
4 can by its own initiative propose to the voters
5 changes in the charter, just simply do it
6 through the committee process, place it on the
7 ballot.

8 What we have here with John and Ben is
9 that we had sort of a hybrid. We had parts of
10 our professional team and then we had a group
11 of citizens that vetted any suggestions and
12 discussed them. That's how we arrived here.
13 So what we had was a much smaller group.

14 You should note that -- excuse me --
15 one of the distinctions is that no members of
16 council or city officials may be part of the
17 charter review commission. All right? It's
18 truly citizen-driven. This was a hybrid based
19 upon the need to modernize and make more
20 efficient our operation.

21 MR. YOUNG: So the power being
22 exercised is council's power to submit.

23 MR. REVOLDT: That is correct.

24 MR. YOUNG: Last year when we were
25 drafting this, then Member Stroia and then