

**NORTH CANTON CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, June 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
North Canton Civic Center

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Transcript of proceedings held before North Canton City Council, taken by Deputy Clerk Amber Hassig, at the North Canton Civic Center, 845 W Maple St., North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, the 21st day of June 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the meeting were: Councilmembers Matthew Stroia, Stephanie Werren, Doug Foltz, Mark Cerreta, and Dominic Fonte, Council Vice President Daryl Revoldt, Council President Daniel “Jeff” Peters, Clerk of Council Benjamin Young, mayor Stephan B. Wilder, Director of Administration Patrick DeOrio, Deputy Director of Administration Catherine Farina, Director of Finance Jina Alaback, and City Engineer Robert Graham.

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**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Peters: Alright, I'd like to call to order the North Canton Committee of the Whole meeting June 21<sup>st</sup> 2021. The time is 7 P.M. Ben would you please call the roll?

**2. Roll Call of Commission Members**

Mr. Young: Member Stroia?

Mr. Stroia: Here.

Mr. Young: Member Werren?

Mrs. Werren: Here.

Mr. Young: Member Foltz?

Mr. Foltz: Here.

Mr. Young: Member Peters?

Mr. Peters: Here.

Mr. Young: Member Cerreta?

Mr. Cerreta: Here.

Mr. Young: Member Fonte?

Mr. Fonte: Here.

Mr. Young: And Member Revoldt?

Mr. Revoldt: Here.

Mr. Young: Seven present.

Mr. Peters: Outstanding! Okay. First up, Community and Economic Development. Chairman Revoldt, the floor is yours.

Mr. Revoldt: Thank you. You have in your packet a request to reclassify 244 parcels around the city. Many of these parcels historically have been, I'm gonna use the term correctly, so, mis-zoned, and this reflects a very very significant undertaking to get those parcels into um- more correct use. One of the examples would be uh- the site of the old Hoover Rail line, that ran somewhere just south of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Um- had been zoned- never built- but had been zoned P & I. Now, you know, it really ought to be zoned residential or commercial as it was closer to the street. So, as you look at this document you'll see that most of the rezoning requests are pretty- are uh- pretty routine. you know they're going from P&I to residential or residential to P&I. We've got a few... there's...

Mr. Fonte: What is P&I?

Mr. Revoldt: Park and institutional. -so we don't... This has been to the planning commission. It has made an affirmative recommendation to us. We need to take no action this evening, save set a hearing date for us to begin the process of making these corrections. Patrick- uh- do- I need to plug that in to administration?

Mr. De Orio: I would just say that we had, you know, dedicated an employee to working on this uh- for the better part of six months. And they went through every single parcel in the city of North Canton comparing it to the County Auditor's website, our records, pulling all the old ordinances, working with Ben on that. And it was a very comprehensive and thorough analysis that needed to be done and we're glad that it's complete.

Mr. Revoldt: I would add to that by taking this action, and again, many of these parcels are relatively small, but there are some instances in which uh- it may afford a property owner a higher use of that property or a better use to it. So, it, we may see some use of capital investment that would come to us through this zoning activity. And again, it is, capital investment that principally benefits our small system.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Peters.?

Mr. Peters: So, we wanna set the hearing date. We're gonna set it for August 23<sup>rd</sup>?

Mr. Revoldt: That's fine.

Mr. Peters: It'll be our first day back.

Mr. Revoldt: Yes.

Mr. Peters: First meeting back from summer break.

Mr. Revoldt: 6:30?

Mr. Peters: 6:30? That'll be a regular council...

Mr. Revoldt: 6:45? I can't imagine we're gonna have much comment, so.

Mr. Peters: Say 6:45?

Mr. Revoldt: 6:45.

Mr. Peters: Okay. Alright, thank you Daryl.

Mr. Revoldt: Thank you sir.

Mr. Peters: Okay. Next up, Personnel and Safety. We have on the agenda here: Ordinance amending Chapter 155, specifically subsection 155.08(a), to allow for holiday allowances to include the newly created federal holiday, Juneteenth, which was also acknowledged by Governor Dewine as well. Patrick, do you wanna? Any other comments on this or specifics that we would need to know?

Mr. De Orio: Uh- no, I don't think there is really too much to add to it. We're just trying to, you know, stay current, and relevant. This has happened before, in the 80s, with the creation of Martin Luther King Day. Sowe looked back, there happened to be an old timer around that we were able to talk to, figure out how it went. And uh...

Mr. Fonte: Are you looking at the Mayor? Or Daryl?

Mr. De Orio: I talked to the previous Mayor at that time so- uh- just something we wanted to get ahead of and just get out there right away. And, you know, everybody will be eventually having to do all this so we just thought we would be the first.

Mr. Peters: I agree. Any questions for council?

Mrs. Werren: That's good.

Mr. Peters: Alright, well that was a short agenda.

Mr. Young: We need a motion and a vote.

Mr. Peters: What was that?

Mr. Revoldt: Revoldt-

Mr. Young: A motion and a vote to move that forward.

Mr. Revoldt: Revoldt moves...

Mrs. Werren: Werren, second.

Mr. Revoldt: ...that the Ordinance amending Chapter 155, to establish Juneteenth as an official holiday in the City of North Canton.

Mr. Peters: We had a second. All in favor say aye?

Unanimous: Aye.

Mr. Peters: Opposed? Alright, motion carries. Let me do one thing here regarding the legislative agenda.

Mr. Fonte: I- I- have a quick question.

Mr. Peters: Yes?

Mr. Fonte: Some people may not know what Juneteenth- June- tenth means. Does anybody wanna say what it is? Is it like an Italian holiday or what is it?

Mr. De Orio: No, you shouldn't...

Mr. Fonte: I just thought if someone wanted to give a quick explanation because I'm sure a lot of people don't know.

Mr. Revoldt: It is- it is an acknowledgement to the end of slavery. It supersedes the, I believe, Thirteenth Amendment.

Mr. Peter: Was it?...

Member Werren: It was the last day of slavery.

Mr. Peters: Wasn't it after Texas finally...

Mrs. Werren: Yes.

Mr. Revoldt: Yes.

Mr. Peters: But it was two years after the Emancipation?

Mrs. Werren: Yup.

Mr. Revoldt: Yes.

Mr. Fonte: I just wanted to make sure...

Mr. Revoldt: its after the emancipation proclamation but...

Mr. Stroia: 1865 Galveston, Texas.

Mr. Revoldt: Going down the murky paths of history here, it is actually the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, that officially ended slavery as a practice. Prohibited as a practice.

Mr. Fonte: I thought it would be important to make sure everybody knows, thanks.

Mr. Peters: Thank you Dom.

Mr. Revoldt: Yes, not that long ago.

Mr. Peters: Okay, so- um- for the legislative agenda, for summer break- as it relates to our summer break our last meeting will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>. That is a regular council meeting. What we wanna do-

Mr. De Orio: With committee before.

Mr. Peters: -we want to add a special committee prior to. So, I need a motion and a second to add a special committee meeting for July 12<sup>th</sup>, prior to the regular council meeting.

Mr. Revoldt: Revoldt moves a special committee, special committee meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> prior to the official council meeting.

Mr. Cerreta: Second.

Mr. Peters: All in favor say aye?

Unanimous: Aye.

Mr. Peters: Opposed? Motion carries and then we will return on 8/23, that will be our first meeting back from summer break, that will be a regular council meeting. Do we anticipate needing a committee?

Mr. De Orio: Uh- if we do I think we will address it on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We will see how it goes.

Mr. Peters: Okay.

Mr. Cerreta: No meeting then the first week of July?

Mrs. Werren: No.

Mr. Cerreta: Okay.

Mr. Young: Are we meeting...

Mrs. Werren: Holiday.

Mrs. Werren: Yup.

### **3. Adjourn**

Mrs. Werren: Alright, I move to adjourn.

Mr. Peters: There is a motion to adjourn is there a second?

Mr. Peters: All in favor say aye.

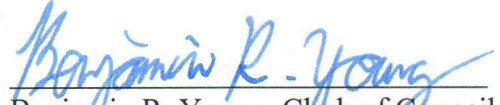
Unanimous: Aye.

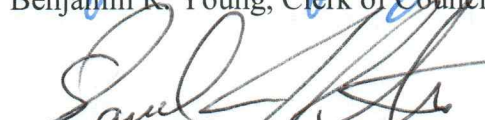
Mr. Peters: Opposed?

Mr. Peters: We're adjourned.

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Approved by City Council this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
Benjamin R. Young, Clerk of Council

  
Daniel J. Peters, President