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APPEARANCES:

Daniel Jeff Peters, Chairman

Douglas Foltz

Mark Cerreta

Daryl Revoldt

Stephanie Werren

Dominic Fonte

Matthew Stroia

Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration

Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of
Administration

Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

Robert Graham, PE

Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Good evening,
2 everyone. I'd like to call to order the
3 North Canton City Council meeting, June 28th,
4 2021. The time is 7:00 p.m.

5 Mark, Dominic, would you like to lead us
6 in prayer?

7 Would everyone please stand?

8 (Whereupon, Mr. Fonte leads us in
9 prayer.)

10 MR. PETERS: Please remain standing for
11 the Pledge.

12 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is
13 recited.)

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Okay. Ben, will
15 you please call the roll?

16 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

18 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

19 MR. FONTE: Here.

20 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.

21 MR. CERRETA: Present.

22 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

23 MR. PETERS: Here.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

25 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

2 MS. WERREN: Here.

3 MR. YOUNG: And Member Stroia.

4 MR. STROIA: Here.

5 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

6 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you very
7 much. All right. We're going to go -- stray
8 from the agenda real quick here. I'm going
9 to turn it over to the Mayor. He has got an
10 announcement to make.

11 Mayor.

12 MAYOR WILDER: Good evening, everyone.
13 I'd like to make a presentation tonight. I'd
14 like Andrew Cramer to please come forward and
15 Chief Bacon to please come forward also.

16 Folks, we had the opportunity to swear in
17 Andrew Cramer as our new battalion chief, and
18 so -- for the fire and EMS department.
19 Andrew is an 18-year veteran for the fire
20 department. And we had a number of good
21 quality candidates that came through, but
22 Drew came out on top. And we are happy for
23 those that did apply for the position that
24 are part of our department, but we are very
25 happy that Drew is at this time in his career

1 and this promotion. So I just wanted Council
2 to make sure you all recognize Drew Cramer.
3 Okay?

4 You know what, again, it's a historic
5 event for us here in North Canton to have a
6 new battalion chief.

7 So, Chief Bacon, do you have any extra
8 comments that you'd like to share?

9 CHIEF BACON: No. Just to thank Council
10 and thank the administration. Thank you,
11 Mayor.

12 MAYOR WILDER: Well, if you are out and
13 about and want to stop by station one or two,
14 you are going to find Drew somewhere working
15 in that. He was a 12-year veteran already
16 when you came on. But I'm not going to go
17 into any of those stories, okay, of us
18 answering calls, but I always had this gentle
19 giant coming in to back me up and whoever we
20 were treating at the time, whether a crash or
21 a medical or a fire call.

22 So, Drew, thank you very much for your
23 service. I wish you all the best of luck in
24 your career as you continue on here at the
25 North Canton Fire Department.

1 Thank you, President Peters. Thank you.

2 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mayor. Okay.
3 Council, for your consideration, I need a
4 motion and a second to approve as presented,
5 minutes from June 7th, 2021 Committee of the
6 Whole, minutes from June 7th, '21 Special
7 City Council, minutes June 14th, '21 Public
8 Hearing, and minutes June 14th, '21 City
9 Council.

10 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as
11 presented.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

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

14 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. FONTE: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PETERS: Peters abstains.

23 Okay. At this time, we have recognition
24 of the public. If you would like to address
25 Council, please step forward. State your

1 name and address. Friendly reminder, there
2 is a five-minute time limit.

3 MR. TRIPP: Larry Tripp, 1127 East Maple,
4 North Canton, Ohio. The preamble to the
5 Constitution of America begins with these
6 three words, "we the people," not "I the
7 individual." Too often we are seeing "I the
8 individual" creep into politics, and in some
9 cases, at the local level.

10 I received a recent e-mail from a member
11 of North Canton City Council, wherein the
12 first sentence read, Larry, I certainly
13 understand your concern about issues of
14 performance and policy, especially at the
15 Council level.

16 Does he really?

17 After trying to add some misguided
18 information, he then ends his e-mail with
19 these three sentences. It is my sincere
20 prayer you don't end up with idiots, real
21 idiots. I won't name these true morons who
22 have been elected. It can be worse than
23 what -- than what you have.

24 Seems to be some pretty harsh words when
25 speaking of past and perhaps current Council

1 members. But I understand. We know from the
2 past, North Canton has some members initially
3 appointed to their positions. Some have
4 embraced their appointments with "we the
5 people."

6 And at this point, let me recognize
7 Councilman Fonte, who, in my opinion, came to
8 Council to serve the City, and from the
9 start, admitted he had a lot to learn. He is
10 ending his Council stint with having worked
11 well with our City Engineer on street
12 projects. As Chairman of street and alley
13 committee, he came prepared with his
14 presentations and questioned other
15 legislation as presented.

16 Councilman Fonte, good luck, and I will
17 miss your favorite remarks when you agreed
18 with legislation to move forward, "let's rock
19 and roll."

20 Then we have the other side of the
21 spectrum, with those appointees coming in
22 with the "I the individual" attitude. We
23 know who they are and the quality of
24 commitment they have brought to the City.

25 Each Council member received my e-mail

1 last week concerning Ordinance 40-2021, which
2 you have -- which you will have the third
3 reading this evening. It was sent with my
4 sincere intent that each of you read, digest,
5 and vote along the lines of Councilman
6 Cerreta. Unfortunately, I didn't read any --
7 receive any replies. But I will not go over
8 this entire e-mail again, except to add to my
9 remarks, where Councilman Revoldt keeps --
10 keeps questioning our intelligence by
11 emphasizing you are not voting for pay
12 raises. I strongly disagree.

13 There are seven members on City Council,
14 with three pretty much made it known they are
15 not seeking re-election. Of the four
16 remaining, three have pulled petitions to
17 run, and if they were to win, these
18 individuals have all voted yes for this
19 ordinance as of now. The fourth, though not
20 yet filed, has repeatedly voted no on the
21 same issue.

22 Think about -- think about not voting for
23 a pay raise and a new council could rescind
24 this legislation if passed. I don't think I
25 need to explain it further, at least I don't

1 hope I do. So, once again, please follow
2 Council Cerreta with a no vote, or at the
3 very least, table the proposing pending, at
4 the suggestion of Mr. Cerreta, a review by a
5 City review committee. Thank you.

6 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

7 MR. PETERS: Anyone else? Mr. Osborne.

8 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview
9 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio. Why
10 is the North Canton Library forced to
11 purchase real estate for donation to the City
12 school district? The North Canton City
13 School District wants to consolidate
14 Greentown, Northwood, and Orchard Hill
15 schools into one school. The new elementary
16 is planned for 988 students.

17 In a March 13, 2017 Repository story,
18 staff writer, Kelli Weir, quoted
19 Superintendent Jeff Wendorf, stating, and I
20 quote, while the locations of the new
21 buildings have not been decided, Wendorf said
22 one elementary building likely would be
23 located at Clearmount Elementary, which is in
24 the southern portion of the district. He
25 said the district would need to purchase

1 additional land for a northern elementary
2 site, because the existing 10.3-acre
3 Greentown Intermediate property is too small
4 for an elementary school that would need
5 roughly 19 acres, closed quotes.

6 In total contradiction to these remarks,
7 and also a totally illogical choice for
8 construction of a school building, the school
9 district has chosen to build a new pre-K
10 through second grade school on the 9.6-acre
11 Charlotte property, which is polluted with
12 industrial contamination that has migrated in
13 the groundwater from the former Hoover
14 Company property. Mitigation of the
15 contamination on the property will increase
16 construction costs by several hundred
17 thousand dollars, but the school district
18 officials apparently do not care, since tax
19 dollars are plentiful and more are available
20 simply by asking.

21 If the 10.3-acre site at Greentown was
22 too small to rebuild on, how is it that now
23 the 9.6-acre Charlotte site is adequate for a
24 school?

25 In addition to the added costs to

1 taxpayers to protect students and staff from
2 the toxic substances on the property, there
3 are other negative impacts that will result
4 for the public. Property acquisitions will
5 be required and road widenings made by the
6 City could cost \$2 million or more. The
7 North Canton YMCA daycare will have to
8 relocate all their outdoor activities at a
9 cost guesstimated of \$50,000, not to mention
10 the loss of parking for their staff and
11 public.

12 Lastly, there is the impact of the North
13 Canton Library, as the library will lose
14 their overflow parking on the Charlotte
15 property. Fearful of the impact of the loss
16 of that overflow parking, the North Canton
17 Library Association Board has entertained
18 what can be called an underhanded smokescreen
19 arrangement offered by the school district.

20 The arrangement requires the library to
21 purchase properties abutting the south side
22 of the Charlotte property, along Portage, and
23 then donate those properties to the school
24 district. Two parcels have already been
25 purchased by the library at a cost of

1 \$180,000 and donated to the schools. It is
2 my understanding that the library will be
3 required to purchase a total of four parcels
4 along Portage and subsequently donate those
5 parcels to the school district to meet the
6 demands of the agreement. In exchange, the
7 district would allow the library continued
8 shared use of the Charlotte property for
9 overflow parking.

10 At \$90,000 per parcel, property
11 acquisition for the four parcels will cost
12 the library \$360,000. Why the subterfuge?
13 These demands place a financial burden on the
14 North Canton Library. Why doesn't the City
15 school district acquire these properties
16 directly and spare the library the financial
17 burden? Better yet, why not build -- build
18 the new school on the nearly 16-acre
19 Northwood Elementary property?

20 A grass -- grassroots group of citizens
21 known as North Canton Citizens for Safe
22 Schools wrote to Superintendent Wendorf in
23 September of 2020 with concerns that the
24 Charlotte property is contaminated and much
25 too small per guidelines detailed in the Ohio

1 School Design Manual.

2 The efforts by the school district to
3 strong-arm the North Canton Library to
4 purchase and donate additional acreage
5 certainly supports citizens' concerns that
6 the 9.6-acre Charlotte site is undersized and
7 wholly inadequate for construction of a
8 school destined for nearly 1,000 schools --
9 children.

10 The North Canton City Council and Mayor
11 Wilder need to examine the choice made by the
12 North Canton School District to place nearly
13 1,000 small children in a congested, noisy
14 property in the heart of downtown that is
15 greatly undersized and contaminated. Despite
16 road improvements, this poor choice will lead
17 to traffic tie-ups and congestion for all
18 citizens --

19 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne.

20 MR. OSBORNE: -- who must traverse the
21 area.

22 MR. PETERS: Your time has expired.

23 Thank you so much.

24 MR. FONTE: Thanks, Chuck.

25 MR. OSBORNE: Can't even spare a couple

1 extra seconds, can you?

2 MR. PETERS: Is there anyone else wishing
3 to address Council this evening?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. PETERS: Seeing none, we will move
6 on. Well, we have a special presentation by
7 the North Canton Jaycees. Who do we have
8 coming up? Welcome.

9 MR. FONTE: Hello.

10 MR. PETERS: Before you begin, could you
11 please state your name for the record?

12 MS. KNIGHT-BOURN: Hello. Shelley
13 Knight-Bourn. I'm the president of the North
14 Canton Jaycees. I'm from Jackson Township.
15 I don't know if I need to say that or not.

16 MR. FONTE: We can move you over.

17 MS. KNIGHT-BOURN: So on behalf of the
18 North Canton Jaycees, I want to express our
19 gratitude and appreciation to Mayor Wilder,
20 Chief Kemp, the City, EMS and fire department
21 and police departments. We appreciate all
22 the times the Mayor has set aside time to
23 meet with our members. We know that there
24 has been so much on his plate since becoming
25 Mayor, and it has not gone unnoticed how much

1 you have directly worked with us. It's very
2 much appreciated.

3 We want to thank the Mayor and the Chief
4 for going in our dunk tank at our fair. And
5 as a token of appreciation for the Mayor
6 spending more time in the water of the dunk
7 tank than on the seat, we have a little --

8 MR. FONTE: Aww.

9 MAYOR WILDER: This is unexpected.

10 MS. KNIGHT-BOURN: So, Mayor, he was the
11 most dunked for our Jaycees Fair for 2021.
12 So thank you very much.

13 MAYOR WILDER: Thank you very much. I'll
14 find a special -- very special place for it.

15 There is a certain granddaughter in here
16 that belongs to Greg Sarbaugh who was
17 relentless, who was putting me in the water.
18 So I hope I generate a lot of funds for you.
19 But thank you so much. This is very
20 unexpected, but very kind to have. This is
21 pretty cool.

22 MS. KNIGHT-BOURN: Thank her for that
23 one.

24 MR. FONTE: I think you should have Greg
25 Sarbaugh initial the ball.

1 MS. KNIGHT-BOURN: And it is also -- if
2 Chief Kemp would like to come up here, as
3 well. It is my honor and privilege to
4 present you of our honorary life membership.
5 And you get your own little name tag, as
6 well. And so -- I'll go back to my -- but
7 for the exemplary leadership and the calmness
8 you exhibited with some challenging times at
9 our fair, and in keeping us all calm during
10 everything. And not only did you go in the
11 dunk tank, as well, you were instrumental in
12 keeping this year's fair safe, and we are
13 eternally indebted to you, as well, for that.

14 CHIEF KEMP: I will say it's a joint
15 effort, and I had a great group of guys there
16 that were working the fair with us. So I
17 also --

18 THE REPORTER: I can't hear you, Chief.
19 I'm sorry.

20 CHIEF KEMP: As I sit in the back and
21 usually look at the microphone going "could
22 somebody please talk into the microphone."

23 As -- as I was saying, this isn't just a
24 single effort. This was an effort on all the
25 parts of all my officers that were working

1 the detail that night or working the streets,
2 patrolling the area, in addition to the fire
3 department staff that we called out quite a
4 bit on the last evening when we were a little
5 bit stressed. I know one of the Jaycees
6 asked me how I kept the smile going. I said,
7 well, that, you know, I'm the one they look
8 to. I have to have that confidence with me
9 to keep them going. So it's always a joint
10 effort.

11 And as an honorary member of the Jaycees
12 now, Mayor, I may have put them up to the
13 most dunked award. Okay? Because having
14 witnessed Thursday night when you were on
15 there, yeah, you were a bit waterlogged.

16 MAYOR WILDER: Well, as I recall, you
17 were pushing people that way. Okay?

18 CHIEF KEMP: Doing our part.

19 MAYOR WILDER: Okay.

20 MS. KNIGHT-BOURN: So we did want to say,
21 the police department did a phenomenal job
22 this year for all the security, all the
23 police officers who were either working it,
24 or the road crew. We had Scott, Mike, Matt.
25 I have a list. You, obviously. Did I forget

1 one?

2 CHIEF KEMP: Forwalder and --

3 MS. KNIGHT-BOURN: Yep. And so they
4 definitely did a phenomenal year. We had a
5 fantastic turn out, which we kept the police
6 and the fire department and EMS on their
7 toes, as we saw crowd levels that we normally
8 don't see until the weekends. We saw those
9 earlier in the week. And the police
10 department really set the bar high on how to
11 handle crowd control. Because this year was
12 definitely a lot busier than in the past that
13 we have seen.

14 And we are also grateful to the fire
15 department for all their behind the scenes
16 work, ensuring that we can pass all the
17 electrical inspections, ensuring everyone's
18 safety, not only at the fair, the fireworks
19 and our other various events. We are
20 appreciative of the quick response of the
21 North Canton EMS for any medical emergencies
22 that we had during the week, especially like
23 Saturday.

24 And we just also want to thank the City
25 and the Council members who also -- Matt and

1 Mark helped us -- helped us get sponsors so
2 we could have the July 4th fireworks. So we
3 are very happy in getting those sponsors so
4 quickly, so we had adequate time to plan.
5 It's very much appreciated. So to be able to
6 go from not having them at all to being able
7 to let the public know that we could have
8 them and get things back to normal. So I
9 just wanted to thank everyone and all of
10 North Canton fire department, police
11 department, and City Council and the City.
12 So thank you.

13 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Shelley. On
14 behalf of Council, we thank you all for all
15 you do, as well.

16 Okay. Next up, we have a special
17 presentation from the 2021 North Canton
18 Master Plan Committee. Mr. Strohmenger,
19 welcome, sir.

20 MR. STROHMENGER: President Peters, I
21 appreciate it. Mayor, always good to see
22 you; Council, administration. Thank you for
23 allowing me to have a few minutes of your
24 time. I wanted to bring you up to speed on
25 what we have done so far with the -- the 2021

1 plan.

2 We had our first steering committee
3 meeting on May 12th. And I think if you
4 remember, back when you were in Zoom
5 meetings, that I kind of gave you a preamble
6 of what we were planning on doing. I think
7 it was back in December.

8 Ben, if you'd like to put up the
9 timeline.

10 I'd like to just go through this with
11 you, and -- because we have not been sitting
12 still. The first thing we have done back in
13 May -- and I have to give Mr. Young kudos
14 from the consultant, because he has provided
15 her with data, and she is very, very
16 appreciative of that. And she continues to
17 do that.

18 As I mentioned, we had our first steering
19 committee. And what I want to do is
20 basically kind of give you an idea about who
21 is on the committee, so that you understand
22 that it is -- it is basically a number of
23 people that have said to us, I'd like to be
24 part of this, I'd like to be part of the
25 direction that we have. As soon as I can

1 find it -- well, I'll tell you what, I'll
2 probably do it at the end after I find it.

3 The other thing that we have done is we
4 are also doing an awful lot of other work
5 that we are gathering data from the Stark
6 County -- a number of organizations that we
7 can get some mapping, some other things.
8 Plus, again, Ben has been good enough.

9 We are having the consultant, who is
10 basically part of the Cleveland Urban Design
11 Collaborative. We used them back in 2011,
12 2012. And the reason why we did that is they
13 are very familiar with the City. And so we
14 basically have gone back to them and said,
15 you know, we want to continue to look at what
16 we have done. And if you remembered, Ben
17 brought us a -- an update of the 2012 plan a
18 few months ago. And so we are using that as
19 kind of a basis in order to look at the 2021
20 plan.

21 So we have used the month of July -- of
22 June to go through and to do more data
23 gathering. We are also going into housing
24 assessment. Business development, we have
25 picked twelve small businesses for the

1 director of the program to interview. And
2 they are a cross-section of people in the
3 community, some are long-term, some have been
4 very short-term type of businesses; but to
5 give her a pretty good idea about why they
6 came to North Canton, why did they develop
7 their business in North Canton.

8 And I can tell you that I am pleasantly
9 surprised that when I ask these people if
10 they'd be willing to do interviews,
11 basically, I did not have anybody say no. So
12 that kind of told me that everybody is
13 interested in how do we make North Canton an
14 even better place.

15 So we have gone through that, and as you
16 can tell, that we are going to start in July
17 to do the community conversations. I want to
18 tell you one thing before I talk about that.
19 The consultant gave me an initial impression
20 that I think you saw with the Jaycees'
21 presentation, with the police chief, with the
22 battalion chief. She said to me -- because
23 she has worked in other cities, small, big --
24 she said, you know, one thing you need to
25 know about the City of North Canton, that

1 nothing is broke. You don't have a bad
2 police department. You have a great fire
3 department, EMS. Your water department is
4 good. Your building department is good.
5 You -- all the services that you offer are
6 not broke. And she says, so we don't have to
7 go in and say, gee, we need to repair, you
8 know, this. And that is a huge plus for us.
9 Because we don't have to spend the time in
10 order to do that.

11 So kudos to all of you sitting around
12 this table that represent all those different
13 areas.

14 So why are we doing the planning? What
15 do we hope to do? We are in the phase right
16 now of what? We are going to ask an awful
17 lot of people, as we have the businesses, et
18 cetera, what do you want the City to be?
19 What do you want it to become? What are we
20 doing that doesn't work? What are things
21 that we can improve on? Where do you want us
22 to go? So the "what phase" is what we are
23 going through right now.

24 Now, I mentioned that -- on the timeline,
25 if you notice, that we are going to have our

1 first community conversation. And I have to
2 thank Dr. Tim Collins. Dr. Collins is just
3 like President Jusseaume was. I asked him, I
4 said, can I use the facilities of Walsh. And
5 we had our first steering committee meeting,
6 and, basically, it was in the St. Martha
7 room. We social distanced. But it was a
8 beautiful room to use at no cost.

9 I asked Dr. Collins, I said, well, I may
10 have up to 100 citizens that when we have the
11 public input meeting, I said, I'd like to use
12 the Barrette Center, the community room, the
13 whole big room. Sure, whenever you need it,
14 as many times as you need it. No cost.

15 So I'm going to announce to you that on
16 July 15th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in
17 the Barrette community room, we will have our
18 first -- first public community conversation.

19 Now, I know Dominic has one heck of an
20 internet site, and I know Matt Stroia. And
21 I'm going to ask every one of you that has
22 the ability of communicating with people in
23 the community, I want young people, college
24 usually, all the way up to senior citizens to
25 be able to come, because I have got four

1 urban planners that are going to show up.

2 What we will do is I will give, hello,
3 how are you, and then I'll have it turned
4 over to Terry Schwarz, who is the director of
5 the program, and she will take people into
6 the four corners of the room. And that's
7 when we start to get input from the citizens
8 and businesses within North Canton.

9 Then it's going to be very important to
10 establish the what. As you can tell, when we
11 start to get into August, we are going to
12 start to look at another steering committee
13 meeting, and we are also going to have
14 another community probably conversation,
15 community workshop we are going to call it.

16 Now, you are probably wondering, what
17 does the steering committee do. The steering
18 committee will keep us on track. The
19 steering committee, after they hear the input
20 from people, they'll say, okay, you know,
21 let's narrow it down, let's be a little bit
22 more -- because there may be certain things
23 that maybe just don't fit right. Maybe we
24 have to do a little bit more exploration by
25 some of these other meetings that we are

1 going to have. Let's test it.

2 Every one of you that are around this
3 table have been in other cities. And I can
4 tell you the second thing that I was told by
5 the consultant, besides your city services
6 are not broke, the second thing she told me
7 was you have to compete.

8 Now, we had a speaker before that talked
9 about the schools. The urban planners
10 actually said that that is a huge plus for
11 you. You are going to have new schools.
12 Because guess who you are competing against?
13 Need I say? The township right next to us.
14 You see, this is from the consultants. They
15 found out, one, one. Jackson schools, North
16 Canton schools, one, one. So we have to
17 compete.

18 Now, the question that we are posing, the
19 what, is what do we want to become? Do we
20 want to become and stay a small, sleepy,
21 little senior citizen place for the future?
22 Or do we want to compete against the Greens,
23 the Woosters, the Kents, and need I say,
24 Hudson?

25 MS. WERREN: Thank you.

1 MR. STROHMENGER: When I read in the
2 paper -- this is -- when I read in the paper
3 that we got a huge chunk of Diebold business,
4 I was joyful. But I'm greedy. I want the
5 whole thing. What were we missing? Why
6 couldn't we have gotten the headquarters?
7 It's just a thought. I don't know. But
8 maybe it will come up in these meetings.

9 So, again, I think -- I think the most
10 important thing that we want to do is we want
11 to make sure that -- that we tell people that
12 this is not the City's plan. This is not my
13 plan. This is their plan. That's why we are
14 going to listen to people and we are going to
15 basically just say, give us your thoughts and
16 ideas.

17 Now, after we go through all this, you
18 can tell the draft -- I'll probably push that
19 timeline a little bit more to try to end it
20 in September, because you are all up for
21 re-election. October may be a little bit
22 busy for some of you. As you can tell, that
23 we have got, you know, some check points and
24 some more steering committee meetings, et
25 cetera.

1 But here is a thought: When we have the
2 plan, the final plan, are we going to be able
3 to do everything? No. No. Are we going to
4 be able to do some things automatically?
5 Yes. Are we going to do some things that
6 take a couple years? Absolutely. But the
7 plan has to be flexible and it has got to be
8 reviewed every year by the people sitting
9 around this table.

10 Please don't let the plan be up on the
11 shelf, because there is an implied with the
12 plan, and the implied is to the citizens of
13 this City that we are going to make something
14 better. We want to make North Canton a
15 destination. We want to address some of the
16 things, the ideas, the suggestions that you
17 brought up. We want to make sure we do that.

18 But here is what you got to do -- and the
19 Mayor knows about this, because I have
20 preached about it. There is a three-legged
21 stool that we all got to have working
22 together. We got to have government, we have
23 got to have business, and we have got to have
24 education, all working together. If one of
25 them or two of them don't implement -- help

1 implement this plan, when we start to develop
2 the how, we are going to fail. So we need to
3 get everybody.

4 So when we do have this plan developed,
5 we need to make sure that we get out and we
6 talk to everybody; school board, rotary,
7 anybody we can think of to basically say,
8 hey, this is the excitement that you have
9 generated. And so I ask of you, please, when
10 we finally have the plan done, be part of
11 implementing it, make sure it's vibrant, that
12 it doesn't sit up on the shelf. Because the
13 people of this community, what all of you
14 have done, you have made it at this level.
15 But we can go a little higher. So I want to
16 thank you for your time.

17 MR. FONTE: Thanks, Bill.

18 MR. STROHMENGER: Any questions?
19 Anything? So get the word out, July 15th,
20 7:00 to -- to 8:30, Barrette Center community
21 room, anybody and everybody. They don't have
22 to stay for the entire hour and a half. You
23 can go in, say your two cents and get out of
24 there.

25 MAYOR WILDER: Bill, do you have the

1 names of the people on the committee?

2 MR. STROHMENGER: You know, I was looking
3 for them, Steve. I was trying to -- I think
4 I left them back in my -- my briefcase.

5 MAYOR WILDER: That's okay.

6 MR. STROHMENGER: Well, let me give you
7 from memory, if I may. But Catherine is on
8 it. Matt Stroia is on it. So you have
9 representation from administration and also
10 from City Council. I have a recent college
11 graduate of Walsh that is interested in
12 public service, actually. I have got Dr.
13 Morgan, our orthodontist. I got Dr.
14 Greenwell, who is the vice-president of Walsh
15 and is also in charge of all the campus, to
16 grow the campus. So he's a good one. I have
17 a retired schoolteacher, long-term
18 schoolteacher, North Canton schoolteacher,
19 Tracy Young, who's on.

20 I guess, you know, you can see just from
21 those names that I can remember that we have
22 got a pretty good cross-section. Oh, I also
23 have a developer, Beth Borda, from DeHoff. I
24 think that was important. I have known Beth
25 for quite a while. I think it's important

1 that we have some ideas and input.

2 So hopefully I have mentioned as many as
3 I can. And thank you, Mayor, for reminding
4 me.

5 Any other questions? Any other thoughts?

6 MR. PETERS: Not at this time. Thank
7 you, Bill.

8 MR. STROHMENGER: We are moving forward.

9 MR. PETERS: Appreciate all you are
10 doing.

11 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

12 MR. FONTE: Yep, thanks.

13 MR. STROHMENGER: Appreciate it. Thank
14 you so much.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you, sir.

16 Okay. Folks, let's move on to old
17 business. May I have a motion and a second
18 to read by title only Resolution 12-21?

19 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

20 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

22 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

23 MR. PETERS: Aye.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

25 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

1 MS. WERREN: Aye.

2 MR. FONTE: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Aye.

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

7 Ben.

8 MR. YOUNG: A resolution submitting
9 amendments to the City of North Canton's
10 zoning code, specifically Section 1155.11,
11 outdoor dining -- outdoor lighting
12 regulations, for consideration in accordance
13 with Chapter 1181 of the codified ordinances,
14 and declaring the same to be an emergency.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Ben.

16 Chairman Revoldt.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you, Mr. Peters. As
18 you'll recall, this is a reflection of
19 Dominic's interest in having the height of
20 light standards raised. And we have decided
21 to recommend to the Planning Commission that
22 it explore that in the Main Street North
23 Gateway area only. And that's contained in
24 the language of the ordinance.

25 If there are no questions, I move the

1 adoption of the second reading of Ordinance
2 12-21.

3 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

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

5 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

6 MR. PETERS: Aye.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

8 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

9 MS. WERREN: Aye.

10 MR. FONTE: Aye.

11 MR. STROIA: Aye.

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

15 May I have a motion and a second to
16 suspend the rules of Council requiring three
17 readings?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

19 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

21 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

22 MR. PETERS: Aye.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

25 MS. WERREN: Aye.

1 MR. FONTE: Aye.
2 MR. STROIA: Aye.
3 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
4 (No response.)
5 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
6 And, finally, a motion and a second to
7 adopt Resolution 12-21 under suspension.
8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
9 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.
10 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
11 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
12 MR. PETERS: Aye.
13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
14 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
15 MS. WERREN: Aye.
16 MR. FONTE: Aye.
17 MR. STROIA: Aye.
18 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
19 (No response.)
20 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. Thank you,
21 Daryl.
22 May I have a motion and second to read by
23 title only Ordinance 31-21?
24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
25 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

2 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

3 MR. PETERS: Aye.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

5 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

6 MS. WERREN: Aye.

7 MR. FONTE: Aye.

8 MR. STROIA: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

12 Ben.

13 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending the
14 zoning code of the City of North Canton to
15 create Chapter 1136, Main Street districts
16 regulations, establishing the Main Street
17 North Gateway, Main Street North, Main Street
18 Center, Main Street South, and Main Street
19 South Gateway zoning districts in order to
20 fully enact such districts, together with
21 providing opportunities for future residents
22 and businesses.

23 MR. PETERS: Thank you. Chairman
24 Revoldt.

25 MR. REVOLDT: This is the third reading

1 of our Main Street zoning. We have had much
2 discussion. I would anticipate that we will
3 have it reviewed in the future. But I would
4 like to ask Council tonight to adopt this.
5 We have a major project that requires the
6 language that's contained in this ordinance.
7 And we need to demonstrate to that project
8 that we are prepared and can move swiftly and
9 in a businesslike fashion. Do I need to
10 elaborate?

11 MR. FONTE: Let's pass this sucker.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. DeOrio.

13 MR. DEORIO: Yeah, I might add that, you
14 know, I had the opportunity to talk to some
15 others along the lines that -- that some
16 members of Council asked us to kind of do.
17 And, you know, without, you know, writing a
18 doctoral dissertation on a 150-page document,
19 in the grand scheme of things, what they see,
20 they like what they see. It's the type of
21 stuff that they would be interested in
22 building.

23 And that's one of the things that I found
24 out in talking with different developers
25 from, you know, around Stark County and

1 outside of our county is that they all seem
2 to have a niche. They all kind of do
3 something that -- that their bread and butter
4 go to projects, wherever they are in whatever
5 community, and that's what they know, that's
6 what they do.

7 And so sometimes, you know, rather than
8 just look at from one point of view, I have
9 had an opportunity to talk to others, and at
10 least found one that likes the stuff that we
11 see in Kent and Wooster, where we are trying
12 to build that walkable community, have the
13 mixed use close to the street to create that
14 desirable effect.

15 And I would just remind everybody that,
16 you know, this -- this has been a heavy lift.
17 And all the other things that we have done,
18 all of you have helped, and we have been
19 doing this since 2018. And I would remind
20 you that the Main Street Business district as
21 we knew it didn't exist, doesn't exist.
22 There is no zoning special district on Main
23 Street.

24 So we know that what we have there
25 doesn't work. I learned of this by trying to

1 bring a business in from Canton that had the
2 Main Street Business district been in effect,
3 we could have -- it could have come. But
4 because it wasn't in effect and we had to
5 rely on the GBB, GBA zoning, it didn't work,
6 and they couldn't come.

7 So, you know, I guess to all of you
8 that -- do I believe that it's 100 percent in
9 final form? No. Because I don't believe it
10 ever can be in final form. There will always
11 be circumstances that come up as projects
12 come to us that we will want to come back and
13 ask ourselves, do we want to tweak it or do
14 we want to just say, no, we really like what
15 we have and we just aren't interested in that
16 particular project.

17 But I'd rather have, you know, 95 percent
18 of it complete than have 100 percent of
19 nothing, which is what I feel we have since
20 2003, since we never took the steps from
21 planning to administration to put a Main
22 Street Business district into effect. So I
23 just wanted to kind of give that color on it.

24 I would ask that the Council approve this
25 on the third reading. I'd like to continue