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APPEARANCES:

- Daniel Jeff Peters, Chairman
- Douglas Foltz, Member
- Stephanie Werren, Member
- Daryl Revolt, Member
- Mark Cerreta, Member
- Dominic Fonte, Member
- Matthew Stroia, Member
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of Administration & Development
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Robert Graham, PE
- Martin Van Gundy, Chief Building Officer
- Terry A. Moore, Esq.
- Benjamin Young, Council Clerk
- Margaret Straub, Intern

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1 MR. YOUNG: We are live.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Ben.
3 All right. At this time, I'd like to call to
4 order the North Canton City Council meeting,
5 August 24th, 2020, via teleconference.
6 Opening prayer. Mark? Dominic?

7 MR. CERRETA: I'll take it. I
8 actually --

9 MR. PETERS: Anyone else?

10 MR. CERRETA: I'll take it. I actually
11 prepared something for tonight.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Mark.

13 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

14 MR. FONTE: Thanks, Mark.

15 MR. CERRETA: You bet.

16 (Whereupon, Mr. Cerreta leads us in
17 prayer.)

18 MR. FONTE: Amen. Very good. Thanks,
19 Mark.

20 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

21 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mark.

22 Okay. At this time, if you'd join me in
23 the Pledge of Allegiance.

24 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
25 recited.)

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
2 folks. At this time, Ben, would you please
3 call the roll?

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

7 MS. WERREN: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

9 MR. PETERS: Here.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

13 MR. STROIA: Here.

14 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.

15 MR. CERRETA: Here.

16 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

17 MR. FONTE: Here.

18 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

19 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you very much.

20 And -- well, first of all, may I have a
21 motion and a second to add one item to
22 consideration; that is, the resignation
23 letter of Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law?

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

25 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

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

2 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

3 MR. PETERS: Aye.

4 MS. WERREN: Aye.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

6 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

7 MR. FONTE: Aye.

8 MR. STROIA: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

12 All right. At this time, for your
13 consideration, I need a motion and a second
14 to approve as presented minutes from July
15 6th, 2020, Committee of the Whole; July 8th,
16 2020, Special Council meeting; July 13th,
17 2020, Council meeting; July 17th, 2020,
18 Council meeting, and, finally, the
19 resignation letter from Tim Fox, Director of
20 Law.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as
22 presented. Foltz.

23 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

24 MR. PETERS: Do we have a second? Oh,
25 second, Stroia. All right. All in favor,

1 say "aye."
2 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
3 MR. PETERS: Aye.
4 MS. WERREN: Aye.
5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
6 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
7 MR. FONTE: Aye.
8 MR. STROIA: Aye.
9 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
10 (No response.)
11 MR. PETERS: All righty. Motion carries.
12 At this time, we have recognition of
13 visitors. There is a five-minute time limit.
14 Ben will be giving me the -- the heads-up at
15 one minute and 30 seconds. I just ask that
16 you keep it professional and cordial. And
17 I'll turn it over to you at this point.
18 MR. YOUNG: First is Mr. Joseph Mulqueen.
19 Mr. Mulqueen, are you there? Mr. Mulqueen?
20 (No response.)
21 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Mulqueen, if you are
22 speaking, you are on mute.
23 MR. MULQUEEN: Can you hear me now?
24 MR. YOUNG: Yes. When you are ready,
25 sir.

1 MR. MULQUEEN: All righty. Welp, I'm
2 here to talk to you guys about a broad
3 spectrum of things. And the first thing I'm
4 here to talk about is a little thing called
5 respect. And, you know, respect is a two-way
6 street. You know, in order to get respect,
7 you need to give respect.

8 And when the -- Patrolman Aikman, by
9 order of his Sergeant, wanted to try to write
10 me a false, unjust dogs-at-large ticket that
11 my lawyer, Dan Funk, is busy fighting in
12 court, on top of fighting for probate court.
13 Because, you know, my father passed away last
14 October. And my father worked for this town.
15 My father went bankrupt, had the house in
16 this town swiped.

17 And, you know, now that he has passed
18 away, and I've paid the property tax for the
19 year, and I continue to pay the utility bills
20 and help, you know, generate a couple tax
21 dollars to the City that helps run our great
22 local economy and whatnot, you know, I find
23 it very disrespectful when these cops try to
24 write me a dogs-at-large ticket, when my dogs
25 were never at large. They were, you know,

1 inside a gated area with their leashes on and
2 whatnot.

3 And walking my dogs this past weekend, I
4 saw an actual dog-at-large behind the high
5 school. And I called that into the police
6 department, and I took a video of it and
7 everything to give to my lawyer, Dan Funk, to
8 help get this case thrown out.

9 And I hope, you know -- I left a
10 voicemail to the patrolman. I said, you
11 know, I said, you know, you guys should have
12 gave me a warning, and I hope we can work
13 past this issue and just put it in the past,
14 you know. We all make mistakes. And, you
15 know, all I kindly ask -- you know, I had to
16 give my lawyer \$300. I had to give the Stark
17 County Health Department. I had to pay my
18 vet \$58 to fill out that paperwork, and I
19 have to spend another 90 bucks on Uber,
20 because I don't drive. And, you know, so all
21 I'm kindly looking for is to be reimbursed
22 what I had to pay for to defend my innocence.

23 And this isn't the first time the police
24 department has tried to illegally arrest me.
25 Officer Ataya tried to illegal arrest me for

1 using the Dogwood pool bathroom. And my
2 former lawyer, now Magistrate of Canton, Adam
3 Wilgus, got the case thrown out. And I'm not
4 afraid to dig up that old case and look into
5 a lawsuit, if it helps generate income I can
6 invest into Dogwood Park. And if it's a
7 lawsuit that helps get Dogwood Park fixed up,
8 as I say, God bless it. Because, you know --
9 you know, this town is very important for my
10 sobriety. And, you know, you guys can try to
11 push me out of town or whatever, but, you
12 know, I'm not going anywhere.

13 And, you know, my lawyer is busy in
14 probate court trying to, you know, get the
15 mortgage in my name. And I have been doing
16 my part of paying the property taxes and
17 utility bills, and, you know, I'm staying
18 sober from alcohol, and, you know, I'm
19 getting very sick and tired of being harassed
20 and discriminated by, you know, police
21 officers when I'm a police charitarian member
22 myself. And I tried to explain that to the
23 patrolman and sergeant.

24 You know, I'm hoping, you know, with the
25 help of the Council and the Mayor, you guys

1 can -- you know, I've got court September
2 21st, 2020 at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. And maybe
3 we can just get this thing pardoned, and we
4 can -- you know, you guys can kindly
5 reimburse me for money I had to waste on
6 defending my innocence. Because I'll never
7 get my time back that has been wasted going
8 to court three times in the morning, when I
9 can be out working out or walking my dogs.
10 So, you know, as a Christian man, I'm trying
11 to walk -- trying to work past this.

12 And, you know, Mr. Cerreta wants to start
13 this prayer with leadership and whatnot.
14 And, you know, I'm an active leader at the
15 skate park. I've donated more this summer in
16 skateboards and sneakers and wheels than most
17 of you Council members have done in the past
18 18 years. And it's a damn shame that the
19 skate park hasn't been fixed up or the
20 basketball court or even the jungle gym
21 hasn't been fixed up in the past 18 years.

22 So I hope we can all just put our egos
23 aside and just come together for renovating
24 this park for 50 more years to come. Because
25 the skate park has been here for 18 years.

1 As long as I'm living, I'm going to make sure
2 this park is going to be here for another 50
3 years for, you know, kids to take pride into
4 it, like I took pride into this park, to the
5 people who helped got it here.

6 And, you know, I don't know if I'm ever
7 going to get married or have kids, but, you
8 know, one thing I'd like to leave this world
9 behind, you know, when it's my time to go to
10 join my father and his father and meet Jesus
11 Christ, is to leave, you know, a nice skate
12 park that helped made me the man I am today.

13 And I hope the people that grew up there
14 would get the heads out of their butts and
15 come donate 5 grand with me, like I have put
16 aside that I am ready to donate. But, you
17 know, I can't speak for them. I can only
18 speak for myself. And, you know, trying to
19 fix up this park the past 18 years, it's like
20 when our great President Donald Trump, you
21 know, was trying to fix up that ice rink in
22 New York City --

23 MR. PETERS: Joe -- hey, Joe --

24 MR. MULQUEEN: -- and, you know, figure
25 it out --

1 MR. PETERS: I'm sorry to interrupt you,
2 but -- can you hear me?

3 MR. MULQUEEN: Yeah, I can hear you.

4 MR. PETERS: Ben?

5 MR. YOUNG: We can hear you.

6 MR. PETERS: Hey, we are past the
7 five-minute mark.

8 MR. MULQUEEN: All right. Welp, the last
9 thing I have to say is I'm not afraid to fix
10 up Dogwood Park like our great President
11 Donald Trump fixed up that ice rink in New
12 York City. I'm ready to do whatever it takes
13 to get it fixed, whether, you know, the
14 politicians want to put their egos aside or
15 not.

16 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Joe.

17 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

18 MR. YOUNG: All right. Next is Amy
19 Cobaugh. Amy, are you there? You are on
20 mute, so you'll need to unmute yourself.

21 (No response.)

22 MR. YOUNG: Amy?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. PETERS: Ben, is she still on mute?

25 MR. YOUNG: Yes, she is. And I've asked

1 her to unmute, but she hasn't; so --

2 MR. FONTE: You might -- tell her how to
3 do it.

4 MR. PETERS: How about if we move onto --

5 MR. CERRETA: Come back to her.

6 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Blubaugh? Mr. Blubaugh,
7 are you there?

8 MR. BLUBAUGH: I am.

9 MR. FONTE: He's there.

10 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready.

11 Mr. Blubaugh?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. FONTE: Hey, Ben, can you tell him
14 how to hit mute on their phone, how they
15 unmute?

16 MR. YOUNG: So you might --

17 MR. CERRETA: He might be on the
18 computer.

19 MR. YOUNG: Well, they are all on phone
20 calls.

21 MR. FONTE: Yeah, from the phone, you
22 know, if they tap the screen with their
23 finger, hopefully they'll see where it says
24 mute or unmute.

25 MR. YOUNG: Yes. And there should be a

1 little icon of a microphone.

2 MR. FONTE: Right. So, like, if you --
3 you know, on the left side.

4 MR. CERRETA: We should give them a call.
5 Ben, why don't you give them a call and take
6 them through it, please?

7 MR. FONTE: Is there anybody on the call?
8 Joe or anybody? Amy, are you there?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. PETERS: Hey, Ben, are they both
11 still on mute?

12 MR. CERRETA: He's probably talking to
13 them.

14 MR. PETERS: Yeah, that's what I figured.

15 MR. FONTE: We'll need a simple tutorial
16 maybe for the future. We can do a screen
17 recorder, so they can see how easy it is to
18 mute and unmute.

19 MS. WERREN: Yeah, but Mr. Blubaugh has
20 been on numerous times. He knows how to do
21 it.

22 Jeff, are we able to move on before and
23 then come back?

24 MR. PETERS: Well --

25 MR. CERRETA: We can't really talk about

1 something these folks might be talking about.

2 MR. YOUNG: I reached Mr. Blubaugh, and
3 he is going to re-call in. I tried
4 re-calling Ms. Cobaugh, but her phone did not
5 connect. So Ms. Cobaugh, if you can hear me,
6 please try --

7 MR. PETERS: Okay.

8 MR. YOUNG: -- calling back in again.

9 MR. BLUBAUGH: Okay. I'm here. Joe
10 Blubaugh.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay. We'll take a few
12 minutes and wait for Joe.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Joe is on.

14 MR. PETERS: There he is.

15 THE REPORTER: He is here.

16 MR. CERRETA: Joe is on. Welcome, Joe.

17 MR. BLUBAUGH: Thank you. Can I speak?

18 MR. PETERS: Yep.

19 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

20 MR. BLUBAUGH: Okay. Joe Blubaugh, 256
21 Glenwood Street, Southwest. Welcome back
22 from the summer break. I hope you all
23 enjoyed it. I'm here just to talk again
24 about something really important to me,
25 the -- the City trees in North Canton. I

1 appreciate the time that many of you have
2 spent listening to me recently, meeting with
3 me, reading my e-mails, and so on. And I'm
4 just asking for a few more minutes.

5 I think the fact that the petition that I
6 started now has 643 signatures, the petition
7 to save the trees at Bitzer, is an important
8 number, 643. And so I think it's an
9 important issue that needs to be addressed.
10 The trees owned by the City are an important
11 part of the City's infrastructure, just as
12 our buildings, streets, and utilities. The
13 City should maintain its trees just as it
14 maintains its other infrastructure.

15 The State of Ohio offers professional,
16 independent, free technical advice to help
17 communities like North Canton maintain their
18 urban forests. But after repeated requests
19 by many people, including members of City
20 Council, the City has not taken advantage of
21 this ODNR service. For some reason, the City
22 administration refuses to act for this free,
23 professional, independent technical service.

24 The City has asked one or two arborists
25 to give advice about the trees at Bitzer

1 Park, but why ask a favor of a business
2 person who has conflicting interest, when
3 there is a truly independent, professional
4 service free of charge. It appears the City
5 administration does not consider its trees to
6 be part of the infrastructure. In fact, it
7 may even -- it looks like the City considers
8 the trees to be an impediment to some of its
9 plan.

10 For instance, in spite of all the
11 citizens' recommendations, the City went
12 ahead with its plans for Bitzer Park with
13 only minor adjustments, and were stopped only
14 because the bids came in too high. Also in
15 spite of all the citizen recommendations
16 about Bitzer Park, the current plans for
17 Dogwood Park call for destroying many large
18 trees to do the most unpark-like thing,
19 expand the parking lot. Literally, paving
20 paradise to put up a parking lot, as Joni
21 Mitchell's song says. The song goes on to
22 say, you don't know what you've got until
23 it's gone. Let's not let that happen to us.
24 Let's recognize what we have in those trees
25 before they are gone.

1 Would the City consider removing the
2 infrastructure of the nearby fire station to
3 expand the parking lot? Then why would it
4 consider removing the infrastructure of the
5 trees to do so?

6 I urge the City to change its mind-set
7 about its trees, to recognize that its
8 trees -- that its trees are another valuable
9 infrastructure that the City administration
10 is responsible to maintain for its citizens.
11 643 people have signed their names asking the
12 City to do so. And I urge you to take
13 advantage of the free services offered by
14 ODNR to find the best way to do it. Thank
15 you.

16 MR. CERRETA: Thank you, Joe.

17 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Joe.

18 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

19 MR. YOUNG: I believe we have Ms. Cobaugh
20 again. Ms. Cobaugh, are you there?

21 MS. COBAUGH: Yes. Can you hear me?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

23 MS. COBAUGH: Oh, praise the Lord, yes.

24 MR. PETERS: We sure can.

25 MS. COBAUGH: Thank you for having me as

1 a speaker.

2 MR. YOUNG: Okay. When you are ready,
3 Ms. Cobaugh.

4 MS. COBAUGH: I was just calling to
5 address some repairs that need to be done at
6 the skate park and the -- the basketball
7 court. I obviously -- I'm unaware if there
8 are any City funds for that. Mr. Mulqueen
9 mentioned a booster club. Again, I -- that
10 sounds like a great idea. I don't know how
11 you go forward with that. But mostly my
12 concern was, like, there are cracks in the
13 pavement.

14 I know, of course, my son lives there
15 from like March to November. He's a skater.
16 And he wants all new equipment. He wants
17 ledges, like concrete boxes I guess you could
18 describe them as. And I'm like, well, I
19 don't -- I don't know if the City has money
20 for all these things. But I just wanted to
21 address at the very least some of the repairs
22 that need to be done and how to go forward in
23 finding money for these things, if necessary.

24 MR. CERRETA: Uh-huh.

25 MS. COBAUGH: And I can't go -- well, and

1 that's it. I mean, it's a great park. Like
2 I said, I -- my sons are -- my one son
3 literally lives there. It's -- it's just a
4 wonderful asset to this community. My other
5 son plays basketball. Again, valuable -- my
6 husband and I were talking about moving once,
7 and we are like, we can't because of the
8 skate park.

9 Because our kids can ride their bikes up
10 there, and, you know, just spend the day with
11 their friends, walk to Family Dollar, get a
12 dollar water gallon or whatever, a gallon of
13 water. And it's just so nice for them to
14 have and the kids in this area to have. So,
15 you know, we are really grateful for the
16 park. And that's it.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Well, thank you.

18 MR. STROIA: Thank you.

19 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Amy.

20 MS. COBAUGH: Thank you.

21 MR. YOUNG: All right. Those are our
22 only speakers, Mr. President.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Ben, thank you
24 very much, sir. And we will move on at this
25 time to old business. May I have a motion

1 and a second to read by title only Ordinance
2 40-20?
3 MR. FOLTZ: So moved. Foltz.
4 MR. CERRETA: Second. Second. Cerreta.
5 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
6 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
7 MR. PETERS: Aye.
8 MS. WERREN: Aye.
9 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
10 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
11 MR. FONTE: Aye.
12 MR. STROIA: Aye.
13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
14 (No response.)
15 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.
16 All right. Motion carries.
17 Ben, I'm going to ask you, is that all
18 right, to read these for tonight?
19 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, that's fine.
20 MR. PETERS: Okay.
21 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
22 Director of Administration to establish
23 rental rates for City-owned buildings,
24 facilities, parks, sport fields, and portions
25 thereof.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you very
2 much.

3 Chairman Foltz.

4 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Thank you. It's as it
5 reads. I don't have anything to add. We are
6 just giving the authorization to the
7 administration to adjust these as needed.
8 And, Pat, if you have anything else to add.

9 MR. DEORIO: I do not. Nothing has
10 changed since we last discussed it.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. I motion we approve
12 the second reading.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Second by Revoldt.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor,
15 say "aye."

16 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

17 MR. PETERS: Aye.

18 MS. WERREN: Aye.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

20 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

21 MR. FONTE: Aye.

22 MR. STROIA: Aye.

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

1 Thank you, Doug.

2 On to new business; may I have a motion
3 and a second to read by title only Ordinance
4 42-20?

5 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta moves.

6 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

8 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

12 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

13 MR. FONTE: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

18 Ben, please.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
20 Mayor of the City of North Canton, through
21 the Board of Control, to renew a personal
22 services agreement for computer server,
23 network, workstation monitoring, maintenance
24 and support, remote and onsite support,
25 malware protection, web browsing protection,

1 patch management, dark web monitoring, and
2 security awareness education for the City's
3 critical, complex, municipal infrastructure
4 equipment; and given the critical nature of
5 this agreement, to do so without advertising
6 for bids as provided by Charter Section 4.05,
7 contracting and purchasing, and declaring the
8 same to be an emergency.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

10 Chairwoman Werren.

11 MS. WERREN: Okay. As it says -- Ben,
12 you did a really nice job. I couldn't really
13 add anything if I wanted. The only thing I
14 will say -- and, Patrick, correct me if I'm
15 wrong -- is that we will have a two-year
16 guarantee in the pricing of this, so we won't
17 have to do it again, which we thought was
18 really advantageous for the City.

19 MR. DEORIO: That is correct, Stephanie.
20 A two-year agreement, with no increase in
21 the -- in the cost from the previous
22 contract.

23 MS. WERREN: Great. And I know we have
24 been really pleased with them since we had
25 looked into this in the first place. So if

1 no other questions, I move that we adopt.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

3 MR. PETERS. All right. We have a
4 second. All in favor, say "aye."

5 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

6 MR. PETERS: Aye.

7 MS. WERREN: Aye.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

10 MR. FONTE: Aye.

11 MR. STROIA: Aye.

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

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

17 MS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

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

20 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

21 MR. PETERS: Aye.

22 MS. WERREN: Aye.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

25 MR. FONTE: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

5 And, finally, a motion and a second to
6 adopt Ordinance 42-20 under suspension of the
7 rules.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

10 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

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

12 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Aye.

14 MS. WERREN: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

17 MR. FONTE: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Aye.

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

22 May I have a motion and a second to read by
23 title only Ordinance 43-20?

24 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta second -- Cerreta
25 moves.

1 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.
2 MR. PETERS: Werren seconds. All in
3 favor, say "aye."
4 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
5 MR. PETERS: Aye.
6 MS. WERREN: Aye.
7 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
8 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
9 MR. FONTE: Aye.
10 MR. STROIA: Aye.
11 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
12 (No response.)
13 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
14 Ben.
15 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
16 appropriation of funds of the City of North
17 Canton to be appropriated for current
18 expenses during the fiscal year ending
19 December 31st, 2020.
20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
21 Chairwoman Werren.
22 MS. WERREN: Okay. This is just -- we
23 kind -- we do this every year, and it is with
24 the water and backflow. And I know we all
25 get those letters in the mail. And you

1 better do them, or you are going to get in
2 trouble by the City. So this keeps us up
3 with everything. Right, Pat?

4 MR. DEORIO: Right.

5 MS. WERREN: If no other questions, I
6 move to adopt.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

8 MR. PETERS: We have a motion and a
9 second. All those in favor, say "aye."

10 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

11 MR. PETERS: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

15 MR. FONTE: Aye.

16 MR. STROIA: Aye.

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

20 May I have a motion and a second to read
21 by title only Ordinance 44-20?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

23 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

24 MR. PETERS: Do we have -- do we have a
25 second?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Yes, Cerreta.

2 MS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

3 MR. PETERS: Oh, okay.

4 MR. REVOLDT: You need a vote.

5 MR. PETERS: Oh, got you. All right. I
6 kind of lapsed in my audio here. All in
7 favor, say "aye."

8 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

12 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

13 MR. FONTE: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

18 Ben.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the
20 Mayor to enter into an agreement with
21 McKinley-Applegrove, Limited, thereby
22 accepting a maintenance bond to guarantee
23 certain maintenance improvements at the
24 Sanctuary Phase 4 development.

25 MR. PETERS: Okay. And just for clarity,

1 this is -- on your agenda, it's under finance
2 and property. It's actually street and
3 alley. So Chairman Fonte.

4 MR. FONTE: We talked about this last
5 week. It's just basically the phase that
6 they already did. It's just they guarantee
7 that they are making sure the utilities and
8 they are conforming to all the things to make
9 sure they meet the City standard. That's
10 all. I move that we pass it, unless Pat or
11 Rob had something to say about it.

12 MR. DEORIO: We are good.

13 MR. GRAHAM: That was fine. Thank you.

14 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

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

16 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

17 MR. PETERS: Aye.

18 MS. WERREN: Aye.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

20 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

21 MR. FONTE: Aye.

22 MR. STROIA: Aye.

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

1 Moving on, department reports. Deputy
2 Director of Administration.

3 MS. FARINA: I have no report. Thank
4 you.

5 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Catherine.
6 Director of Administration.

7 MR. DEORIO: Yes. I guess I would like
8 to opine. Just as a matter of clarification
9 for the community at large, you know, when
10 the park project design phase -- I shouldn't
11 even say that -- the park project exploration
12 phase was first thought of several years
13 ago -- I think it was 2017 -- we submitted,
14 you know, a request to the State for capital
15 budget allocation.

16 And to make sure that we got the most
17 that there was to get and that we would fare
18 well against all the other competitive
19 interest for limited amount of funds, the
20 City put together something more than was
21 just a sheet of paper type act. We put
22 together a park plan. As you recall, this
23 was subject of a dozen or more meetings back
24 in 2017, front page of the paper, boards put
25 up throughout City Hall that were left up for

1 the Council meetings for months.

2 And, you know, the nature of that was
3 that these were concepts. It was concepts to
4 show the legislators in Columbus that we were
5 serious about this plan, and that if they
6 gave us this money, they awarded it to us,
7 that we would be good stewards and actually
8 spend the money, unlike some other
9 communities that get the money and -- and
10 never spend it. That was not the case here.

11 So the -- the initial renderings,
12 drawing, concepts were that. They were
13 nothing that was etched in stone, nothing
14 that was really vetted seriously, other than
15 to award to -- or to give to the legislature
16 an idea that this was what we wanted to do.
17 And so the legislature put that into effect
18 for -- under a line item of park
19 improvements, and then left it to our
20 discretion to figure out what that eventually
21 was.

22 And that's the part that we have gone
23 through or are trying to go through since
24 then. And where we are with Dogwood now is
25 it -- it hasn't even been designed yet. We

1 are still in the phases of trying to figure
2 things out there, talking with various
3 vendors and consultants to kind of come up
4 with eventually something that we can do.
5 Deputy Director Farina is meeting with
6 various groups that are interested in the
7 playground, inclusivity of it, and -- and so
8 on.

9 So we hope to be able to get through that
10 in the next few months, so that at some point
11 here, you know, perhaps as -- in the
12 beginning of the year, be in a position that
13 we have something to actually bring back to
14 City Council, so that we can send it out for
15 bid. That's the plan.

16 So to say that, you know -- to accuse us
17 of going up and murdering trees at Dogwood,
18 that's not the case. That's just -- that's
19 just hype designed to get a certain intent.
20 There isn't even anything there to do.

21 I don't disagree with Mr. Blubaugh
22 regarding the trees and that they are a
23 valuable infrastructure, and to -- to suggest
24 otherwise is not accurate of administration's
25 position. But keep in mind, you know,

1 decades of neglect are not something that can
2 be easily turned around in a very short
3 order. But it's not really something that we
4 are not willing to undertake.

5 As it relates to the skate park,
6 Mrs. Cobaugh, we agree the skate park is in
7 need of a new look, actually something that
8 is more quiet and conducive, an all cement
9 skate park. And we are working on that, and
10 perhaps a new location for that, one where it
11 can be more expansive. And we do believe
12 that there, you know, could be funds
13 available from within our park improvement
14 project. So this is something that's under
15 consideration as we speak.

16 That concludes my report. Thank you.

17 MR. PETERS: All righty. Thank you.

18 Mayor, you are up.

19 MR. WILDER: Yes. Good evening, Council.

20 Thank you very much for those that are
21 listening tonight, and I appreciate the
22 comments, again, from the people who are
23 recognized as our visitors.

24 I just want to touch on a few things.
25 First of all, I want to thank Tim Fox for his

1 service to the City of North Canton for the
2 last nine years. And I wish him all the best
3 as he goes on with his future and career.

4 I would like to bring attention, today
5 was the first day of school for North Canton
6 City Schools, and the beginning for Saint
7 Paul's Catholic Church -- Catholic School. I
8 won't go into all the grades that were
9 going -- that will be taking place here on
10 Monday and Tuesday for our students
11 returning.

12 I had the opportunity to visit all the
13 elementary schools this morning, and I have
14 to give a shout out to Orchard Hill
15 Elementary School for their beautiful arch
16 that they had of orange and black balloons
17 and white balloons there, and greeting the
18 kids when they -- coming off their buses,
19 and -- and all the parents that were -- and
20 teachers in their parking lots, navigating
21 kids into school, meeting them right up
22 front.

23 I observed our -- the staff and the
24 students wearing their facial coverings.
25 And -- and the bus drivers. So hopefully

1 it's a good start of a school year and a safe
2 one for everybody.

3 You know, there is always the issue that
4 comes up, and many of you Council people
5 probably get these questions, too. It's
6 stopping for school buses. And I -- I need
7 to bring this to your attention. Okay?
8 Folks, if you are listening, remember, when
9 you are on the road with fewer than four
10 lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped
11 school bus from either direction must stop at
12 least 10 feet from the front or the rear of
13 the bus, and remain stopped until the bus
14 begins to move or the bus driver signals you,
15 the motorist, to proceed.

16 So on a road that's less than three
17 lanes. So look at East Maple Street. It's
18 three lanes. It's less than that -- it's
19 less than four. Folks, you have got to stop
20 in both directions. Okay?

21 The issues that we run into, and you see
22 them, folks and Council members, is on Main
23 Street and Everhard and Applegrove, and -- we
24 have four-lane traffic there. So, remember,
25 if the bus is stopped on a street with four

1 or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the
2 same direction as the bus must stop. I know
3 this is confusing. You still see people
4 stopping. So if you just remember the rule;
5 three lanes or less, you got to stop. Okay?

6 And, of course, if it's on a divided
7 highway, such as Route 30, something like
8 that, or Route 62, you don't have to stop,
9 because the bus is required to pick up
10 students on their side. So I hope that
11 clarifies things. I'm sure that the question
12 will come up.

13 But I have seen near accidents occur --
14 almost occur on Everhard or Applegrove, and
15 -- and Everhard and Main Street because
16 people aren't -- they don't understand the
17 rules for stopping for a stopped school bus.
18 So something on safety there.

19 Also, I want to welcome back Walsh
20 University, their students and faculty. They
21 moved 900 students in on the campus this
22 whole last week. And their classes start
23 this Wednesday, August the 26th. And if you
24 have been out there at Market and the corner
25 of East Maple Street, their new clock tower

1 is nearing completion at that corner, and
2 it's really going to, I think, add a little
3 something extra to the university and really
4 make that corner very, very attractive.

5 Just one other thing; you know, census
6 takers are still take -- are still in our
7 community. I saw some walking just the other
8 day on Seventh Street. I just want to remind
9 everybody that September the 30th is the last
10 day for households to self-respond online or
11 by phone or by mail for responding to the
12 census. And that is very critical for us.
13 And as our Council knows, it helps with the
14 infrastructure and improvements for our City.

15 So we have been very good. I know we
16 have been as high as 79 percent response.
17 But I'd like to get that even higher, and so
18 that we'll have a better impact and hopefully
19 an opportunity to get funding in the future
20 for our infrastructure and projects we have
21 for the betterment of our community.

22 And remember, those census takers, they
23 have -- they have identification -- they have
24 identification on them. So if someone visits
25 your home to collect information for the 2020

1 census, check for a valid ID and a
2 photograph. They'll have a US Department of
3 Commerce watermark with an expiration date,
4 and the census carriers will also carry a
5 census bureau bag and other equipment with
6 the census bureau logo.

7 I just want to -- that got a little
8 confusing, because we are not allowing
9 solicitors right now for the City of North
10 Canton through the end of the year for sure
11 due to the COVID-19 situation. So I just
12 wanted to bring those few points up to you.
13 And I'll let our Engineer, Rob Graham, talk
14 about some of our road improvements.

15 But folks, thank you much for your time.
16 President Peters and Council, thank you for
17 the privilege for me to just share those few
18 things with you tonight. Thank you very
19 much. And may all of you, again, stay safe
20 and keep well.

21 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Director of
23 Finance.

24 MS. ALABACK: Thank you. I just wanted
25 to give a brief overview of our income tax

1 collections. Since the April filing deadline
2 was delayed by the IRS until August, we now
3 have those numbers in. And the City of North
4 Canton is right around 3 percent to the good
5 over last year from August until last year of
6 April. So we are still going to be
7 monitoring that through -- through year end.

8 We are entering budget season now,
9 preparing the budget for next year. And next
10 year I believe is when we are going to see
11 even a further decline, which is a reporting
12 on the 2020 tax year. So we are going to
13 keep our eye on that as we build the budget
14 next year. We are going to remain
15 conservative. And I'll keep you updated as
16 we see any changes come through.

17 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Jina.
19 Okay.

20 Up next, Engineer Graham.

21 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President.
22 Since we last met, we wrapped up the three
23 projects we were working on at that time.
24 That was the Applegrove repaving, our
25 Northfield sanitary sewer replacement

1 project, and also the Portage paving; wrapped
2 that up last week.

3 Still got three more to go in this late
4 summer and fall season. The first is the
5 Easthill reconstruction. We started that one
6 actually four weeks ago today. And our
7 contractor is making very good progress. We
8 have had great weather, and -- and I don't
9 want to jinx anything, but we are a little
10 ahead of schedule based on what he laid out
11 in his pre-construction meeting.

12 Our second project yet this year to
13 complete is our big East Maple Street
14 enhancement project. Central Allied is our
15 contractor there, and they have completed
16 their layout of all -- you know, the staking
17 and whatnot. And we had a site walk-through
18 meeting last week with the administrator and
19 myself to kind of go over final locations of
20 streetlights and walk and whatnot. And we
21 really hope they get started this week on
22 that project, the sidewalk part.

23 The other component of that is the Stark
24 County Engineer's East Maple Street roadway
25 bridge. That sub is looking at starting

1 around Monday, September 14th. And with
2 that, that one will have a 45-day closure of
3 that structure. And the detour will be
4 Marquardt, Applegrove, and Market Avenue.
5 And, of course, we'll keep you posted as we
6 get closer to that date.

7 And our last project for this fall is our
8 Pittsburgh waterline, where we had the
9 \$250,000 in CDBG grant. Stark County Board
10 of Commissioners actually opened our bids for
11 that project last Tuesday. And I was quite
12 happy with that. I had the project estimated
13 at about \$795,000. We had five bidders. Two
14 are below my estimate. One was pretty much
15 at it. And two were above my estimate. So
16 that's always good when it works out that
17 way.

18 And our low bidder was significantly
19 lower, even -- even under the second bid by
20 \$95,000. Our low bidder was Superior Paving,
21 and their bid was \$596,577.55. So a very low
22 bid, almost \$200,000 under my estimate. And
23 the Commissioners are looking to give them
24 their notice to proceed in mid-September.
25 That's also our Easthill contractor. So they

1 are excited to finish Easthill and jump over
2 to Pittsburgh probably around the end of
3 September.

4 And unless there are any questions, that
5 concludes my report, Mr. President.

6 MS. WERREN: Hey, Rob, I have a question.

7 MR. GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. WERREN: Do you feel like we are
9 moving pretty well on Easthill?

10 MR. GRAHAM: I do. I think --

11 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

12 MR. GRAHAM: An example is Superior
13 thought they'd have six weeks in the storm
14 sewer system. They got it in. They finished
15 it last Wednesday, in three and a half weeks.

16 MS. WERREN: Oh, great. Okay.

17 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. Actually, they're
18 excavating for the curb and gutter on the
19 south side of the road --

20 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

21 MR. GRAHAM: -- and they'll get that in
22 Thursday and Friday, if the weather permits.
23 We have a lot of thunderstorms --

24 MS. WERREN: Yeah, I definitely notice
25 how fast they seem to be moving. And many

1 people are just really excited about that
2 connectivity up to North Main. So that's
3 great.

4 And the Northfield project turned out
5 great, as well. So thanks for all your work
6 on that.

7 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you. Thank you. I'm
8 really happy with how that one turned out.

9 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

10 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Rob.
11 I appreciate it.

12 MR. GRAHAM: You are welcome.

13 MR. PETERS: Council Clerk Ben.

14 MR. YOUNG: Yes. All I have is today,
15 after some unexpected delays due to me
16 getting sick, Council's new intern, Margi
17 Straub started today. And she is here with
18 us for her baptism of fire with a Council
19 meeting on day one.

20 MS. STRAUB: Hi, everyone.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Welcome.

22 MS. WERREN: Can Margi tell us a little
23 bit about herself?

24 MS. STRAUB: Yeah. Hi, I am a senior at
25 Kent State University, studying conflict

1 management, with a minor in human resource
2 management.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay.

4 MS. WERREN: Great. And do you live in
5 town, or are you up --

6 MS. STRAUB: So I'm originally from
7 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I live in Kent to
8 go to school at the university. And then I
9 commute into North Canton.

10 MS. WERREN: Oh, that's great. Well,
11 welcome. Glad to have you.

12 MS. STRAUB: Thank you. Thank you. I'm
13 very excited.

14 MS. WERREN: We are going to ask you that
15 by Christmas, if that's the case.

16 MR. YOUNG: Depends on how many little
17 research projects you give her.

18 MS. WERREN: Right. That's good to know.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. PETERS: Daryl, go easy on her.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. Yeah. I think Ben
22 has already warned her.

23 MR. PETERS: Welcome aboard.

24 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

25 MS. STRAUB: Thank you.

1 MR. YOUNG: That's all for me.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Next up -- yep,
3 that's it?

4 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

5 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Ben.

6 Next up, Council reports. Member Foltz.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Thank you. I appreciate
8 Mr. DeOrio's comments about the skate park
9 and our park improvements here. You know, we
10 have a great park system here in North
11 Canton. And I remember when I advocated for
12 that -- that skateboard facility, and it
13 wasn't so much -- it wasn't well received, if
14 I remember at the time.

15 And it's great to see that kids are using
16 it. And, you know, when we have recreational
17 amenities, we have to put more money back
18 into them. So, obviously, if it's not part
19 of the master plan for Dogwood or to be
20 located somewhere else, I'd ask Council to
21 support improvements to that skateboard
22 facility and the basketball court for next
23 year's capital budget. Because I think it is
24 near and dear to a lot of our young residents
25 here, and I think it's an asset to the City.

1 That said, I appreciate everybody's
2 service here in North Canton. It has been
3 a -- a hot summer, and I think we -- to Rob's
4 credit, we got a lot done with contractors
5 and our street projects. So it -- you know,
6 it really looks nice with all the contractors
7 finishing their jobs. And last, I wish Tim
8 Fox well. That's my report. Thank you.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Doug.
10 Member Werren.

11 MS. WERREN: Okay. Thank you. Rob,
12 just, again, thank you for the projects. I
13 just -- I have been doing a lot of walking
14 and running and just different sports in my
15 community, and it's just really looking very
16 nice. I'm impressed, too, with what the
17 neighbors do to maintain their properties. I
18 know even at my age how sometimes it's hard
19 to get up and take care of your lawn. And so
20 it's just impressive to see that.

21 I wanted to thank Dominic. He had me do
22 that little video in Eastwood's park. And it
23 got so much attraction, Dominic. So thank
24 you. And more importantly, it made people so
25 aware of one of our amenities. And when we

1 have members from our community calling to
2 say that they're not moving because of some
3 of those amenities, that's pretty -- those
4 are pretty good calls. And from the
5 responses that I got about people not knowing
6 that they were there, or -- gosh, it was
7 great to see that. That made me so happy,
8 because that's just a fabulous park we have
9 down there in Eastwood. So that was great.

10 Tim Fox, thank you for all that you have
11 done for our City, to your commitment to
12 Council, the many members of your own ward
13 when you first started out as council person,
14 and then the entire City. I know there are
15 great things ahead of you. You are a very
16 well-respected attorney throughout the
17 community, and I know you are going to do --
18 do great. So thank you for that. And I
19 think that's it. I think that's it.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
21 Steph.

22 Member Fonte.

23 MR. FONTE: Yeah. I just wanted to say
24 thanks for the service of everybody that's
25 working, and I appreciate the constituents'

1 input always. And, Tim, you know, we'll miss
2 you. You were awesome. I thought very
3 highly of you, and I hope you have a great
4 future.

5 And yes, Steph, that was fun, and I'm a
6 big advocate of trying to promote anything
7 that is positive and uplifting, because I
8 think it's -- too much -- too much is -- too
9 much negativity, too much understated. I
10 recommend all Council members come up with
11 something in their ward or Council at large
12 of what is a nice amenity that -- you know,
13 we know what they are, but I think that's the
14 whole problem about everything is, you know,
15 articulating what it is, how easy it is, how
16 nice it is to our -- you know, what are the
17 amenities here. And it took us like, what,
18 Steph, 45 seconds, a minute maybe?

19 MS. WERREN: Yeah, not even.

20 MR. FONTE: Yeah. And she got -- go back
21 and look, if you haven't seen it. I mean,
22 she got bombarded with comments. I mean,
23 bombarded. And I'll tell you -- and that's a
24 simple thing to do, and we just need to do
25 more of it. That's all I have to say.

1 Thanks again.

2 MS. WERREN: I mean, you guys, I might
3 have to resign, because I'm pretty sure I'm
4 going to get a talk show off of this.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Might need Ellen --

6 MR. REVOLDT: You going to be on the home
7 and garden show?

8 MS. WERREN: Yeah. There are some
9 openings, I think. And the next time --

10 MR. CERRETA: Ellen's fill-in --

11 MS. WERREN: Right. And I didn't tell
12 Jina yet, but when -- we are both going to
13 get a date, and we are going to go to the
14 pickleball courts, and we are both going to
15 be doing the spiel on that day. So, Jina,
16 you get ready; we are going to do pickleball.

17 MS. ALABACK: Oh, I'm ready. I'm ready.

18 MR. FONTE: You guys and your pickleball.

19 MS. WERREN: Right. We thought that
20 would be great. And then we'll head to
21 Pav's. So great things.

22 MR. FONTE: Yes. Yes. There are a lot
23 of great amenities. Keep promoting them
24 everybody, because that's -- help these small
25 people. I want everybody --

1 MR. PETERS: All right.

2 MR. FONTE: -- successful.

3 MS. WERREN: Thanks.

4 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dominic.

5 MR. FONTE: You are welcome.

6 MR. PETERS: Member Revoldt.

7 MR. REVOLDT: No report.

8 MR. PETERS: Okay. Member Cerreta.

9 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, a couple things.

10 First of all, Pat, thank you for your update
11 on Dogwood. I was going to ask about that.
12 Also, before we went on break, I sent a
13 letter to all the Council and the
14 administration. And in that letter explained
15 that I went through the -- that Bitzer Park
16 with Joe Blubaugh, Daryl, and Matt, our three
17 Council at large. That's why I picked those.

18 And, you know, the design -- or Pat said
19 the concept that's in the original thing that
20 was put forward to us to get the approval of
21 the funding was -- was February 2020, was
22 very different than what we are looking at
23 right now. In fact, that design had many of
24 the trees, almost all of them on the sides,
25 and some of the middle sides.

1 And I know that the quotes came back and
2 were much higher than we originally thought.
3 You know, and I ask that we revisit the
4 design to cut back on some of the very
5 high-end cost, like the total landscaping of
6 the place or even, you know, the -- the trees
7 there. That's a major part of that. And if
8 we can keep some of these trees for more
9 shade friendly, that's even going to save us
10 money; not only that. So the design can be
11 adjusted to keep many of the existing trees.
12 I'm all for that for the shade that we need,
13 or -- and -- and/or add many of the tree --
14 other new trees that are -- that are there.

15 So if we can put a sidewalk in and let
16 the trees stay, that's fine. If the trees
17 die later, we work with that. But sidewalks
18 shouldn't be a reason to take down some
19 things that are valuable. And I consider
20 shade is valuable when you have an
21 amphitheater there and people in the middle
22 of the day. And if we put new trees in
23 there, like I said before, it's going to be
24 years before those things are created enough
25 to give us the shade that we want.

1 So I did ask Pat and Steve to kind of
2 give us -- create a redesign meeting. I have
3 not heard anything -- anything more about the
4 letter or anything at all. So I would like
5 to get some feedback on that. Also, I'd like
6 to know who -- who actually decided all that.
7 I think this is something that's right
8 downtown in the middle of our town, so the
9 Council or the people, if you want to call
10 it, should be a part of that. So we should
11 have all that ahead of time, rather than just
12 get hit by this thing later on.

13 I appreciate the updates, like I said,
14 from Pat on the Dogwood. I'd like to -- you
15 know, that also has to do with Children's
16 Hospital, and that's a big deal that we have
17 here. We have been -- we had that money
18 now -- or the donation for some time now.
19 I'd like to get an update on that.

20 I'd also like to get formal updates on
21 the K-Mart and the post office, because
22 people ask me about all this stuff all the
23 time. And I think they deserve an answer,
24 but I don't even know the answer to it. So
25 I'd like to get some updates on all of those

1 things for all of us, so we are more fully
2 updated, and we can answer some of these
3 questions.

4 Outside of that, another item I'd like to
5 mention is about our recreational backyard
6 fire pits. As the nights get a little
7 colder, folks going -- are going to be
8 enjoying their fire pits. And I'd like us to
9 put maybe something out to -- an
10 informational sheet, a reminder to our
11 community about the rules and courtesies to
12 neighbors around them. You know, they have
13 to know that, you know, you have to get a
14 permit for 10 bucks, how far from the house
15 or the neighbors, what they can burn, you
16 know, the smoke and smell issues to
17 neighbors. I have had a couple -- and I know
18 the fire department or dispatch does get
19 those also about, you know, the smoke going
20 in the neighbor's yard or the smell, because
21 they are burning the wrong thing.

22 And so those are just things that, you
23 know, we need to -- to put out. I hope we
24 can do that in some way that it can be
25 helpful to people. And along with that is

1 the courtesy of people to their neighbors
2 along with that. Because this is hard to
3 enforce when things happen at a certain point
4 in time at night. So if we can do something
5 like that and get that out, either on our Web
6 site or in some way to -- to see -- have our
7 community understand that, I think it would
8 be helpful to everybody. And that's my
9 report.

10 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mark.
11 Member Stroia.

12 MR. STROIA: Yeah, a couple things here.
13 I wanted to say thank you to Amy, Joe, and
14 Joseph for speaking. Mark, thanks for the
15 opening prayer. I -- I thought that was
16 really good. Rob and Pat, thanks for the
17 updates. The Mayor mentioned briefly about
18 the busses. And, man, I see it on Portage
19 that, you know, the bus will stop, and
20 someone will just fly by on the other side.
21 It is absolutely ridiculous.

22 So, you know, with everybody going back,
23 if -- if we could just pay extra careful
24 attention, the crosswalks, the school zones,
25 and as the Mayor said, especially when those

1 school bus -- when they stop. It's crazy how
2 little people pay attention and just fly by.
3 And the bus drivers do a great job. They
4 usually beep and, you know, try to -- try to
5 pay attention or draw attention to people,
6 you know, blowing by that. But it's -- it's
7 crazy.

8 I wanted to say thanks for Tim for his
9 years of service. I wish you the best. If
10 we could maybe put something -- the Mayor
11 also mentioned the census. If we could put
12 something on our Facebook page about that and
13 share that. Because that is hugely
14 important. We have a good response rate, but
15 it doesn't hurt to get better at that.

16 And just buy and support local if you
17 can. That's all I have.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Matt.
19 And I'll -- I'll finish up by mentioning a
20 few things here. Dom and Stephanie made a
21 video down at Eastwood Park. That was
22 outstanding. And, Dominic, I think I -- you
23 are onto something here. That's something
24 that we should be doing on a regular basis.
25 So well done on that.

1 And, Pat, thank you for the update --
2 update on Dogwood Park. That is something
3 that's near and dear to my heart. And I'm
4 really looking forward to that project
5 getting underway. I have had the opportunity
6 to talk to him briefly a couple different
7 times one on one, and I think the folks of
8 North Canton are really going to like the
9 final project on this. I'm excited to see
10 it. So, again, Patrick, thank you for that.

11 I wanted to just briefly mention Tim Fox,
12 Director of Law. He, you know, served this
13 community for over nine years. He epitomized
14 honor, integrity, and the City is much better
15 for -- for it and for his service. So for
16 that, I wanted to thank him, wish him well in
17 the future, and -- and that is it. And,
18 Daryl, did you want to add -- can I circle
19 back to you? Did you --

20 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

21 MR. PETERS: -- have a comment?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I would.

23 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Go ahead.

24 MR. REVOLDT: I want to circle back to
25 our discussion of Bitzer Park. And I'd like

1 to very, very gently remind the members of
2 Council that the park currently does not
3 conform to American's with Disability
4 standards. We have numerous trip hazards.
5 The fines are quite extensive, \$75,000 and up
6 to \$150,000 for a repeated incident. So
7 whatever we propose out here as it ultimately
8 shakes out, I think it is absolutely
9 imperative, simply from an ADA standpoint,
10 that those trip hazards be removed, whatever
11 form.

12 Second, not only do we have an ADA
13 liability, we have a civil liability, as
14 well, should someone be injured. So, again,
15 whatever the -- the ultimate configuration of
16 the sidewalks is, it's imperative that we
17 remove the trip hazards. Because the
18 potential consequences are serious.

19 A number of years ago, we had many
20 communities under the legal gun because their
21 pedestrian crossings didn't have the little
22 ramps that we all see. So just be mindful
23 that while we are talking about the
24 environment, the trees, and configuration, we
25 really have some legal issues out here we

1 need to address. Thank you.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
3 Daryl.

4 And final call for new business, if
5 you'll excuse me, I forgot to add this to the
6 consideration portion of the meeting. May I
7 have a motion and a second to amend the
8 agenda to include the separation agreement
9 with Director of Law, Timothy Fox --

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11 MR. PETERS: -- and to waive any
12 committee report?

13 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt -- Revoldt moves.

14 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

15 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say
16 "aye."

17 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

18 MR. PETERS: Aye.

19 MS. WERREN: Aye.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

22 MR. FONTE: Aye.

23 MR. STROIA: Aye.

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

25 (No response.)