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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

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NORTH CANTON )  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING )  
 ) **TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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Transcript of Proceedings held before North Canton  
City Council, taken by the undersigned, Shannon L.  
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APPEARANCES:

- Matthew Stroia, President
- Daryl Revoldt, Member
- John Orr, Member
- David Metheney, Member
- Stephanie Werren, Member
- Jamie McCleaster, Member
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Wayne Boyer, Director of Law
- Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk

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1 MR. STROIA: I now call to order the  
2 regular Council meeting of September 12th,  
3 2022. The time is 7:00.

4 Opening prayer. Daryl.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Please rise for the prayer  
6 and remain standing for the Pledge of  
7 Allegiance.

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

10 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is  
11 recited.)

12 MR. STROIA: Ben, would you please call  
13 the roll?

14 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

15 MR. ORR: Here.

16 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

18 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

19 MR. STROIA: Here.

20 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

21 MS. WERREN: Here.

22 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Here.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

25 MR. METHENEY: Here.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Weyrick is absent.  
2 Six present.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Motion to excuse Member  
4 Weyrick.

5 MS. WERREN: So moved.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

7 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Aye.

10 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

11 MR. ORR: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

17 Okay. So for your consideration, can I  
18 have a motion and a second to approve minutes  
19 from August 15th Committee, August 22nd --  
20 and August 22nd Council? We are going to  
21 come back to 5B in a minute here.

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: So moved.

23 MR. METHENEY: Second.

24 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

3 MR. ORR: Aye.

4 MS. WERREN: Aye.

5 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

6 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

9 And, David, would you like to make an  
10 amendment for --

11 MR. METHENEY: Yes. The minutes from  
12 August 15th, '22 City Council meeting, page  
13 49, comments attributed to Mr. McCleaster  
14 should actually be under my name. So I make  
15 a motion that we pass those minutes from  
16 August 15th City Council meeting with that  
17 said change.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

19 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Aye.

22 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

23 MR. ORR: Aye.

24 MS. WERREN: Aye.

25 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

4 Okay. Can I have a motion and a second  
5 not -- oh, okay -- not to request the hearing  
6 on the liquor permit application 58111440825  
7 from Meijer Store?

8 MR. REVOLDT: That is the motion?

9 MR. STROIA: Yes.

10 MR. REVOLDT: I will second.

11 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

13 MR. STROIA: Aye.

14 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

15 MR. ORR: Aye.

16 MS. WERREN: Aye.

17 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

21 And can I have a motion and a second to  
22 request -- not to request the hearing on the  
23 liquor permit application number 58111440800  
24 from Meijer Express?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

1           MR. ORR: Can we have a discussion on  
2           that, please?

3           MR. STROIA: Sure.

4           MR. ORR: With that going to the Zoning  
5           Board of Appeals, should we wait until we  
6           hear from the Zoning Board of Appeals on  
7           this? Because if Acme or whoever is against  
8           this would happen to win, then it's all for  
9           not.

10          MR. YOUNG: If you chose to, we would  
11          miss the deadline of September 15th set by  
12          the Liquor Control Board, to reply to it.

13          MR. ORR: All right.

14          MR. STROIA: If it's not going to be  
15          there, it's not going to get approved anyway.  
16          So they would just table it.

17          MS. WERREN: I think we can move forward.

18          MR. REVOLDT: So there is a motion. I  
19          will second.

20          MR. STROIA: All in favor?

21          MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

22          MR. STROIA: Aye.

23          MR. METHENEY: Aye.

24          MR. ORR: Aye.

25          MS. WERREN: Aye.

1 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

2 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

5 Okay. Recognition of the public. At  
6 this time, members of the public wishing to  
7 address City Council may do so. Each speaker  
8 will be granted five minutes. The rules for  
9 speaking and the time will appear on the  
10 screens. This will serve as the final  
11 warning for anyone in attendance. Any  
12 violation of the rules of Council will result  
13 in ejection from the premises.

14 Anyone wishing to speak?

15 MR. TRIPP: Larry Tripp, 1127 East Maple,  
16 North Canton. Recently I obtained a copy of  
17 the Plain Township News Fall Edition 2022.  
18 Catching my eye was the front page article  
19 titled, "Salute to Veterans," which I will  
20 read as follows: In Plain Township alone,  
21 there are over 4,200 veterans. That is over  
22 4,200 brave men and women who accepted the  
23 responsibility to defend America's freedoms  
24 and values.

25 In Stark County alone, there are



1 approximately 30,000 men and women who  
2 selfishly {sic} sacrificed for our nation to  
3 remain the land of the free and the home of  
4 the brave. These members -- these numbers do  
5 not account for the men and women who made  
6 the ultimate sacrifice and did not return  
7 home to their families and loved ones.  
8 Please join us November 11 for Plain  
9 Township's 8th annual Salute to Veterans.

10 Unfortunately, we have at least four  
11 members of City Council in North Canton who,  
12 in my opinion, show aggressive demeanor,  
13 ruthlessly challenging the values shown by  
14 those being honored by Plain Township. Any  
15 aggression in taking away one of America's  
16 core values, freedoms of speech at North  
17 Canton meetings, should not be acceptable.

18 Why the constant and continued dialogue  
19 in changing public speaks when at least  
20 two -- at the last two meetings, eight  
21 citizens, five men, three women, along with  
22 two Councilmen, Orr and Metheney, followed by  
23 the Mayor, spoke against any rule change.

24 In my opinion, as in the past, North  
25 Canton City Council continues to be played by

1 poor Council leadership. Why could City  
2 Council not come up with an absenteeism  
3 policy to be placed before voters as  
4 recommended by the Charter Review Board? Why  
5 because of absenteeism does this Council have  
6 to delay vote on issues the City thought  
7 necessary to be passed on an emergency basis?

8 Why does Council blatantly break their  
9 own rules of Council with scare tactic  
10 statements, making the public feel  
11 uncomfortable, and as Council says, unsafe at  
12 Council meetings?

13 Yesterday, 9/11, another year --  
14 anniversary of the violent terrorist acts in  
15 America. Why does Council choose to ignore  
16 the dedication and thoughtfulness of a  
17 neighborhood banking together to honor those  
18 who fell victims of these violent acts?

19 Why not one word of gratification other  
20 than those posted on local Facebook websites?  
21 Even two Councilmen who live in Ward 1,  
22 nothing; nothing from them. Why not a  
23 resolution directed to these citizens with a  
24 proclamation giving for neighborhood  
25 excellence?

1           Take that idea one step further. DORA.  
2           DORA would be nothing without the excellence  
3           of the North Canton Chamber of Commerce.  
4           Again, not a word of praise for the fine job  
5           on the Main Street Festival, and I'm sure  
6           another fine outing in store for their  
7           Oktoberfest.

8           Council, please clean up your own act  
9           before taking away any of America's core  
10          values. Thank you.

11          MR. STROIA: Anyone else wishing to  
12          address Council tonight?

13          MS. MIZNER: Hi everyone. I'm Teresa  
14          Mizner, 604 Hillcrest Avenue, Northwest.  
15          Just kind of giving you guys an all update.  
16          We got an e-mail this week saying that they  
17          are going to start our work on our home on  
18          October 3rd. That is the whole entire back  
19          wall.

20          I don't know -- I don't recall seeing any  
21          of you at my fundraiser that I thought you  
22          said you were going to show. And I thought a  
23          couple other people said they might come.  
24          But my church did have a fundraiser on the  
25          23rd. My girlfriend held it for us. So we

1 raised a little bit of the money; definitely  
2 not even half. But a little bit is going to  
3 help us with our debt.

4 But it just kind of made me wonder what  
5 this gentleman here was saying about how  
6 it's -- I'm starting to feel like you guys  
7 don't really care about the situations that  
8 are past situations.

9 I think it's awesome; I work in the  
10 school district. I'm going to be starting  
11 the next school next year, one of the newer  
12 schools, if I end of staying with the City,  
13 which I'm kind of having some doubt about  
14 that; several reasons.

15 But I just kind of -- I ran into an  
16 engineer that spoke in here the first flood  
17 on Fifth Street and was talking about some  
18 things. I see him almost every other night  
19 on my nightly walk with the dogs. And he was  
20 like, yep, still haven't done one thing that  
21 I told them to do.

22 And one was just the grate; the grate  
23 that my pinky can barely fit in. So when  
24 it -- water rises, all the grass clippings  
25 that they do, because they don't mow enough,

1 clogs it instantly. So there is one big  
2 problem that is so, so easy to fix.

3 I know all you guys said you weren't on  
4 the board, but you'd think you would take  
5 care of the problems from years ago, instead  
6 of starting a bunch of new stuff and maybe  
7 adding some more problems.

8 I will let you know -- and I think you  
9 guys should know this -- on 5th Street, they  
10 did break ground on some of the piping over  
11 there. I don't know if any of you guys saw  
12 some big trucks there. And that's what the  
13 engineer told me, that they are going to  
14 finally, it looks like, fix that problem,  
15 which he did tell them about that in 2011  
16 too.

17 So I've just got my fingers crossed  
18 hoping maybe my problem will eventually be  
19 fixed. That would be really, really nice to  
20 kind of at least -- I mean, if it's not  
21 fixed, at least attempt to get a few things  
22 fixed. Because I don't know if you guys  
23 noticed, you know, we have been having some  
24 rain. It causes a little anxiety for me.

25 But like I said, when the flood happens

1           again, which it will, since nothing has been  
2           done properly, I will be calling each and  
3           every one of you to come over and watch it.  
4           Because if things don't start taking -- if  
5           you guys don't start doing something, the act  
6           of God is going to happen again. But, once  
7           again, not any of it is my problem -- it's  
8           not my fault. It's the City of North  
9           Canton's fault.

10                 So I am just pleading and begging for you  
11           guys to start stepping up and taking care of  
12           some major situations. I know I'm not the  
13           only flood problem in the City. I obviously  
14           know that. But I know I'm in the top three  
15           of the biggest situation. And it is going to  
16           happen again. So please, please, I am  
17           begging you guys, please help us and go out  
18           there and start doing at least a little bit  
19           to help the situation. That's all I'm  
20           asking.

21                 And I am a Christian lady, and I want you  
22           all to know this, too, instead of trying to  
23           get upset about the situation, I have been  
24           literally thinking of each and every one of  
25           you in my prayers now and asking God to

1           soften your hearts and to step up and do  
2           something.

3           Because, honestly, if this happens to me  
4           again, I honestly don't know how I can deal  
5           with it. So please, please, let's -- let's  
6           take care of some of the problems we already  
7           have going in North Canton. That's all I'm  
8           asking.

9           I'm not going to sit here and hound you  
10          guys every town meeting and stuff. I just  
11          show up once in a while, just so you don't  
12          forget my face. Because I have a feeling you  
13          are forgetting me. I mean, seriously, you  
14          guys are. Come on, Mayor. You are my  
15          friend, too. So just -- that's all I'm  
16          asking. Please. Thank you.

17          MR. STROIA: Anyone else wanting to  
18          address Council tonight?

19          MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview  
20          Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio. At  
21          Council's August 22nd, 2022 Council meeting,  
22          Stephanie Werren, Vice-President of City  
23          Council and Ward 3 Council member was absent.  
24          Mrs. Werren has been unable to be physically  
25          present six times in her current term of

1 office.

2 Mrs. Werren's absence at that meeting is  
3 particularly noteworthy, as City Council was  
4 already down to one member of Council who is  
5 away on extended medical leave, leaving only  
6 the needed six members of Council for passage  
7 of five ordinances on an emergency.

8 Mrs. Werren's absence left Council with only  
9 five Council members present for the meeting,  
10 short of the needed six votes for passage of  
11 legislation on emergency.

12 It was clear to me that Mrs. Werren's  
13 absence was totally unexpected, and as the  
14 meeting progressed, led to Council's  
15 violation of Council Rule 41. When emergency  
16 legislation is listed on a meeting agenda and  
17 there are not the needed six votes for  
18 passage, someone should have made a motion to  
19 amend the legislation, removing the emergency  
20 clause, allowing for an up or down vote for a  
21 first reading of the legislation.

22 The word "postpone" is not a choice  
23 described in Robert's Rules of Order.  
24 Barring any desire to amend the legislation  
25 and remove the emergency clause, per Robert's



1 Rules of Orders, there could have been a  
2 motion to table the legislation. Why didn't  
3 the Council Clerk provide guidance in this  
4 situation? Better yet, why didn't Council's  
5 most senior member of Council, Daryl Revoldt,  
6 speak up and assist Council President Stroia.

7 City Administrator DeOrio could have  
8 spoken up. Yet again, maybe Mr. DeOrio was  
9 concerned that he would run afoul of Council  
10 rules that we are now seeing broadened and  
11 more onerous.

12 A motion to remove the emergency clause  
13 allowing all five pieces of legislation a  
14 first reading would have provided cover for  
15 the absent Werren and kept the legislation  
16 progressing toward passage. Given that  
17 Council chose to postpone all five pieces of  
18 legislation at that meeting resulted in  
19 Council violating their own rules. Perhaps  
20 the entire Council body should be ejected  
21 from the meeting for violating the rules of  
22 Council.

23 It was clear that Council Vice-President  
24 Werren had provided no notice to her Council  
25 peers that she would not be in attendance at

1           that meeting. That begs the question, why  
2           did Council vote to excuse Stephanie Werren  
3           from the meeting that night? Did anyone ever  
4           think that citizens would like to see the  
5           public's business conducted in a businesslike  
6           manner instead of a cozy you-cover-for-my-  
7           absence-and-I-will-cover-for-yours manner?

8                   Taxpayers do not want to finance a  
9           friendship club. A fully functioning  
10          legislative body needs all their elected  
11          representatives to show up for all meetings  
12          to fully represent their constituents as  
13          North Canton's City Charter intended.

14                   If Mrs. Mizner had stuck around a little  
15          longer, she would realize if Council moves  
16          ahead with their Council rules, that would be  
17          the last time she would be able to speak to  
18          this Council body about her flooding  
19          situation. That's sad.

20                   And I agree with her. She obviously  
21          realizes you guys don't want to deal with it,  
22          don't want to discuss publicly. You are  
23          elected representatives, not adversaries to  
24          the very constituents you are supposed to be  
25          representing. But that's all I have seen for

1 quite a while up here. Thank you.

2 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Stroia, may I make a  
3 comment?

4 MR. STROIA: Sure.

5 MR. YOUNG: Section 14 of Robert's Rules  
6 of Order on page --

7 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. You guys are  
8 going to have to keep your voice up. I'm  
9 struggling.

10 MR. YOUNG: Section 14 of Robert's Rules  
11 of Order, newly revised, which is on page  
12 169, is titled postpone to a certain time,  
13 and describes a motion to postpone. That's  
14 all.

15 MR. STROIA: Thank you.

16 MS. PALMER: May I? Rita Palmer, 307  
17 Fairview Street, Southeast, North Canton.  
18 And I would like to speak about your rules of  
19 City Council that you are reviewing tonight.  
20 I have the 3313 ordinance that speaks to many  
21 of your rules, and I found out just tonight  
22 that you have changed 3313 ten times by  
23 ordinance, and that's the way you do it, is  
24 you take an ordinance and you take another  
25 one and amend or change or repeal, whatever

1           you choose to do.

2           I have that 3313. I compared it to  
3           tonight's list of -- on your agenda, the many  
4           items that you have numbered as rules. There  
5           is a major part in 3313, and the rules you  
6           are discussing, they match. So you haven't  
7           repealed the whole thing. You haven't  
8           pitched it out.

9           My concern is that tonight you are  
10          saying, we'll just make these rules. I don't  
11          know. Maybe you'll post them on the wall  
12          like school teachers used to do. But I think  
13          they should be in ordinance form. Ten times,  
14          ten Councils got it right. They used  
15          ordinances.

16          And then I heard just before the meeting  
17          that the Attorney General's legal opinion  
18          Number 898 from 1964 says that the rules  
19          don't have to be in ordinance form. And so  
20          that makes me think, wow, I must be wrong. I  
21          don't know. I'm not a legal analyst.

22          But I did look in your Charter from 2018,  
23          and it says, Section 205, that Council -- and  
24          it's all in one paragraph. Council shall  
25          adopt its own rules, regulations, or bylaws,

1           and shall keep a journal of all the  
2           proceedings. The journal shall be open for  
3           public inspection at all reasonable times.  
4           The voting upon any ordinance or resolution  
5           shall be by voice vote, and Clerk of Council  
6           shall record the vote of each Council person  
7           upon the journal.

8           If you are creating your own rules,  
9           regulations, and bylaws, and in that very  
10          same paragraph, it says voting is by voice  
11          vote, ordinance, or resolution, and it's  
12          going into the journal of all your rules, to  
13          me, that means you have an ordinance to  
14          change, like you did ten times before. All  
15          these rules you are talking about should be  
16          in ordinance form, not casual, fly by night,  
17          change it when you want.

18          I think your Charter, which would trump  
19          Attorney General's legal opinion, would be,  
20          yes, we need an ordinance. That is my  
21          recommendation. But I don't mean that I have  
22          a right, I have any standing with you, but I  
23          certainly suggest it should be in that form.

24          Second topic, on August 15th, 2022, at a  
25          Council meeting, a statement was made from

1           one of you at the dais that Council allowed  
2           Mr. Osborne -- full admission, my husband --  
3           to make, quote, blatantly false statements  
4           when he referenced the Sunshine Laws, and  
5           someone misunderstood and thought he had  
6           referenced Ohio Revised Code.

7           Good thinking. Ohio Revised Code has a  
8           lot to do with what you do. But he didn't  
9           say Ohio Revised Code. He said the Sunshine  
10          Laws, and he cited -- I believe it's Section  
11          8B. And then when it was turned around and  
12          said there is no such thing in Ohio Revised  
13          Code, these are blatantly false statements  
14          made by a citizen, and all you Council people  
15          allowed it. We have got a problem is what  
16          was in effect said.

17          I would like to correct that record. I  
18          understand you cannot change it. I verified  
19          that before the meeting. You can't change  
20          the minutes. What was said was said.  
21          However, it was wrong. It was a misspeaking,  
22          shall I say. And I would like now tonight's  
23          minutes to reflect that my husband did not  
24          make blatantly false statements. What he  
25          said from the Sunshine Laws was accurate and

1           it applied.

2           And I would like it to show in the record  
3           that his reference was accurate, and that the  
4           reference and statements made about him on  
5           August 15th were inaccurate, a misspeaking.  
6           I understand that. Not a personal, I tried  
7           to get my husband, but a misspeaking. And I  
8           would like the record to show that. Thank  
9           you.

10           MR. STROIA: Anyone else wanting to  
11           address Council tonight?

12           (No response.)

13           MR. STROIA: Okay. Last call.

14           (No response.)

15           MR. STROIA: Okay. Moving on to old  
16           business, can I have a motion and a second to  
17           rescind the rules of Council as currently  
18           adopted?

19           MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

20           MS. WERREN: Werren second.

21           MR. STROIA: All in favor?

22           MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

23           MR. STROIA: Aye.

24           MS. WERREN: Aye.

25           MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

2 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

3 MR. ORR: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: May I have a roll call vote  
5 please then?

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

7 MR. METHENEY: Nay.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

9 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

11 MS. WERREN: Yes.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

13 MR. STROIA: Yes.

14 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

16 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

17 MR. ORR: No.

18 MR. YOUNG: Four in favor, two opposed.

19 MR. STROIA: Okay. Is this the point  
20 where we want to have the discussion or do I  
21 make the next motion first?

22 MR. YOUNG: You need to state the motion  
23 carries.

24 MR. STROIA: Okay. The motion carries.  
25 Sorry. Is this the point where we are doing



1 discussion, or do we do the next motion  
2 first?

3 MR. YOUNG: In traditional Robert's  
4 Rules, it would be motion and second, debate,  
5 vote. Our sort of North Canton tradition is  
6 debate and then motion and vote.

7 MR. STROIA: Okay. All right. Let me  
8 introduce the proposed rules of Council. I'm  
9 going to introduce the changes first and then  
10 we'll talk about the discussion. So if you  
11 look at Rule 31, we are wanting to change the  
12 part that says "words, tone, action, or other  
13 means." So it's the first change I want to  
14 point out.

15 The second change is Rule 32, and this is  
16 the warnings. So instead of having the  
17 previous warnings, we will just have the one  
18 warning.

19 Then we go down to Rule 37. 37 is  
20 changing to items on the agenda and a  
21 quarterly open topic public speaks. Rule 39  
22 is clarification of a rule, although it is  
23 implied in other places, to say this -- this  
24 rule shall not apply to interruptions  
25 necessary to enforce the rules of Council.

1           While not probably necessary, I think it's --  
2           well, I wouldn't say not necessary. It is  
3           necessary for clarification purposes, in my  
4           opinion.

5                     So let's start with Rule 31.

6           Conversation on Rule 31 or changes for Rule  
7           31?

8                     MR. ORR: That's the words, tone, action?

9                     MR. STROIA: Yes.

10                    THE REPORTER: I can't hear you guys.

11                    MR. ORR: Was that the words, tone,  
12           action?

13                    MR. STROIA: Correct. Yes.

14                    MR. ORR: Okay. Thanks.

15                    MR. STROIA: To me, it's just a simple  
16           clarification. I don't think it really  
17           alters anything.

18                    MR. MCCLEASTER: Agreed.

19                    MR. STROIA: Any -- any conversation on  
20           that you guys want to have?

21                    (No response.)

22                    MR. STROIA: Moving on to Rule 32, the  
23           warnings.

24                    MR. ORR: Well, the warnings are posted  
25           on there. If you want to give that as the

1 first warning. The second warning, is that  
2 what you are saying?

3 MR. STROIA: No. We are looking to just  
4 have one warning.

5 MR. ORR: But the first warning is given  
6 on the screen.

7 MR. STROIA: Yes. Correct.

8 MR. ORR: So the second warning --

9 MR. STROIA: There is no second warning.

10 MR. ORR: Well, there has to be a second  
11 warning to excuse somebody.

12 MR. STROIA: That's not what we are  
13 proposing.

14 MR. YOUNG: I think what --

15 MR. STROIA: But you can have that  
16 opinion if you'd like.

17 MR. YOUNG: I think what John is getting  
18 at is the second warning, you are getting  
19 kicked out, because the first warning was on  
20 the screen.

21 MR. STROIA: Correct.

22 MR. YOUNG: That's what he's getting at.

23 MR. ORR: Right.

24 MR. MCCLEASTER: Right.

25 MS. WERREN: Is that what you are saying,

1 John?

2 MR. ORR: Yes.

3 MS. WERREN: Okay. On the second one,  
4 you are being asked to --

5 MR. ORR: You're being --

6 MS. WERREN: -- asked to leave.

7 MR. ORR: And everyone is aware of that  
8 first warning, because it's on the screen.

9 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

10 MR. STROIA: Yes. I'll give a more  
11 comprehensive preamble for new members.

12 MR. ORR: Now, with this stuff here, it  
13 was changed a little bit --

14 MR. STROIA: We are talking about Rule 32  
15 right now. We are going to get through this,  
16 and then if you want to debate the whole  
17 policy, we can come back to that.

18 MR. ORR: Okay. With -- okay.

19 MR. STROIA: So let's debate this. If  
20 there are other things you would like to talk  
21 about after we go through this, we can go  
22 through that right after this, if that's  
23 okay.

24 MR. ORR: That's fine. Thank you.

25 MR. STROIA: Yep. So Rule 32, any

1 further discussion on Rule 32?

2 MR. MCCLEASTER: No. It makes sense.

3 MR. STROIA: Okay. Rule 37 is the change  
4 that we have been talking about, and -- back  
5 and forth for several meetings now. So this  
6 would be agenda only. It's set for a  
7 quarterly session where it would be open to  
8 any topic. So this opens -- if you guys  
9 would like to talk about 37 now, now is the  
10 time to --

11 MR. METHENEY: Did we previously discuss  
12 quarterly in any other meeting? So that was  
13 added to this meeting?

14 MR. STROIA: Can you speak up? Sorry.

15 MR. METHENEY: Sorry. I have to clear my  
16 throat. I say the -- the quarterly was not  
17 discussed in any other previous meeting. We  
18 did discuss the public speaks to be anything  
19 that was safety related. And I see that that  
20 has also been removed from this.

21 I think that is limiting individuals'  
22 opportunities to speak, as in tonight when --  
23 when we had the young lady speaking about the  
24 flood issues, which would not have been on  
25 the Council rules. Because we are not

1 allowing safety items, then that can only be  
2 discussed once a quarter.

3 Excuse me. And then I look at this  
4 quarterly public speaks as a concern.  
5 Technically, since this is scheduled by  
6 Council President, it's very vague.  
7 Quarterly could actually mean January --  
8 first week of January meeting and the last  
9 week of June meeting, and we would have a  
10 public speaks that was six months apart from  
11 each other. And I don't think that that's  
12 reasonable to expect from citizens.

13 I would like for the Council to discuss  
14 the option of having maybe once a month  
15 public speaks to be involved here. So then  
16 it could be the first Council meeting of  
17 every month. It would be very specific.  
18 Individuals and residents would know when to  
19 expect an opportunity to speak. It would not  
20 necessarily postpone their ability, but it  
21 would give them an opportunity at least once  
22 a month to speak in front of Council.

23 The other item that I'd like to discuss  
24 there is -- and I really validate the option  
25 of items on the agenda only. I think that's

1 extremely important to make sure that City  
2 Council can move through the process of  
3 legislation and vote on it and have input for  
4 that. And I would like to see public speaks  
5 just before the reports are given. And then  
6 give them an opportunity to speak about  
7 anything that would be on their mind; that we  
8 need to keep the flow of the meeting going  
9 and keep the agenda in line and have only  
10 agenda items spoke about first. So when we  
11 do offer public speaks, hopefully at least  
12 once a month, that it would be closer to  
13 report time and not interfere with the flow  
14 of the meeting.

15 MR. ORR: I agree with what David has  
16 said. Also, you know, we have had numerous  
17 people speak, and they -- they are not for  
18 this. I have had numerous phone calls. They  
19 are not for this. They feel it's taking away  
20 their -- their freedom of speech. All right?  
21 And we are not really doing that.

22 The quarterly, that was just added. This  
23 is the first we have heard about this. We  
24 haven't talked about it. I don't know if  
25 legal has looked through this and that's why

1 we are changing it. So this is actually the  
2 first discussion we are having about this.

3 I feel with what -- we all walked in here  
4 today and there were probably a few  
5 surprises. You put your arms out, you know,  
6 you are getting searched. America has  
7 changed. But our rights for freedom of  
8 speech will never change. I was elected by  
9 my constituents in Ward 4. No one has come  
10 up and said, John, that's a great idea. Not  
11 one.

12 I feel, with this additional stuff that  
13 we are doing before each meeting, no one  
14 should be threatened. We are taking this  
15 out. Threatened and harassed, two different  
16 things. Neither is good.

17 But being an elected official, I'm going  
18 to go with what my people of Ward 4 want me  
19 to do, not what I want to do. But -- I was  
20 elected by them, and I will stand by what  
21 they want.

22 So I feel I agree with that maybe the  
23 first Council meeting we have the public  
24 speaks.

25 MR. METHENEY: I think, too, that, you



1 know, freedom of speech is a right that all  
2 U.S. citizens are entitled to. Speaking at  
3 council meetings is a privilege. And that  
4 privilege can be taken away if it's abused.  
5 All right? I fully understand that.

6 But I don't want to be part of a -- an  
7 elected official that chooses to start going  
8 down that slippery slope of deciding, you  
9 know -- or limiting that freedom of speech  
10 within the Council. I think North Canton is  
11 an amazing city to live in, and I think that  
12 people that want to speak, such as Teresa  
13 tonight, and speak passionately in front of  
14 the administration, Mayor, and City Council,  
15 should be given that right to do so, and that  
16 privilege to speak to all of us at the same  
17 time.

18 MR. ORR: And we had an elderly gentleman  
19 come in and he spoke about changing a rule.  
20 We had \$500 of his money. We would never  
21 have known this, and we got -- we got it on,  
22 got him his money. He didn't feel he had to  
23 wait, what, 90 days or 120 days. We would  
24 never have known this if it wasn't for public  
25 speaks.

1           MR. STROIA: Why would we not have known  
2           that? Why couldn't he come to any of us  
3           before -- after -- why couldn't he come to  
4           the permits department during -- I'm just  
5           saying --

6           MR. ORR: I don't know why. But he came  
7           here --

8           MR. STROIA: No. No. No. What you are  
9           making is a very false statement. That is  
10          not the only form --

11          MR. ORR: What do you mean, false  
12          statement?

13          MR. STROIA: You are saying that is the  
14          only way that he could have addressed his  
15          problem, is to go to public speaks?

16          MR. ORR: How many --

17          MR. STROIA: He couldn't go to the  
18          director of permits and ask them that?

19          MR. ORR: He probably --

20          MR. STROIA: He couldn't have gone to the  
21          Administrator, the Mayor, any one of us?  
22          There is where I have a problem with people  
23          using the word freedom of speech in saying  
24          this. That is very problematic.

25          MR. ORR: In your opinion.

1 MR. STROIA: If it was a freedom --

2 MR. ORR: In your opinion.

3 MR. STROIA: No. In the Ohio Revised  
4 Code opinion. Look at all the places around  
5 us that don't even allow public speaks, that  
6 limit it to three minutes, on topic only,  
7 mics cut off, nothing. Don't give me that.  
8 I'm sorry. I have a huge --

9 MR. ORR: Do they --

10 MR. STROIA: I let you speak, and it's my  
11 turn to speak.

12 MR. ORR: Okay. Speak.

13 MR. STROIA: When you say the word  
14 "freedom of speech" --

15 MR. ORR: Right.

16 MR. STROIA: -- are you telling me that  
17 the Ohio Revised Code is false? Is that what  
18 you are saying when you say it's taking away  
19 my freedom of speech? If that's the case,  
20 take your argument up with the Ohio Revised  
21 Codes. Go to the Ohio legislation.

22 Don't tell me -- don't question my  
23 patriotic right, my -- my question -- if you  
24 are saying I'm taking --

25 MR. ORR: The record --

1 MR. STROIA: Stop interrupting. Again, I  
2 am not interrupting you --

3 THE REPORTER: Guys. Guys.

4 MR. STROIA: You interrupt me every time.  
5 I want to make my point. If it's -- if it  
6 was taking away freedom of speech, it would  
7 be against the Ohio Revised Code. Period.  
8 Let's take that off the table. Let's not  
9 make this an exaggerated claim of I'm taking  
10 away your freedom of speech.

11 There are multiple avenues for people,  
12 including in this proposal a quarterly public  
13 speaks for any topic. You can go to any  
14 person and have what you want to say on the  
15 record through a department report. You can  
16 have an e-mail.

17 The -- the City offices, who many of you  
18 have been to to request public records, to  
19 talk to people one on one, open for business.  
20 Are you denied the opportunity to go there?  
21 Are they taking away your right to go there?  
22 No, they are not.

23 We are also having a public availability  
24 session, which I'm going to encourage. It's  
25 not going to be part of the Council rules.

1           It's not necessary. That is another avenue.  
2           So I take offense to you guys saying we are  
3           taking away your freedom of speech. We are  
4           not doing that. That is a gross  
5           misstatement. It is an aggravation.

6           Mr. Tripp, you can leave.

7           MR. TRIPP: For what?

8           MR. STROIA: What do you think?

9           MR. TRIPP: I was agreeing with you.

10          MR. STROIA: You were not.

11          MR. TRIPP: I was shaking my head up and  
12          down.

13          MR. STROIA: You are -- you were not.  
14          But that's fine. You are publicly  
15          interrupting me, third time. Okay. You can  
16          leave the premises, please.

17          MR. TRIPP: You now have another --

18          MR. STROIA: Again, thank you.

19          MR. REVOLDT: Let's go on.

20          MR. STROIA: I'm done.

21          MR. REVOLDT: Are you finished?

22          MR. STROIA: Yep.

23          MR. REVOLDT: I'll speak up. I think we  
24          are -- I think we are ignoring the -- well,  
25          let me just take a step back. First of all

1 is I think all of us know that the public --  
2 public speaks or rules of Council are an --  
3 expire annually. So they can be amended or  
4 changed at that juncture.

5 MR. YOUNG: That term.

6 MR. REVOLDT: That term. Excuse me. I'm  
7 sorry. I misspoke. The term. So there is  
8 an opportunity to make amendments. And if  
9 the Council so wishes, interim, during the  
10 term, it can also make changes in the rules.

11 This is not permanent by any stretch. We  
12 heard Mrs. -- Ms. Palmer talk about an  
13 ordinance. The fact of the matter is, this  
14 is a Council meeting. It is not the Mayor's  
15 meeting. He is invited to the Council,  
16 expected to attend the Council meetings. But  
17 if you pass an ordinance, the Mayor has veto  
18 authority. And that introduces him I think,  
19 unwisely, into the management of Council's  
20 meetings.

21 I would point out that the Sunshine Laws  
22 and the public meeting laws are rather  
23 extensive. They really consider virtually  
24 every aspect of the operation of a public  
25 meeting. But the one place that they don't

1 intrude is in public speaks, public  
2 participation in the meeting. They leave  
3 that to the Councils to make their own rules.  
4 The exception being that if you interrupt a  
5 meeting, there are some penalties.

6 The elephant in the room here,  
7 unfortunately, is the fact that our rules  
8 have been abused. And this isn't casual  
9 abuse. The comments typically are prepared.  
10 They are written statements. They are  
11 premeditated. They are unfiltered. And  
12 that's why we are here today.

13 I will tell you, we are all -- and the  
14 record, I would much prefer -- and I think  
15 some of you have heard me say this  
16 privately -- I'd willingly go back to the old  
17 days, 1981, when I was first elected and  
18 there was no time limit and there was no  
19 limit on the topics. We are in a different  
20 place today. And I have reluctantly  
21 concluded that this is an issue we need to  
22 address.

23 Now, to this point, it has been the  
24 practice of this Council and the Council  
25 President to set the meeting agenda in

1 advance. We vote on it. If this Council is  
2 not attentive to that public speak -- that  
3 quarterly public speaks, it's not doing its  
4 job. So if members of Council feel that  
5 there is inadequate notice at the time that  
6 schedule is adopted, you should say  
7 something; hey, this is too close, not enough  
8 time.

9 I would say that -- I would also say that  
10 I too have heard from some constituents who  
11 frankly are wary of the shenanigans. And  
12 they support an effort to address that  
13 conduct. Let me repeat that. I have  
14 constituents, too, who recognize and are wary  
15 of the behavior.

16 You know, we have heard from people  
17 tonight who talk about how sacred this is.  
18 How sacred is it when we have individuals in  
19 this community moving through the community  
20 offering to pay people to come to these  
21 meetings?

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: Uh-huh.

23 MS. WERREN: Uh-huh.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Whose opinion am I hearing  
25 when that individual stands at the



1 microphone? Fair question. I trust the good  
2 judgment of this body to manage an open  
3 microphone. There is absolutely no reason  
4 that this body can't on an agenda include a  
5 special section at some point like we did a  
6 number of weeks ago for flooding. There are  
7 multiple ways to communicate with Council and  
8 the administration.

9 MR. MCCLEASTER: Uh-huh.

10 MR. REVOLDT: But I come back to this  
11 point now: That podium has been abused, and  
12 I think we need to address that.

13 MR. METHENEY: Daryl, I agree with you.  
14 We do need to address that.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. And, Dave --

16 MR. METHENEY: I agree.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. I just -- I just  
18 think as I look at this, Dave, and it just --  
19 I look at how robust these conversations were  
20 back in the '80s. And you guys don't want to  
21 go back into the way-back machine. That's a  
22 long time ago, when I had hair.

23 And, you know, as I told somebody today,  
24 you know, we are the closest that people  
25 have -- the voters of -- the citizens of this

1 community have delegated to us the authority  
2 to run this community. We do it through a  
3 vote. We do it through our Charter and our  
4 ordinances and rules.

5 I think people need to understand that  
6 virtually everything that we do around this  
7 community around this table right now is  
8 reviewed by legal counsel. And we should  
9 understand -- and the community needs to  
10 understand that this has -- this proposal has  
11 been reviewed by counsel. So I don't know.  
12 But I think we are in a situation, Dave, that  
13 something -- something has to give.

14 MR. METHENEY: Let's do a compromise. So  
15 instead of going quarterly and four times a  
16 year, let's cut it in half. So now you speak  
17 once a month instead of twice a month. We  
18 have rules, you know, 31 and 32, that extends  
19 more power to President Stroia to keep things  
20 under control. And like you stated before,  
21 if that doesn't work, we'll change it again.  
22 Let's -- let's meet in the middle.

23 MS. WERREN: I guess, you know, one  
24 thought, what you were saying, it has been to  
25 also look at -- let's look and see what

1 everyone else is just doing. And that kind  
2 of goes to your Sunshine Laws and the  
3 different codes. And you are right. And  
4 every single Council is doing it differently.  
5 And when you also look then, you said on  
6 numerous different meeting nights, nobody  
7 speaks. I mean, there are very, very few  
8 people that are speaking. So they are saying  
9 these are fine because nobody is speaking.

10 So, unfortunately, we have had issues  
11 with this. And I also, in Ward 3, have had  
12 people say I'm so glad you are changing it.  
13 I don't want to come to Council. I don't  
14 want to be up there speaking and be put in  
15 that category of speaking with people who  
16 yell at you and say poems and disregard the  
17 different things that are happening at  
18 Council.

19 So I have people that say it's time to  
20 change that and they want to see that. When  
21 people talked about safety, people do see the  
22 outbursts, you know, that happen here at  
23 Council, and they see that people screamed  
24 here at Council and -- and questioned  
25 different votes or where people are. I mean

1           screaming.

2           So when I come home or when people say  
3           what happened at that meeting or it was  
4           televised, people are like, wow, are you  
5           concerned. And some of you could say, oh, I  
6           don't know how people would feel like that.  
7           I'm not even putting this in my mind. These  
8           are other people's impressions of what people  
9           are seeing that goes on here. Are you  
10          worried someone is waiting out in the bushes?  
11          Are you worried that someone is going to  
12          react in such a manner? That's what I'm  
13          hearing.

14          And so when I -- when we said we are  
15          doing this, they are like, it is time. And  
16          people can't behave like this. If Matt has  
17          to get upset every single meeting, we have to  
18          wait for someone to be escorted out, and then  
19          we have to come back to business, it's  
20          embarrassing. We shouldn't have to do that.

21          And so I like the compromise, Dave. You  
22          know, the one thing I would say, though, is I  
23          think the compromise is -- for instance, I  
24          called Patrick twice this week. I talked to  
25          Matt. I talked to Daryl. I have talked to

1 Ben. That's when business gets done. I had  
2 two constituents call me. Their problems are  
3 resolved. They might not like how they  
4 resolved them, but they have answers to their  
5 questions. It's immediate. It's quick.  
6 It's timely.

7 When you come up here, often you don't  
8 know who they are talking to. The message is  
9 often not pointed. It's -- sometimes it  
10 doesn't even -- it's not going to anyone. If  
11 you have an issue, call me. I'm so much  
12 quicker getting that done than if you come  
13 here and wait on a Monday night. I'm  
14 available seven days a week. I call people  
15 back any time. That's when it gets done.

16 So I guess I -- I feel like the  
17 quarterly, I'm okay with it. You still have  
18 options to speak every single time that we  
19 have that, too, on the record. You still  
20 have your five minutes. I don't know. I  
21 want the shenanigans to stop.

22 MR. METHENEY: I think this could be  
23 addressed in the rules that changed with 31  
24 and 32. And they are very strong. President  
25 Stroia, you've got a challenge. And

1 enforcing those is going to be very  
2 difficult.

3 MS. WERREN: It doesn't need to be.

4 MR. METHENEY: I think that's going to  
5 change the tone. And I'd like to see us make  
6 a gradual change, and if it doesn't work,  
7 then move to quarterly. But we found a way  
8 to meet in the middle, and those residents  
9 that have spoken can see that we are trying  
10 to compromise and come up with an alternative  
11 solution.

12 MR. MCCLEASTER: When you are done, I'd  
13 like to say a few things.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Jamie.

15 MR. MCCLEASTER: No. Go ahead.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Let me pitch this: We need  
17 one vote to -- tonight, correct, to adopt the  
18 new rules?

19 MR. STROIA: This would be a  
20 repeal/replace --

21 MR. REVOLDT: This is a repeal/replace.

22 MR. STROIA: -- of these rules right  
23 here.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Metheney, I will --  
25 I'll meet you halfway. And here is my pitch:

1           That we have an open mic once on the even  
2           numbered months. So it's not a quarter, but  
3           it's not once a month, but it's once in the  
4           even month, set by Council by vote.

5           MR. METHENEY: So let's -- let's meet in  
6           the middle. If currently we have public  
7           speaks 12 times -- or 24 times --

8           MR. REVOLDT: You're going to get it six.

9           MR. METHENEY: -- a year, 24 --

10          MR. REVOLDT: You are going to get six.

11          MR. METHENEY: We went from four to six,  
12          and I'm proposing twelve. That's meeting in  
13          the middle. If it doesn't work, I will be  
14          the first one to step up January 1, when we  
15          vote -- well, we don't vote January 1,  
16          because it's not an election year. But I  
17          would be the one to step up January 1st if we  
18          can't control this to make our meetings more  
19          productive if we go with the once a month.

20          And I think Jamie would like to speak.

21          MR. MCCLEASTER: Yeah, I -- this has just  
22          been such a good back and forth, I'm like --

23          MR. METHENEY: This is good dialogue. I  
24          appreciate this.

25          MR. REVOLDT: This is like ping-pong.

1           MR. MCCLEASTER: It is. It is. No. I  
2           just wanted to -- like I heard from over  
3           here, I've heard from residents as well. And  
4           I get the same sentiment as what you are  
5           getting, Stephanie, that people want to see  
6           things changed. They see the fighting. They  
7           see the antics that come here. Again, I  
8           mean, we saw it tonight, as someone was asked  
9           to leave. And I -- I don't think it's --  
10          it's not ironic the fact that this gentleman  
11          was quoted in the newspaper just a couple  
12          weeks ago saying that he got kicked out on  
13          purpose.

14          These people know the rules. They know  
15          them better than we do. And they do them to  
16          put on a show. And I, for one, support  
17          rules. I will -- I will agree and go with --  
18          with Daryl and say I would support once a  
19          month.

20          I also want to support what President  
21          Stroia was saying. I don't believe for one  
22          second that this is silencing -- or impeding  
23          on people's free speech.

24          MS. WERREN: No.

25          MR. MCCLEASTER: So first off, we are



1 here to do the business of the people, which  
2 is this agenda. And I want to hear anything  
3 and everything that somebody has to say about  
4 these items. But when it comes to something  
5 else, I -- I've got multiple -- I've got a  
6 City cell phone. I've got a City voicemail.  
7 I got two City e-mail addresses. There are  
8 ways for people to get in touch with me.

9 And while I don't want to mention her by  
10 name, one of my constituents was here and  
11 called us all out of inaction because of  
12 flooding earlier this year. And first off  
13 I'll say there is not a second that it's not  
14 raining that I don't think, oh, my God, we  
15 are going to have this again. So it doesn't  
16 just -- it's not a thought that just goes  
17 through her mind. It goes through my mind as  
18 well.

19 But the sad reality is I was called out  
20 here for inaction here. That doesn't -- she  
21 has never once picked up the phone and called  
22 me. Monday nights is not the only way to get  
23 in touch with your Council member. My phone  
24 is on. I never turn this off. I'm a  
25 pharmaceutical rep by trade. This sits next

1 to me in my car, and I call people back when  
2 they call. I don't think I've ever --

3 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

4 MR. MCCLEASTER: -- missed a call. There  
5 are ways to get in touch with each and every  
6 one of us.

7 MS. WERREN: And that's what I'm --

8 MR. MCCLEASTER: And it's not an --

9 THE REPORTER: Guys, guys, please.

10 MS. WERREN: Yeah, please.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: It's not impeding free  
12 speech.

13 MR. METHENEY: To Stephanie's point, you  
14 can get better action --

15 MS. WERREN: You do.

16 MR. METHENEY: -- going direct. But I  
17 ask this elective body that needs to respond  
18 to the residents to say I'm not going to be  
19 the one to cut this off or limit this  
20 drastically. You get once a month to speak.  
21 It's the first meeting every month. It's  
22 easy to remember.

23 You don't need to magically post it  
24 everywhere. You don't need to remind  
25 everybody. It's simple. The first City

1 Council meeting of the month, there is a  
2 public speaks on any topic you want. The  
3 rest of the time, it's agenda only, and let's  
4 get the business done.

5 If that doesn't work, like I said, I'll  
6 be the first to step up and say we need to do  
7 more.

8 MS. WERREN: But I think another way that  
9 we could do this is -- communication is  
10 important between us. Correct? And I know  
11 that I -- I keep in touch with all of you.  
12 And I apologize because I call you at night  
13 and on football game days and -- I mean,  
14 Patrick and I were on the phone until like  
15 8:30 the other night. And that's honestly  
16 when real business happens, and that's when  
17 we are conversing. And so I know that if  
18 someone called me, I could say, hey, Matt,  
19 this person called me, this is an issue; can  
20 we put this on the agenda.

21 I know with the dialogue that I've had  
22 with Matt, he would probably say, yeah, sure,  
23 we can definitely talk about that in a  
24 second. Matt is the owner of this agenda and  
25 he can do whatever he wants with it. It just

1 takes that communication.

2 So if there were a number of us talking,  
3 if that had to be the case, Matt would easily  
4 put it. But it doesn't even take a number of  
5 us. It takes one single person to call Matt.  
6 I mean, it's that easy.

7 So all it takes is for someone to call  
8 us. They don't have to come on a Monday  
9 night. I mean, we don't have many people  
10 coming, except for a couple that come with  
11 prepared notes. I mean, that's an easy way  
12 to do it.

13 MR. ORR: Mr. Tripp got excused tonight.

14 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

15 MR. REVOLDT: He was expelled.

16 MR. ORR: Expelled.

17 MS. WERREN: He was mocking Matt.

18 MR. ORR: This is probably the third or  
19 fourth time. What can we do legally to not  
20 have him here?

21 MR. BOYER: Is that --

22 MR. ORR: Would be a question.

23 MR. BOYER: Is that directed to me?

24 MR. ORR: Well, none of us --

25 MS. WERREN: You are the expert.

1           MR. ORR: That would be something we  
2 should probably look into.

3           MR. DEORIO: That's not appropriate --

4           MR. BOYER: And that's something we can  
5 address, you know, at a different time. I  
6 don't think that's something to discuss on  
7 the floor as we speak. But there are  
8 mechanisms in place that can be addressed.  
9 And if this Council wants to bring it to me  
10 through -- through the City, I'd be happy to  
11 look into that. But, yeah, that's not  
12 something I think we should discuss on the  
13 floor at the moment.

14           MR. ORR: Okay. But that's another thing  
15 that we could look into. And, you know, if  
16 they are going to come in and violate the  
17 rules on purpose, we really have no place for  
18 it.

19           MR. MCCLEASTER: Which they say they do.

20           MR. ORR: Which they say they do. But I  
21 tend to agree with David. I think let's give  
22 this -- you know, let's give it until January  
23 1st and do once a month, the first -- the  
24 first meeting of the month.

25           MR. DEORIO: I don't want to weigh in on

1 any of this. I just throw something out --

2 MR. STROIA: Sure.

3 MR. DEORIO: -- for clarification. When  
4 you say the first meeting of the month, are  
5 we distinguishing between Committee nights  
6 and regular nights? Because sometimes  
7 those don't --

8 MR. REVOLDT: First City Council.

9 MR. ORR: First City Council.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Regular City Council  
11 meeting.

12 MR. DEORIO: Thank you for clarifying.

13 MR. STROIA: Any further discussion on  
14 Rule 37? Okay.

15 MS. WERREN: Patrick.

16 MR. STROIA: Yes. Sorry.

17 MR. DEORIO: Just for clarification from  
18 me to you --

19 MR. STROIA: Yeah.

20 MR. DEORIO: -- as you are considering  
21 rule changes, for the record, the gentleman  
22 that came to City Council concerning the  
23 \$500, it was already addressed and handled  
24 before he came to City Council to talk about  
25 the \$500. I can't stop someone from coming

1 to City Council and continuing a dialogue.

2 But that -- you know, when it was first  
3 brought to my attention, the superintendent  
4 of the building department brought it to my  
5 attention. I reviewed the rules with him,  
6 looked -- felt that it was silly. We needed  
7 to revise the rules formally. Was there any  
8 kind of gray area that would allow me to  
9 refund the money? There was. I did.

10 And then we brought to Council, the  
11 engineer, the superintendent of building,  
12 myself. Legal had looked at how can we  
13 reword this, and then we brought that to  
14 Council forthwith. You had it practically  
15 the week after he -- he had spoken. That  
16 wasn't because you had heard it -- you may  
17 have heard it for the first time --

18 MR. ORR: Yeah, that was the first time I  
19 heard it.

20 MR. DEORIO: But it had been addressed  
21 long before that.

22 MS. WERREN: And a lot of times that is.  
23 I mean, I know, Patrick, from talking to you,  
24 we are doing things about flooding. And we  
25 are trying to think of more ways that we can

1 help in the future, as well. But if the  
2 grass clippings aren't getting cut, well then  
3 that would have been really simple to call  
4 Jamie, quite honestly. And I know the next  
5 time that it was mowed, it would have  
6 happened. Like those are things that we need  
7 to know. And I don't know who the engineer  
8 is she is talking to, but have him call us  
9 again if he has some ideas.

10 MR. METHENEY: President Stroia, there  
11 are three months between now and January, I  
12 think, in terms of meetings. Are you willing  
13 to make a once a month --

14 MR. STROIA: I'm going to get through the  
15 rules here, and we'll talk about our options  
16 right after that.

17 MR. METHENEY: Okay.

18 MR. STROIA: But, I mean, to all your  
19 points, you know, Mr. Elsass, when he came  
20 up -- and he gave a great presentation. He  
21 was very succinct, very professional, had the  
22 information, gave it to us and moved on. I'm  
23 not debating the validity of his argument. I  
24 thought it was fantastic.

25 But you can't tell me that that couldn't



1 have been handled in several other ways.

2 And --

3 MS. WERREN: It already was.

4 MR. STROIA: -- actually, it already was.  
5 I mean, do you -- at what point does our  
6 public speaks become karaoke night? You know  
7 what I mean? I mean, it seems like it's  
8 already there.

9 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

10 MR. ORR: Not by all individuals.

11 MR. STROIA: No, not at all.

12 MS. WERREN: No. A few.

13 MR. STROIA: I agree with that. But it  
14 is -- it is clearly affecting the integrity  
15 of the meeting. The integrity of the meeting  
16 is to run legislation in a succinct,  
17 efficient manner. That is not happening.

18 MS. WERREN: Let's go through the rules  
19 and then come back.

20 MR. STROIA: Yeah, let's go.

21 MR. REVOLDT: We'll go through it.

22 MR. STROIA: Sure.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. We'll come back.

24 Is -- I'm willing to compromise.

25 Mr. Metheney, as you sit and noodle this,

1 Mr. Orr, I'm willing to go every other month.  
2 So that's -- that's as far as -- at this  
3 point that I'm willing to go. And I'm  
4 willing to reassess it in the future. But  
5 I'm willing -- I'm willing to bend a little  
6 bit on this. But I think it's just  
7 absolutely imperative that a signal be sent  
8 that the conduct is unacceptable and will not  
9 be tolerated. So -- but I'm willing to bend.

10 MR. STROIA: Okay.

11 MR. REVOLDT: So there you go. Should we  
12 deliberate?

13 MR. STROIA: Any other discussion on Rule  
14 37 right now? We can come back to it, but  
15 I'd like to get to 39.

16 MS. WERREN: Yeah, let's go.

17 MR. STROIA: So 39 is just the  
18 clarification. Again, this -- this is  
19 implied, but I wanted to make sure that this  
20 was in to say that it will not apply to the  
21 interruptions due to the breaking of the  
22 Council rules. So very simple. But it  
23 wasn't in there and I wanted it to be very  
24 clear. So that's -- that's the only -- it's  
25 not anything groundbreaking. It's just

1 a minor change there. Any conversation on  
2 that?

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: I don't think so.

4 MR. STROIA: All right. Here is what  
5 I'll propose. I think legislatively or most  
6 efficiently the best way to go forward is --  
7 since this is a repeal and replace, I'd like  
8 to vote on what we have here now, and then if  
9 someone wants to make an amendment under new  
10 business for Council Rule 37, as we have just  
11 said, to illustrate a compromise, they are  
12 willing to bring it back up and open that up  
13 for that next discussion, which would be  
14 tonight at new business. Is that fair?

15 MS. WERREN: That's good.

16 MR. MCCLEASTER: Uh-huh. Sounds good.

17 MR. ORR: Well, if it is passed, it won't  
18 really take effect with the Mayor signing.

19 MR. REVOLDT: No, he is not going to sign  
20 it.

21 MR. STROIA: This is Council rules.

22 MR. ORR: Oh, Council rules. Okay.

23 MR. REVOLDT: This isn't an ordinance.

24 MR. ORR: Okay. All right.

25 MR. REVOLDT: No signature required.

1 MR. ORR: Okay. No problem.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Goes into effect  
3 immediately.

4 MR. STROIA: But I think this way it  
5 doesn't -- I'm not -- I'm not denying the  
6 collaboration that we have going on from this  
7 debate. We are just bringing it up in a  
8 separate topic, so we can get this on the  
9 record and active as rules. Is that fair?

10 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Uh-huh. Because we are  
12 only talking about changing one  
13 rule potentially during new business.

14 MR. STROIA: Again, I mean, these are our  
15 Council rules. We brought them up I think it  
16 has been five times this year. I brought  
17 them up at random because we are on-boarding  
18 new people, and I wanted people to have an  
19 understanding of these rules. So we can come  
20 back to Council rules at any time.

21 MS. WERREN: Well, and I know over the  
22 years, I brought them up. Other people  
23 brought them up throughout the years.

24 MR. STROIA: Right.

25 MS. WERREN: Things have changed.

1           MR. YOUNG: Can I ask a procedural  
2 clarification question?

3           MR. STROIA: Yes.

4           MR. YOUNG: Any amendments that may be  
5 proposed during new business, are you  
6 intending that that would be just a single  
7 vote tonight --

8           MR. STROIA: No. We're doing it twice.

9           MR. YOUNG: -- or do you want to follow  
10 the amendment procedure requiring two votes?

11          MR. STROIA: Yes. So it -- yes.  
12 Correct.

13          MR. REVOLDT: So any amendment that would  
14 receive a first vote tonight, after  
15 repeal/replace would take -- vote number one  
16 would occur tonight on that amendment, and  
17 then vote number two would occur on September  
18 26th, if we adopt this meeting calendar.  
19 Correct?

20          MR. YOUNG: If we are going to treat it  
21 that way under Rule 42, yes. That's why I  
22 asked.

23          MR. REVOLDT: All right. Fair enough.

24          MR. STROIA: Okay. So can I have a  
25 motion and a second to adopt the red line

1 draft of the rules of City Council effective  
2 8/23/2022?

3 MR. REVOLDT: Just real quick. Do we  
4 need to reference that we are repealing and  
5 replacing?

6 MR. YOUNG: You all made that motion.  
7 That's the motion that --

8 MR. REVOLDT: I'm sorry. Go ahead. I'm  
9 sorry.

10 MR. STROIA: No problem. Can I have a  
11 motion and a second to adopt the red line  
12 draft of the rules of Council effective  
13 8/23/2022, as included in Council's packet,  
14 as the new rules of Council, such new rules  
15 shall include all changes shown in the red  
16 line draft?

17 MR. ORR: Can we have a roll call on this  
18 vote?

19 MR. STROIA: We will, yes.

20 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

21 MS. WERREN: Second.

22 MR. STROIA: All in favor? And we'll do  
23 a roll call vote, please.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

25 MR. ORR: Nay.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.  
2 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.  
3 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.  
4 MR. STROIA: Yes.  
5 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.  
6 MS. WERREN: Yes.  
7 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.  
8 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.  
9 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.  
10 MR. METHENEY: Nay.  
11 MR. YOUNG: Four in favor, two opposed.  
12 MR. STROIA: Okay. The motion passes.  
13 So we -- we can bring that back up again at  
14 new business.  
15 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.  
16 MR. STROIA: Okay. Can I have a motion  
17 and a second to read by title only Ordinance  
18 56-2022?  
19 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
20 MS. WERREN: Second.  
21 MR. STROIA: All in favor?  
22 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
23 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
24 MR. METHENEY: Aye.  
25 MR. ORR: Aye.

1 MS. WERREN: Aye.

2 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

6 Ben.

7 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
8 Director of Finance of the City of North  
9 Canton to establish a fund entitled One Ohio  
10 Opioid Settlement, fund number 217, for the  
11 purpose of accounting for related revenue and  
12 expenditures associated with the One Ohio  
13 Open Settlement distributions, and declaring  
14 the same to be an emergency.

15 MS. WERREN: Okay. We've already  
16 discussed this. It's as it states. I move  
17 to adopt.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

19 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Aye.

22 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

23 MR. ORR: Aye.

24 MS. WERREN: Aye.

25 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.



1 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

4 Can I have a motion and a second to  
5 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
6 readings?

7 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

8 MS. WERREN: Second.

9 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

10 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

11 MR. STROIA: Aye.

12 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

13 MR. ORR: Aye.

14 MS. WERREN: Aye.

15 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

16 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

19 And can I have a motion and a second to  
20 adopt Ordinance 56-2022 under suspension of  
21 the rules?

22 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

24 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
2 MR. METHENEY: Aye.  
3 MR. ORR: Aye.  
4 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
5 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.  
6 MR. STROIA: Opposed?  
7 (No response.)  
8 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.  
9 Moving on, can I have a motion and a  
10 second to read by title only Ordinance  
11 57-2022?  
12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.  
14 MR. STROIA: All in favor?  
15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
16 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
17 MR. METHENEY: Aye.  
18 MR. ORR: Aye.  
19 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
20 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.  
21 MR. STROIA: Opposed?  
22 (No response.)  
23 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.  
24 Ben.  
25 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the

1           appropriation of funds of the City of North  
2           Canton to be appropriated for current  
3           expenses during the fiscal year ending  
4           December 31st, 2022.

5           MS. WERREN:   Okay.   Just additional  
6           appropriations totaling \$3 million plus.  
7           Different fire levies, municipal roads, COVID  
8           relief, capital improvements, parks, just  
9           things that we need to tidy up on.   Any  
10          additional comments, Jina?

11          MS. ALABACK:   No.   We just had one  
12          amendment because we received a donation for  
13          the parks fund that we added.

14          MS. WERREN:   Okay.   All right.   I move to  
15          adopt.

16          MR. YOUNG:   Motion to amend.

17          MS. WERREN:   Motion to amend.   Sorry.

18          MR. STROIA:   Can I have a motion and a  
19          second to amend Ordinance 57-2022 to include  
20          an additional appropriation of -- what's  
21          that -- \$24,125 for parks, account number 212  
22          dash -- dot 309, as shown in the draft in  
23          Council's packet?

24          MR. REVOLDT:   Revoldt moves the  
25          amendment.

1 MS. WERREN: Second.

2 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

3 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Aye.

5 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

6 MR. ORR: Aye.

7 MS. WERREN: Aye.

8 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

12 And can I have a motion and a second to

13 adopt the first reading of Ordinance 57-2022

14 as amended?

15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

16 MR. METHENEY: Second.

17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Aye.

20 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

21 MR. ORR: Aye.

22 MS. WERREN: Aye.

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

2 And can I have a motion and a second to  
3 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
4 readings?

5 MR. METHENEY: So moved.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

7 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Aye.

10 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

11 MR. ORR: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

17 Can I have a motion and a second to adopt  
18 Ordinance 56-2022 as amended under suspension  
19 of the rules?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21 MR. METHENEY: 56 or 57?

22 MR. STROIA: 57. Sorry. Let me re-read  
23 that. A motion and a second to adopt  
24 Ordinance 57-2022 as amended under the  
25 suspension of the rules. Thank you.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
2 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.  
3 MR. STROIA: All in favor?  
4 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
5 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
6 MR. METHENEY: Aye.  
7 MR. ORR: Aye.  
8 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
9 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.  
10 MR. STROIA: Opposed?  
11 (No response.)  
12 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.  
13 Can I have a motion and a second to read  
14 by title only Ordinance 58-2022?  
15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
16 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.  
17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?  
18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
19 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
20 MR. METHENEY: Aye.  
21 MR. ORR: Aye.  
22 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.  
24 MR. STROIA: Opposed?  
25 (No response.)

1 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

2 Ben.

3 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
4 Mayor of the City of North Canton, through  
5 the Board of Control, to renew a personal  
6 services agreement for computer server,  
7 network, workstation monitoring, maintenance  
8 and support, remote and on-site support,  
9 malware protection, web browsing protection,  
10 patch management, dark web monitoring, and  
11 security awareness education for the City's,  
12 critical, complex, municipal infrastructure  
13 equipment, and given the critical nature of  
14 this agreement to do so without advertising  
15 for bids, as provided by Charter Section  
16 4.05, contracting and purchasing, and  
17 declaring the same to be an emergency.

18 MS. WERREN: Okay. We talked about this  
19 again. Catherine talked about it. I talked  
20 to Patrick about it. And I think what is  
21 really important in this is it says the  
22 City's critical, complex, municipal  
23 infrastructure equipment. And this is what  
24 Patrick does day in and day out; Catherine,  
25 Jina, the Mayor. They are the experts in

1                   this, and this is the system that they want.

2                   So I move to adopt.

3                   MR. REVOLDT:    Revoldt seconds.

4                   MR. STROIA:     All in favor?

5                   MR. REVOLDT:    Aye.

6                   MR. STROIA:     Aye.

7                   MR. METHENEY:   Aye.

8                   MR. ORR:        Aye.

9                   MS. WERREN:     Aye.

10                  MR. MCCLEASTER:  Aye.

11                  MR. STROIA:     Opposed?

12                  (No response.)

13                  MR. STROIA:     Motion carries.

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

17                  MS. WERREN:    So --

18                  MR. REVOLDT:    Revoldt moves.

19                  MS. WERREN:    -- moved.  Sorry.  Second.

20                  MR. STROIA:     All in favor?

21                  MR. REVOLDT:    Aye.

22                  MR. STROIA:     Aye.

23                  MR. METHENEY:   Aye.

24                  MR. ORR:        Aye.

25                  MS. WERREN:    Aye.



1 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

2 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

5 And can I have a motion and a second to  
6 adopt Ordinance 58-2022 under suspension of  
7 the rules?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MS. WERREN: Second.

10 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

11 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Aye.

13 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

14 MR. ORR: Aye.

15 MS. WERREN: Aye.

16 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

17 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

20 Okay. Can I have --

21 MR. METHENEY: I just wanted to say real  
22 quick, because this infrastructure thing you  
23 talk about, this is an expensive contract.

24 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

25 MR. METHENEY: But not passing this under

1 emergency, one breach could be devastating to  
2 the City. So it's very, very important  
3 legislation to pass under emergency.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Let me just add --

5 MR. STROIA: Yeah.

6 MR. REVOLDT: -- one more thing. You  
7 know, we have discussed this in all of  
8 probably 180 seconds.

9 MS. WERREN: This one?

10 MR. REVOLDT: This one.

11 MS. WERREN: No. Catherine spoke a good  
12 deal about it.

13 MR. REVOLDT: We are voting on this very  
14 quickly.

15 MS. WERREN: Yes.

16 MR. REVOLDT: But I think the point, to  
17 amplify Mr. Metheney's comment, is let's  
18 think about where we were when Administrator  
19 DeOrio brought this to us the first time,  
20 where we were.

21 MS. WERREN: But I think -- I mean, I  
22 know where you are going, but I agree. But  
23 that's why we are passing it quickly, because  
24 we know what has been put into it, we know  
25 the contract, and we know it works.

1 MR. REVOLDT: But point is --

2 MS. WERREN: It's been vetted.

3 MR. REVOLDT: -- this was not always a  
4 high priority.

5 MS. WERREN: I know that, yeah.

6 MR. DEORIO: That's an understatement.

7 MR. REVOLDT: And the administration  
8 should get a lot of credit --

9 MS. WERREN: They do.

10 MR. REVOLDT: -- for getting this stood  
11 up and getting it renewed, so we don't have  
12 the --

13 MS. WERREN: Right.

14 MR. REVOLDT: -- the major episode --

15 MS. WERREN: And for how many years,  
16 Patrick, there wasn't even an increase? It  
17 was just this year is the final time they  
18 put --

19 MR. DEORIO: First time in four years.

20 MS. WERREN: Yeah, small increase. So it  
21 has been vetted. And, yes, we are moving  
22 forward. But Catherine and Patrick did a  
23 really nice job of explaining it, and I think  
24 we all know how important it is. Okay. We  
25 passed it.

1           MR. STROIA: Moving on to -- can I have a  
2 motion and a second to read by title only  
3 Ordinance 59-2022?

4           MR. ORR: So moved.

5           MR. MCCLEASTER: So moved.

6           MR. STROIA: All in favor?

7           MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

8           MR. STROIA: Aye.

9           MR. METHENEY: Aye.

10          MR. ORR: Aye.

11          MS. WERREN: Aye.

12          MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

13          MR. STROIA: Opposed?

14          (No response.)

15          MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

16          Ben.

17          MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
18 Mayor of the City of North Canton to release  
19 AMC Land Company, Limited from performance  
20 bond obligations established by a commercial  
21 bond as authorized by Ordinance 52-2021.

22          MR. STROIA: We talked about this in  
23 committee and at a previous meeting. I can't  
24 believe this is only the second reading. But  
25 this is to release the bond. They have

1 fulfilled all their obligations. So I move  
2 that we adopt.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

4 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

6 MR. STROIA: Aye.

7 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

8 MR. ORR: Aye.

9 MS. WERREN: Aye.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

11 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

14 Moving on, can I have a motion and a  
15 second to read by title only Ordinance  
16 60-2022?

17 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

18 MR. METHENEY: Second.

19 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Aye.

22 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

23 MR. ORR: Aye.

24 MS. WERREN: Aye.

25 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

4 Ben.

5 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
6 Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter  
7 into an agreement with AMC Land Company,  
8 Limited, thereby accepting its maintenance  
9 bond to guarantee certain maintenance  
10 improvements in the Monticello Phase 8  
11 development.

12 MR. STROIA: Okay. Again, we discussed  
13 this in Committee and at the first reading.  
14 This is a maintenance bond to go into effect.  
15 And this is held with a -- I think a piece of  
16 land is the collateral.

17 MR. YOUNG: Mortgage.

18 MR. STROIA: Mortgage, yeah, that's  
19 right. Yep. Any comments, questions? I  
20 move to adopt.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Motion to adopt.

22 Revoldt seconds.

23 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

24 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

25 MR. STROIA: Aye.

1 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

2 MR. ORR: Aye.

3 MS. WERREN: Aye.

4 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

5 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

8 Can I have a motion and a second to read

9 by title only Ordinance 61-2022?

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

12 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

16 MR. ORR: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

22 Ben.

23 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the

24 Mayor of the City of North Canton to prepare

25 and submit an application to the Ohio Public

1 Works Commission for a grant for the Wise  
2 Avenue, Northeast reconstruction project, and  
3 if awarded, authorizing the Mayor, upon Board  
4 of Control approval, to enter into an  
5 agreement for the receipt of said grant, and  
6 declaring the same to be an emergency.

7 MR. STROIA: Okay. This is an OPWC -- I  
8 should probably read that. It's an Ohio  
9 Public Works Commission grant, and it's for  
10 Wise Avenue. This is the small stretch. I  
11 believe this is in cooperation with Plain  
12 Township.

13 MR. DEORIO: No.

14 MR. STROIA: No, this is not. Oh, Wise.  
15 My bad. So this is the Wise Avenue  
16 reconstruction project here. Any comments,  
17 questions? Anything on this? Pretty  
18 standard. I move we adopt.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Patrick.

20 MR. STROIA: Go ahead. Sorry.

21 MR. DEORIO: Just for edification  
22 purposes, this will effectively be on Wise  
23 Street, Northeast, from Maple to Seventh  
24 Street. And it will involve, if successful  
25 in getting the grant, a complete



1 reconstruction of that street, including curb  
2 and gutter.

3 And separate from that, if successful in  
4 getting this, we are budgeting for replacing  
5 the sidewalk and devil strips from Maple to  
6 Seventh Street, on both sides, and making  
7 sure that handicap accessible -- what do you  
8 call it -- curb cuts, you know, so people  
9 will be able to commute, make that walk.

10 And it's part of -- what we'll be talking  
11 about when we get to the budget is kind of a  
12 master plan, if you will, of a walkability  
13 district for the City, which would go from  
14 the intersection of Maple and Main, down  
15 Maple to Wise, north on Wise to Seventh, west  
16 on Seventh to Main, and then south on Main  
17 back to Maple. So that block. And the  
18 attempt is to create that walkable district.

19 And we feel that -- you know, on Seventh  
20 Street, we have already done that work. On  
21 Main Street, we are in fairly good shape with  
22 that. And that the bad section is this Maple  
23 to Seventh on -- on Wise that needs to be  
24 addressed.

25 So you're seeing part of that now because

1 we have a deadline application on the 16th  
2 that we're applying for, so hence the  
3 emergency.

4 MR. STROIA: Any other comments? I move  
5 we adopt.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

7 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Aye.

10 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

11 MR. ORR: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

17 Can I have a motion and a second to  
18 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
19 readings?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21 MS. WERREN: Second.

22 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Aye.

25 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

1 MR. ORR: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

7 And, finally, can I have a motion and a  
8 second to adopt Ordinance 61-2022 under  
9 suspension of the rules?

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11 MR. METHENEY: Second.

12 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

16 MR. ORR: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

22 Can I have a motion and a second to read  
23 by title only 62-2022?

24 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

25 MR. ORR: Second.

1 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

2 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

3 MR. STROIA: Aye.

4 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

5 MR. ORR: Aye.

6 MS. WERREN: Aye.

7 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

8 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

11 Ben.

12 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
13 Mayor of the City of North Canton to prepare  
14 and submit an application to the Ohio Public  
15 Works Commission for a grant for the East  
16 Maple Street repaving project, and if  
17 awarded, authorizing the Mayor, upon Board of  
18 Control approval, to enter into an agreement  
19 for the receipt of said grant, and declaring  
20 the same to be an emergency.

21 MR. STROIA: Okay. Thank you, Ben.

22 So this is the OPWC grant for East Maple.  
23 Patrick, do you want to talk about that? Or  
24 Ben.

25 MR. DEORIO: No. Other than this is to

1 cover the section basically from behind the  
2 Hoover Company down to Marquardt is the  
3 intent here.

4 MR. STROIA: Okay. Any other comments or  
5 questions? I move we adopt.

6 MR. REVOLDT: So moved -- or second.

7 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Aye.

10 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

11 MR. ORR: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

17 Can I have a motion and a second to  
18 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
19 readings?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21 MR. METHENEY: Second.

22 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Aye.

25 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

1 MR. ORR: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

7 Can I have a motion and a second to adopt  
8 Ordinance 62-2022 under suspension of the  
9 rules?

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11 MR. METHENEY: Second.

12 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

16 MR. ORR: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

22 Okay. So moving on to new business, so  
23 let's propose this one and then we'll get to  
24 any final call for new business.

25 Can I have a motion and a second to

1 suspend the rule -- suspend Council Rule 23  
2 to allow consideration of items 8A and 8B  
3 without a committee report?

4 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves the  
5 suspension of Rule 23 for items 8A and 8B.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

7 MR. METHENEY: Second.

8 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

9 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

10 MR. STROIA: Aye.

11 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

12 MR. ORR: Aye.

13 MS. WERREN: Aye.

14 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

15 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

18 Can I have a motion and a second to read  
19 by title only Ordinance 63-2022?

20 MR. REVOLDT: So moved. Revoldt moves.

21 MR. ORR: Second.

22 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Aye.

25 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

1 MR. ORR: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

4 Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

7 Ben.

8 MR. YOUNG: Real quick for the record,  
9 before I read this, the version that went out  
10 in the public packet, the title of the  
11 ordinance did not include the phrase "and  
12 declaring the same an emergency." You all  
13 were provided with a corrected version this  
14 morning.

15 An ordinance authorizing participation in  
16 the national bridge inspection program  
17 through the Ohio Department of Transportation  
18 through calendar year 2023, and declaring the  
19 same to be an emergency.

20 MR. STROIA: Okay. So this is to go into  
21 contract with the national bridge inspection  
22 program. We renew this every year,  
23 correctly -- correct? Or is it every two on  
24 that?

25 MR. YOUNG: The previous one was two



1 years.

2 MR. STROIA: Two years. Okay.

3 MR. YOUNG: Rob does not -- we have not  
4 been told what the next renewal term will be.  
5 So this is only for 2023.

6 MR. STROIA: All right. I'm good with  
7 that. I don't see a reason why we would not  
8 join that. Does anyone else?

9 MS. WERREN: No.

10 MR. MCCLEASTER: No.

11 MR. STROIA: Any other comments?

12 MS. WERREN: I think it's just  
13 procedural.

14 MR. YOUNG: It is.

15 MR. STROIA: I move we adopt.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

17 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Aye.

20 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

21 MR. ORR: Aye.

22 MS. WERREN: Aye.

23 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

2 Can I have a motion and a second to  
3 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
4 readings?

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

7 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Aye.

10 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

11 MR. ORR: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

17 And can I have a motion and a second to  
18 adopt Ordinance 63-2022 under suspension of  
19 the rules?

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

22 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Aye.

25 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

1 MR. ORR: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

7 Okay. And 8B, can I have a motion and a  
8 second to read by title only Ordinance  
9 64-2022?

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

12 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

16 MR. ORR: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

19 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

22 Ben.

23 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
24 Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter  
25 into an agreement with Plain Township for the

1 extension of city waterlines as part of the  
2 Township's Orion Street reconstruction  
3 project, and declaring the same to be an  
4 emergency.

5 MR. STROIA: All right. Jamie, formerly  
6 rubbish, now utilities.

7 MR. MCCLEASTER: I was going to remark on  
8 that. This is the first item brought up  
9 under the utilities committee, formally known  
10 as water, sewer, and rubbish. So new  
11 beginnings I guess.

12 So this is a project, Plain actually did  
13 reach out to us. They are doing some work  
14 over on Orion and wanted to see if there was  
15 some possibility for collaboration. And we  
16 are going to be able to I guess loop in our  
17 waterlines, as you would call it, which might  
18 potentially get us some more customers down  
19 the road.

20 But this is a joint venture between Plain  
21 Township and the City of North Canton. And  
22 I'd pass it on to Patrick, if he had any  
23 other thoughts or I have any holes in any  
24 description there.

25 MR. DEORIO: Well, I guess there is a

1           little bit more of a backstory that I think  
2           should be told, because I think that it  
3           illustrates the collaboration between  
4           competing entities, the City of North Canton  
5           and Plain Township, and that we can find ways  
6           to cut across those competing interests and  
7           do something together.

8                        So Plain Township's road superintendent,  
9           JP Neff, reached out to me concerning if I  
10          would write a letter of endorsement of their  
11          project on Orion. Orion is west -- the  
12          section that they wish to do is west of where  
13          Eastwind and Arnesby come out. That's a  
14          neighborhood that I used to live, so I'm very  
15          familiar with it. It floods all the time and  
16          buckles their roadway all the time, no matter  
17          how many times they replace it.

18                       So they want to do curb and gutter and  
19          deal with some of the water issues there.  
20          They thought an endorsement letter from the  
21          City would help them with scoring. We  
22          reached out to our City Engineer who advised  
23          us there is a better way to get more points,  
24          and that would be for us to extend the City's  
25          waterline interest.

1           And we do have an interest in doing that,  
2           because west of that intersection, there are  
3           people that are on wells on the north side of  
4           the street. So this would enable us to get  
5           some additional customers, but at the same  
6           time, it would allow us to loop our system to  
7           provide better redundancies, in the event  
8           that water goes out to our existing customers  
9           over in the City's old neighborhood where I  
10          live or the one to the west, which is  
11          Winterberry Green.

12           Then we want to commend Ben Young. There  
13          was some -- I want to use the right word  
14          here. There was some lag time involved  
15          between getting Plain Township's law  
16          department to draft something that we could  
17          consider and getting it to our legal counsel,  
18          our law department. And Ben stepped into  
19          that void and helped model some legislation  
20          after what we had done with our Stark County  
21          project with Pittsburg Road.

22           And so he had put that together. So we  
23          appreciate that. That sped it up. We got it  
24          to their legal counsel and their trustees and  
25          their Administrator, and same with our legal

1           counsel and myself, and signed off on that.

2           And they too are facing the September  
3           16th deadline. So we are asked to pass this  
4           tonight. Tomorrow Plain Township Trustees  
5           will meet at their regular meeting and they  
6           will pass this on an emergency, so that they  
7           can get in there. So hopefully it's a  
8           project that gets awarded to them and that we  
9           can say we played a collaborative part in it.

10          Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11          MR. MCCLEASTER: Thank you, Patrick,  
12          for -- for that explanation. With that, I  
13          would move that we -- we pass.

14          MS. WERREN: Second.

15          MR. STROIA: All in favor?

16          MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

17          MR. STROIA: Aye.

18          MR. METHENEY: Aye.

19          MR. ORR: Aye.

20          MS. WERREN: Aye.

21          MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

22          MR. STROIA: Opposed?

23          (No response.)

24          MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

25          Can I have a motion and a second to

1 suspend the rules of Council requiring three  
2 readings?

3 MR. ORR: I'll make that motion.

4 MR. METHENEY: Second.

5 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

6 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

7 MR. STROIA: Aye.

8 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

9 MR. ORR: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

15 And, finally, can I have a motion and a  
16 second to adopt Ordinance 64-2022 under  
17 suspension of the rules?

18 MR. MCCLEASTER: So moved.

19 MR. METHENEY: Second.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

21 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

23 MR. STROIA: Aye.

24 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

25 MR. ORR: Aye.



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MS. WERREN: Aye.

MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

Okay. So at this time, any new business?

Well, do you want -- can we reverse final  
call for new business? Would anyone have a  
problem? Can I make --

MR. YOUNG: Motion to amend the agenda.

MR. STROIA: A motion to amend the agenda  
and have final call of new business before  
department reports.

MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

MR. MCCLEASTER: Second.

MR. STROIA: All in favor?

MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Aye.

MR. METHENEY: Aye.

MR. ORR: Aye.

MS. WERREN: Aye.

MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

MR. STROIA: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

1           So this will be the final call for new  
2           business here.

3           MR. REVOLDT: I'm going to propose an  
4           amendment to our new rules, and this is  
5           specific to Rule 37, if you would look at the  
6           language. This is what I'm going to suggest,  
7           is that if you will proceed to the sentence  
8           that begins "additionally," strike "once per  
9           quarterly" and replace it "once each even  
10          numbered month." And then in the following  
11          sentence, strike "quarterly" and replace that  
12          with -- I think it was bi-monthly.

13          MR. STROIA: Semi?

14          MR. REVOLDT: Pardon?

15          MR. STROIA: Is it semi --

16          MR. REVOLDT: Bi-monthly. Bi-monthly.

17          MR. STROIA: Yeah. Yeah.

18          MR. REVOLDT: Semi would be twice a  
19          month.

20          MR. STROIA: Right. Right.

21          MR. REVOLDT: So such bi-monthly speaking  
22          opportunities shall be scheduled by the  
23          President of Council. So that is my  
24          proposal --

25          MR. METHENEY: Can we make it the first

1 Council meeting of the month, of the --  
2 instead of by President of Council --

3 MR. REVOLDT: I don't want it -- I -- I  
4 will go every other month.

5 MR. METHENEY: No. I understand every  
6 other month. But have it scheduled for the  
7 first Council meeting --

8 MR. STROIA: I mean, I will. I don't  
9 know if that needs to be in the rules.

10 MR. METHENEY: It makes it easier for  
11 Ben, because he doesn't need to wait on  
12 everything. He can automatically put it in  
13 the agenda.

14 MR. STROIA: Our goal is to have our  
15 schedule at least six months laid out. It  
16 would be nice to have an annual schedule. So  
17 it will be that way.

18 MR. REVOLDT: It's something we should  
19 look forward to when we approve that  
20 schedule.

21 MR. STROIA: Right. Yeah. I agree with  
22 that. I'm not sure it's necessary that it be  
23 in the rules. But it would be -- it would  
24 make sense.

25 MR. MCCLEASTER: And I think that's -- as

1 long as we have things laid out like we do.  
2 I think you and I talked earlier. Because I  
3 had a call from a constituent this morning  
4 that -- or this afternoon that also was  
5 concerned about when it would lie. But as  
6 long as we have everything laid out, yeah, I  
7 think it's fine.

8 MS. WERREN: I think at the beginning of  
9 the year, we'll state when the six times are  
10 and --

11 MR. STROIA: I agree.

12 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yeah.

13 MR. STROIA: I mean, I think that would  
14 be fantastic.

15 MS. WERREN: I guess I would say that,  
16 you know, David, to -- how you said that if  
17 this gets carried away, you know, I think  
18 that we need to review it again. I mean,  
19 we've made a lot of steps to try to have  
20 decorum and not have Matt have to gavel  
21 people down every single time.

22 And, you know, we went from zero to --  
23 and I was surprised, you know, until I talked  
24 to Daryl last week about the four, because  
25 that wasn't mentioned either. And now we are

1 to six, with, again, the availability of all  
2 of us basically 24/7 to call and get things  
3 moved even more -- more quickly. And with  
4 the availability of us to ask Matt at any  
5 point to put something on the agenda.

6 So if this is just a free speech, again,  
7 for attacks and people to be thrown out, then  
8 I'm going to ask that we review it and take  
9 it away. It is a privilege. And that's what  
10 you had said also.

11 MR. REVOLDT: You'll have to fight me for  
12 that.

13 MS. WERREN: For what?

14 MR. REVOLDT: To get reviewed if we have  
15 a problem.

16 MS. WERREN: Because why?

17 MR. REVOLDT: Because I won't tolerate  
18 it. I won't tolerate a problem. It can go  
19 away.

20 MS. WERREN: Well, then why have it?  
21 That's my point.

22 MR. REVOLDT: I understand.

23 MS. WERREN: So then, again, we are to  
24 the same issue where North Canton is the  
25 laughing stock of public meetings. And those

1 same people that we talked about that we're  
2 trying to say, hey, come up and speak and we  
3 want you here, they do not want to come.

4 So --

5 MR. REVOLDT: We have a proposal with a  
6 motion.

7 MR. STROIA: Any further discussion?

8 MR. YOUNG: I believe Daryl needs a  
9 second still.

10 MR. STROIA: I was asking if we have any  
11 more discussion first, if it's being -- okay?

12 MR. MCCLEASTER: I'll second Daryl's  
13 proposal.

14 MR. STROIA: Okay. All in favor?

15 MR. ORR: Can we have a roll call?

16 MR. STROIA: Sure. Roll call vote,  
17 please.

18 MR. YOUNG: Member Metheney.

19 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

20 MR. YOUNG: Member McCleaster.

21 MR. MCCLEASTER: Yes.

22 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

23 MS. WERREN: Yes.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

25 MR. STROIA: Yes.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

3 MR. YOUNG: Member Orr.

4 MR. ORR: Nay.

5 MR. YOUNG: Five in favor, one opposed.

6 MR. REVOLDT: This will require a second  
7 vote on the 26th, correct?

8 MR. STROIA: Yes.

9 MR. YOUNG: Yes, so this would count as  
10 your motion to consider. Although President  
11 Stroia still needs to call the result of the  
12 vote.

13 MR. STROIA: Motion passes five to one.

14 Next up, department reports --

15 MR. METHENEY: Can I -- can I add another  
16 amendment to these rules?

17 MR. STROIA: Sure.

18 MR. METHENEY: So one of the things that  
19 we do -- and Ben and I spoke about this -- is  
20 we make a motion to read by title only, when  
21 in essence we could put in the rules that all  
22 ordinances are read by title only unless  
23 stipulated otherwise. We are making motions  
24 that just seem frivolous, in my opinion, and  
25 it would be an easy rule to bypass --

1 MS. WERREN: I like that. Save words.

2 MR. METHENEY: -- and President Stroia  
3 can say, when it's time to move on, Ben,  
4 please read the next ordinance. And put that  
5 in the rules to -- to eliminate a motion and  
6 a second to read by title only.

7 MS. WERREN: Yeah, that's great. Dave,  
8 there was a time we all had to vote --  
9 remember, Daryl? Or Matt, were you here,  
10 too? And it took so much time. And each  
11 person was called. And it was kind for that  
12 same -- same idea. So, yeah, great idea.

13 MR. STROIA: Patrick.

14 MR. DEORIO: I don't know if this is what  
15 Member Metheney meant, but it kind of sent  
16 chills up my spine, I was so excited about  
17 it. There was a time when I served on City  
18 Council and I had our Law Director at the  
19 time look into it, and it was okay, but I  
20 couldn't get the votes on Council to do it.  
21 But there was a time where you could just at  
22 the beginning of the meeting make one motion  
23 for the Clerk to read all the ordinances by  
24 title only all at one time and get it out of  
25 the way.



1 MS. WERREN: But how did you have  
2 discussion?

3 MR. DEORIO: Then we just went on to the  
4 agenda and just pulled up each item. You  
5 would just pull up each item, but you don't  
6 have to make that motion again. I don't know  
7 if that's what you were saying or if I  
8 misunderstood.

9 MR. METHENEY: I want to stop the motion  
10 and the second to read by title only that we  
11 do before every ordinance. Just -- it's in  
12 the rules that we always read by title only,  
13 unless --

14 MR. STROIA: Yes.

15 MR. METHENEY: -- it's requested to read  
16 the entire ordinance.

17 MS. WERREN: The first two, like,  
18 basically motions?

19 MR. METHENEY: Yes.

20 MS. WERREN: I love it. That's thirty  
21 minutes --

22 MR. MCCLEASTER: I was going to say,  
23 that's going to add minutes to each item we  
24 discuss, so --

25 MR. STROIA: I am certainly not opposed

1 to that.

2 MR. METHENEY: Ben, could you type that  
3 up? Well, actually, I'll make a motion that  
4 we eliminate reading -- or the -- the  
5 motion to read by title only --

6 THE REPORTER: Sorry, Dave. Say again.

7 MR. METHENEY: Eliminate the motion to  
8 read by title only and make it a standard  
9 rule that all ordinances are read by title  
10 only unless otherwise stated -- otherwise  
11 specified.

12 MR. YOUNG: Let me check something.

13 MR. STROIA: I mean, does that even need  
14 to be a rule? Is it in our -- what rule  
15 number is that?

16 MR. YOUNG: We don't really have a rule  
17 addressing it at this point. It's a  
18 traditional procedural thing that the Law  
19 Director in 1980 advised then Council --

20 MR. STROIA: Got you.

21 MR. YOUNG: -- how to proceed, and we  
22 never changed it since, as far as I can tell.

23 MR. STROIA: So, I mean, can that be a  
24 resolution or does it have to be a Council  
25 rule?

1           MR. YOUNG: I mean, it won't hurt you to  
2 put it in the rules.

3           MR. STROIA: I mean, it doesn't matter.  
4 It's semantics to me.

5           MR. METHENEY: I think it's an easy fix  
6 for something that's just frivolous and time  
7 consuming.

8           MS. WERREN: Yeah.

9           MR. STROIA: Yes.

10          MR. METHENEY: Then I don't have to read  
11 it with the minutes every time.

12          MS. WERREN: Is that what started to bug  
13 you?

14          MR. METHENEY: Yes.

15          MS. WERREN: Yeah.

16          MR. MCCLEASTER: And save printer  
17 cartridges.

18          MS. WERREN: As a speed reader, you're  
19 like --

20          MR. STROIA: It's fun to read it out  
21 loud, though.

22          MR. METHENEY: So we have a motion --

23          MR. REVOLDT: I have a question for our  
24 Law Director. The Mayor, under our Charter,  
25 is entitled to introduce legislation. Does

1           this proposal weaken Council's ability to  
2           reject that legislation?

3           MR. BOYER:   How so?

4           MR. REVOLDT:   Well, we may not want it  
5           even on -- up for vote.  Or you may only have  
6           four.  I'm just trying -- I'm trying to get  
7           this straight in my head.

8           MR. DEORIO:   Is this not just reading by  
9           title only?  It's not a matter of accepting  
10          it.

11          MR. BOYER:   Right.

12          MR. DEORIO:   It's a matter of just having  
13          read it by title only.  Making that motion to  
14          read by title only --

15          MR. REVOLDT:   Right.  Okay.

16          MR. DEORIO:   -- it's just going to be  
17          read.

18          MR. REVOLDT:   Okay.  All right.

19          MS. WERREN:   These are just words.

20          MR. STROIA:   Basically.

21          MS. WERREN:   Yeah.

22          MR. YOUNG:   It's functionally  
23          putting it --

24          MS. WERREN:   Functionally.

25          MR. YOUNG:   -- on the floor to be

1           considered as a made motion.

2           MS. WERREN: Did you motion?

3           MR. METHENEY: I did.

4           MS. WERREN: I second.

5           MR. YOUNG: Does what's on the screen  
6 meet what you're looking for?

7           MR. METHENEY: Yes. All legislation  
8 appearing on Council's agenda under old  
9 business or new business shall be read by  
10 title only unless otherwise specified by vote  
11 of Council, provided the Charter requirement  
12 that the full text is provided to Council  
13 members prior to a meeting is met.

14          MS. WERREN: Very well written.

15          MR. METHENEY: Prior to when meetings are  
16 met.

17          MR. YOUNG: How about "prior to the  
18 meeting"?

19          MR. METHENEY: There you go. That didn't  
20 flow very well. Yes. So we'll have the full  
21 information.

22          MS. WERREN: Right.

23          MR. METHENEY: It's just reading by title  
24 only --

25          MS. WERREN: Right.

1 MR. METHENEY: -- is the motion.

2 MR. DEORIO: I guess for point of  
3 clarification, I'm not sure that this changed  
4 anything then. It's just saying that any  
5 legislation that appears shall be read by  
6 title only. It's actually saying that you  
7 shall read it --

8 MS. WERREN: No.

9 MR. DEORIO: -- by title only.

10 MR. METHENEY: Yes, we will read by title  
11 only. We're just not going to make a motion.

12 MS. WERREN: No. I thought you  
13 were limiting -- I thought we were going to  
14 say that at the beginning, and then he  
15 wasn't going to have to do that for any of  
16 them.

17 MR. METHENEY: No. I still want him to  
18 read the title.

19 MR. YOUNG: Each one.

20 MR. METHENEY: Each one.

21 MS. WERREN: Okay.

22 MR. METHENEY: I just don't want to go  
23 through the motion --

24 MR. STROIA: Right.

25 MR. METHENEY: -- the second --

1 MS. WERREN: Got it.

2 MR. METHENEY: -- all approve.

3 MR. ORR: Yeah.

4 MS. WERREN: Yeah. Okay. So I knew we  
5 were going to read the title of it.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: And that's what this  
7 does.

8 MR. METHENEY: We are still going to read  
9 the title --

10 MS. WERREN: Yes.

11 MR. METHENEY: -- before discussing and  
12 voting and passing legislation.

13 MR. YOUNG: So, for example, if we go  
14 back to Ordinance 64, we get to 64, President  
15 Stroia would say, Ben, please read the title  
16 of Ordinance 64. I would read the title. So  
17 we'd skip that first motion, a motion and  
18 second to read by title only.

19 MS. WERREN: Yes.

20 MR. YOUNG: If for some reason you wanted  
21 the entire legislation read in its entirety  
22 for whatever reason, you so may choose. You  
23 can certainly make a motion to do that.

24 MR. STROIA: Okay. Yeah.

25 MR. REVOLDT: What are you doing tomorrow

1 morning at 9:00?

2 MR. YOUNG: Probably delivering that  
3 ordinance to Township offices, so they can --

4 MR. REVOLDT: So I thought you should be  
5 reprogramming my 40 years of service here to  
6 put this -- get this out of my head. Okay?  
7 Probably take two hours of -- and a car  
8 battery.

9 MS. WERREN: So we are reading this, and  
10 then we'll read this --

11 MR. REVOLDT: So there is a motion and a  
12 second.

13 MR. METHENEY: No second yet.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt will second.

15 MR. STROIA: All in favor?

16 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

17 MR. STROIA: Aye.

18 MR. METHENEY: Aye.

19 MR. ORR: Aye.

20 MS. WERREN: Aye.

21 MR. MCCLEASTER: Aye.

22 MR. STROIA: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. STROIA: Motion carries.

25 Excellent. Thank you, Ben.



1 MR. REVOLDT: Just so we read it correct.

2 MR. YOUNG: Yeah.

3 MR. MCCLEASTER: Uh-huh.

4 MR. STROIA: Yes. Yeah. Okay.

5 Department reports. Deputy Director of  
6 Administration.

7 MR. DEORIO: She is excused this evening.

8 MR. STROIA: Director of Administration.  
9 Patrick.

10 MR. DEORIO: Yes. Okay. So I first want  
11 to say that the municipal pool, we have  
12 closed another season. Now that Labor Day  
13 has passed us, the pool is officially closed  
14 for the season. We'll be meeting with the  
15 YM -- excuse me. Okay. I'll just stand for  
16 this section. My seat just kind of went  
17 right to the floor.

18 So we'll be meeting with the YMCA here in  
19 the next couple of weeks to discuss the final  
20 updates and reconciling of the books  
21 regarding their management there. We should  
22 note for the record that the total number of  
23 members this year exceeded 4,576, which is a  
24 record. Last year it was 3,900 and change.  
25 So a significant increase.

1           So I think that -- kudos to the Council  
2           for the investments in the pool, and allowing  
3           us to maintain that in a very esthetic way is  
4           increasing that membership. So that's a good  
5           thing. The number of households that were  
6           members were 1,599 households. Pretty  
7           substantial.

8           MS. WERREN: That's great.

9           MR. DEORIO: I will caution, though, that  
10          as we get into this year's -- next year's  
11          budget, that we will probably have to come  
12          back and address pool rates again. Because  
13          the cost in the production of chemicals to  
14          treat the water is growing astronomically.

15          This also affects our water treatment  
16          plant, in the amount of chemicals we consume  
17          there. It affects all water treatment plants  
18          everywhere. So unless something changes  
19          between now and next pool opening in May, we  
20          are -- we are budgeting for a fairly  
21          substantial increase in chemical cost. And  
22          at some point we are going to have to address  
23          that as far as membership rates.

24          Jina and her staff and myself and my  
25          staff are working fervently on the budget.

1 We have had a number of meetings to get to  
2 the point where we get to have more meetings.  
3 And these meetings that are up and coming are  
4 to kind of see where everything kind of fits,  
5 what may be required to be cut and triaged  
6 for the Mayor to be able to send that to City  
7 Council. It's his budget.

8 So once those meetings are in place and  
9 those changes have been made, then you have  
10 all scheduled your time individually to meet  
11 with Jina and myself to review and talk about  
12 individual questions that you could have  
13 before we bring it to the City Council. And  
14 the intent is to make sure every one of you  
15 are more informed and more able to  
16 participate in discussions about the budget  
17 in your Council meeting.

18 Number three -- I just have four, so  
19 there are two more. Getting more serious in  
20 topic, though. As you -- you know me as your  
21 Director of Administration, but that is a  
22 title that encompasses two other things. I'm  
23 actually the Director of Public Safety and  
24 the Director of Public Service.

25 Those are the two divisions or

1 departments, if you will, that are recognized  
2 by the Charter, and I oversee those. So as  
3 the Director of Public Safety, I take that  
4 seriously, and I take the duties as Director  
5 of Public Service very seriously.

6 As it relates to these meetings, you'll  
7 note that a disclaimer was put out in your  
8 packet, as you saw, anybody that got a  
9 packet, publicly or as a member of Council,  
10 indicating that we were going to begin  
11 wandering individuals and subject to a bag  
12 search before public meetings. That's not  
13 just City Council. But that will be Planning  
14 Commission and ZBA, Zoning Board of Appeals,  
15 as well.

16 It is my responsibility to make sure that  
17 these meetings -- although it's your meeting,  
18 it's in -- it's in a building that I oversee,  
19 to make sure that these meetings stay safe,  
20 not just for you, but for all members of the  
21 public who may be coming here, and try to  
22 provide that in a very calm -- calming  
23 demeanor. So we know that there is nothing  
24 to worry about once the police department is  
25 doing their thing over here. So we are very

1 grateful to Chief Kemp and his team for being  
2 able to lead us in that effort. So -- but  
3 that came as a directive from me.

4 Flooding. So there isn't a week that  
5 goes by that I'm still not addressing and  
6 getting out and taking care of flooding  
7 concerns. I was out again today. I was out  
8 again last week. And some of these I'm able  
9 to ascertain that there is a City  
10 responsibility. And on those  
11 responsibilities, as the Director of Public  
12 Service, I take them very seriously to  
13 resolve these issues.

14 However, there are issues that are not  
15 the City's responsibility, that the City is  
16 not at fault. And some may not accept those  
17 answers. But they are the answers  
18 nonetheless. We are sorry. We sympathize,  
19 but it's not within our scope of authority to  
20 address those issues. They are not issues  
21 that can be addressed.

22 For instance, the standard to build the  
23 storm sewer systems throughout the United  
24 States is to build them in the public roadway  
25 and to accommodate up to a ten-year flood, a

1 ten-year rain. And without getting into the  
2 whole debate on climate change and that that  
3 ten years may or may not be the same as what  
4 it was when it was devised, that is what the  
5 standard is that everybody still builds to  
6 today.

7 To build to a higher standard involves  
8 significantly more money. And I'm not sure  
9 that even if you built to the higher  
10 standards, that you'd be allowed to. Because  
11 ultimately, the water doesn't stay in North  
12 Canton. It's passed off to another  
13 jurisdiction. And I can tell you in meeting  
14 with various federal agencies that passing  
15 that water off to another jurisdiction in a  
16 faster manner is not something that is deemed  
17 appropriate. And so we have to deal with  
18 what we have, and this is what we have.

19 So to the extent that we can do some  
20 things that may help alleviate that, for  
21 instance -- and I'm not -- I'm not one to --  
22 I'm not the Administrator who's going to talk  
23 to you about everything that we do, because  
24 that's just all a bunch of talk. We actually  
25 want to do things. But as it relates to

1           perhaps some of the bigger things, is that,  
2           you know, I too have observed a number of  
3           retention basins that the City is in control  
4           of and have felt that that is something that  
5           we are addressing and that we are hiring a  
6           consultant to answer these questions.

7                     Can I dig these retention basins deeper?  
8           Can I make those embankments taller? Can I  
9           widen or expand the retention basins, as  
10          well, by acquiring additional property  
11          nearby? And what -- to what capacity will  
12          that help solve the problem? How many tens  
13          of millions of gallons of water can we  
14          absorb? And that's the goal.

15                    So we are trying to do these things, and  
16          we are moving forward. Some of the bigger  
17          projects have to be moving forward in a  
18          delivered manner. We are budgeting as part  
19          of this process to be able to pay for that  
20          consultant to come in here. And some -- we  
21          may have some funds available at the moment  
22          to get that process started, but recognizing  
23          that this is a study or an analysis that  
24          they'll do that will take several months. So  
25          it may not be completed this year. We may

1 not have to pay for the full thing this year,  
2 but we may have to initiate a deposit to get  
3 it going. But that's the intent on there.

4 So I don't take it lightly. I don't  
5 accept the word "inaction." You'll hear from  
6 me when we present the budget talking about  
7 how there was a period of time in this City  
8 when there was inaction, and that we are far  
9 from that. So we are doing things.

10 So I apologize for my seat going down  
11 abruptly and having to stand. But thank you  
12 for your indulgence.

13 MR. MCCLEASTER: Thank you.

14 MR. STROIA: Thank you, Patrick.

15 Okay. Mayor.

16 MAYOR WILDER: Yes. Thank you, President  
17 Stroia. And Patrick, thank you again. We  
18 are addressing the flooding issues. We have  
19 been. And we have been in conversation and  
20 he has been challenged for this, this  
21 consulting, to see where we are going to be,  
22 not only now, but for in the future. So we  
23 are addressing those issues from the big rain  
24 that we had I think on May 14th as I recall,  
25 somewhere right around there.



1           But if you'll bear with me, I have some  
2           comments tonight I'd like to make. First of  
3           all, this came across the desk today. There  
4           is going to be a Zimber Ditch creek cleanup.  
5           I don't know if you saw that. Creek cleanup  
6           at the Zimber Ditch. That's going to be  
7           sponsored by the Nimishillen Creek Watershed  
8           Partners. It's going to be 9:00 a.m. to noon  
9           this Saturday, September the 17th. They are  
10          going to offer a free lunch. And people can  
11          meet at 1000 West Maple Street in Price Park.

12           My only concerns would be dress for the  
13          weather. You may want to bring some gloves,  
14          maybe a bucket. I'm not sure what all they  
15          are going to provide. But this stems out of  
16          the LEAP program, the Litter Elimination  
17          Awareness and Prevention. And this is --  
18          coincides with the international coastal  
19          cleanup day. That's the world's largest  
20          annual preservation and protection event for  
21          our oceans and beaches. So they coordinate  
22          that each day. I just wanted to pass that  
23          on.

24           A thank you -- Council, if you are not  
25          aware again, thank you to the employees of

1 Van Nostran Young and Coutts Insurance  
2 Company in sponsoring a first responders and  
3 family appreciation dinner. That was  
4 recently held at -- last Friday, September  
5 the 9th, at Dogwood Park Shelter.

6 They coordinated this event in support of  
7 our safety services, our frontline workers,  
8 and as a remembrance of what they do and  
9 respect for what they -- what they do here,  
10 and also in remembrance, too, of the tragic  
11 events of September 11, 2001, the attacks on  
12 the United States.

13 Also, I thank a partner of our City,  
14 believe it or not, is Steve Toohey, for  
15 Operation Flags of Freedom. And he was there  
16 for his display. And Mission BBQ provided  
17 food. And I appreciated that wonderful flag  
18 display that was along Dogwood -- at Dogwood  
19 Park along Seventh Street.

20 Folks, I had the opportunity -- I was  
21 privileged to present a proclamation to the  
22 North Canton Heritage Society at its  
23 celebration of its 50th anniversary and its  
24 mission to preserve, protect, and share the  
25 history and heritage of North Canton.

1           Please bear with me on a couple more  
2           comments from that proclamation. I do have a  
3           copy of it here if you'd like to see it. But  
4           this society has since prospered under the  
5           visionary leadership -- and some of you may  
6           remember -- Ruth Harpold Basner, the first  
7           Society director. And then directors who  
8           followed her have each dedicated themselves  
9           to preserving and sharing and interpreting  
10          the history of North Canton community and to  
11          the increasing public awareness and  
12          appreciation of the community's heritage.  
13          And the North Canton Heritage Society plays a  
14          vital role as an educational resource for our  
15          schools, community, and creating  
16          opportunities to better understand the City's  
17          progress from New Berlin to North Canton.

18                 And throughout its 50 years, preserving  
19          the history of North Canton and its place in  
20          time, the Society has and will continue to  
21          record and -- record the survival and  
22          progress of this wonderful city in our  
23          ever-changing world. I had an opportunity to  
24          present that proclamation to a gathering here  
25          in the City, and I offered to re-read that at

1 a board meeting, if you'd like it.

2 I also had the privilege --  
3 coincidentally with the discussion that we  
4 probably had earlier is on September the  
5 17th, 2022, that marks the 235th anniversary  
6 of the drafting of the Constitution of the  
7 United States of America by the  
8 Constitutional convention. So I do this  
9 every year, and it's in accordance with  
10 public law 915, guarantees the issuing of a  
11 proclamation each year by the President of  
12 the United States of America, and designates  
13 the week of September 17th through September  
14 23rd as Constitution week.

15 Folks, I also had the opportunity to be  
16 invited to participate in the Operation  
17 Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield  
18 recognition for those veterans on Labor Day  
19 at the Stark County Fair. Had the  
20 opportunity to be -- to present some comments  
21 in support of their legacy of what they did  
22 for not only our country, but for humanity  
23 and around -- for our globe.

24 Just so you know, again, our veterans day  
25 ceremony we'll have at Bitzer Park on

1 November the 11th at 11:00. We will have our  
2 veterans day ceremony to honor our vets.

3 And I also like to bring -- as we all  
4 know, the world received sad news with the  
5 announcement of Queen Elizabeth II death this  
6 past week. And condolences of course are  
7 coming from around the world and within the  
8 Commonwealth. And for some of us, that is  
9 the only monarch that we have known in our  
10 entire life.

11 And I also want to bring to your  
12 attention for the family of Robert Yoder, his  
13 passing, thoughts and prayers for their  
14 family and his -- thankfulness for Robert's  
15 willingness to lead us, not only as past  
16 President of the North Canton Chamber Area of  
17 Commerce, but he was also a past President  
18 for the North Canton Rotary Club.

19 And, folks, may we always remember the  
20 almost 3,000 people who lost their lives  
21 during the attacks of September 11, 2001 on  
22 the United States, as we continue to truly  
23 build a healthy community and stronger  
24 nation, and hopefully a peaceful world in  
25 their remembrance. I have a personal friend

1           who is a New York police officer who's now  
2           facing retirement due to his illness that he  
3           received when he responded to the attacks in  
4           2001. So although we may say 3,000 now, but  
5           more may be dying in the future because of  
6           that service. Kind of gives me chills when I  
7           think about that.

8                        So those are my comments tonight. And if  
9           you'd like to see any of the proclamations  
10          here, I have them for you. And this Council,  
11          this political body has a lot of things to  
12          work on. But hopefully all for the better.  
13          You'll work things through. We'll make  
14          things happen for our community, because we  
15          do work better and stronger every day. I  
16          said it before, there isn't a day that  
17          doesn't go by in our City administrative  
18          offices that we don't resolve an issue for  
19          someone or try our best to resolve issues.  
20          We do it every day.

21                       And I want to, again, reiterate that we  
22          are responsive, and we have an obligation to  
23          be responsive to our citizens and try to help  
24          them out in the best way we can. Sometimes  
25          we can and sometimes we can't. And as I said

1 before, I can't please everybody all the  
2 time, but you know what, I'm going to make  
3 every effort and continue to do that for the  
4 betterment of our community.

5 So President Stroia, thank you for the --  
6 that time.

7 MR. STROIA: Thank you, Mayor.  
8 Director of Finance. Jina.

9 MS. ALABACK: I have no report tonight.

10 MR. STROIA: Thanks. Let's go to the --  
11 let's go to Ben over there.

12 MR. YOUNG: I just note, on the other  
13 side of my duties, on August 29th, we had a  
14 sergeant's promotional exam. We had four  
15 people take that exam. All four people  
16 passed. And the Commission approved those  
17 exam results last Friday. So that is  
18 officially our eligible list. That's it.

19 MR. STROIA: All right. Thank you.  
20 Let's go to Council reports. Ward 1. Jamie.

21 MR. MCCLEASTER: Thank you, Mr.  
22 President. I actually want to thank  
23 Mr. DeOrio for his -- for him sharing the  
24 updates on the flooding. And I know from a  
25 number of conversations that I've had with

1           him that these are very thoughtful plans that  
2           they are putting into place. And I -- and I  
3           thank them for not going willy-nilly in doing  
4           things, but doing things thoughtfully,  
5           especially as it comes to, you know, some of  
6           the detention basins that you talked about  
7           that are in my ward. So thank you for that  
8           update. Thank you for engaging the -- an  
9           engineer to find a good appropriate solution.  
10          So thank you for sharing that.

11                   I also wanted to throw out -- I have  
12           gotten kind of excited about this. And we  
13           don't have Keri from the Chamber here this  
14           evening, and I know we are a couple weeks  
15           off. And I tried to engage John, and he told  
16           me no. But -- he's going to be out of town.  
17           Okay. So October 8th, they have got this --  
18           the New Berlin Festival, which is just  
19           fantastic. I mean, I've tried to convince  
20           Matt that we need to wear lederhosen, and  
21           he's telling me no. But I'm just going to  
22           throw out there -- I mean, Daryl, I'm looking  
23           right at you; they have got a sausage  
24           throwing contest. Do you want to do that  
25           or a sausage eating contest? I mean, this is



1 an exciting event -- another exciting event  
2 coming to the City. I'm fired up about it,  
3 so --

4 MR. REVOLDT: I shovel a lot of things.  
5 I'll shovel sausage.

6 MR. MCCLEASTER: There you go. Maybe  
7 I'll see you October 8th. So that's all I  
8 have to share this evening.

9 MR. STROIA: All right. Thank you,  
10 Jamie.

11 Ward 2. David.

12 MR. METHENEY: Thank you, President  
13 Stroia. So Rule 37, in public speaks, at  
14 times, conversations were intense; some of  
15 them were needed. Very spirited. But it was  
16 a dialogue and a conversation. Many options  
17 were discussed.

18 I honestly don't want my legacy as a  
19 pol -- in my political career and a servant  
20 to the residents of North Canton of ever  
21 restricting a resident's way of speaking.  
22 And they have many that they can choose from.

23 Am I pleased with the results? No. But  
24 I accept them as a compromise. We were  
25 moving in a direction not where I want it to

1 be, but moving in that direction. But I  
2 think that's what makes Council strong, is  
3 that they can have those conversations.

4 In the future, you know, if things are  
5 better and things work out well, I will  
6 continue to push for a monthly public speaks,  
7 and have the residents know that we are here  
8 to listen to them and resolve their issues.  
9 Thank you.

10 MR. STROIA: Thank you.

11 Ward 3. Stephanie.

12 MS. WERREN: Okay. Dave, very well said.  
13 I won't repeat that. Ben, thanks for getting  
14 me that information this week. I appreciate  
15 the research that you are willing to do for  
16 us and help us along. And thanks to Cathy  
17 and Patrick just always being available, and  
18 kind of any time you'll pick up the calls and  
19 will answer me. So thank you for that.  
20 Patrick, I always appreciate our good  
21 conversations.

22 And it's true, like if residents call me,  
23 I call you, like, immediately, and we get --  
24 we get things done really quickly. So I  
25 appreciate just the conversations with Dave

1 and Matt. Matt, thank you for just being a  
2 really good President and listening and  
3 taking the time. You know, some e-mail  
4 exchanges that happened this week, the amount  
5 of time that you spent on the phone with some  
6 constituents is -- is a lot. And you have a  
7 family. And I just appreciate what you are  
8 doing for us.

9 And just for the record, I know quite  
10 clearly that you knew I was gone last week,  
11 as did Daryl, as did Patrick. So, again, I  
12 guess when we talk about falsities, that was  
13 a false statement that was stated earlier  
14 that no one knew I was going to be gone.  
15 Oddly, I even called you during that week or  
16 e-mailed you while I was gone. So that's it.

17 MR. STROIA: All right. Thank you.

18 Ward 4. John.

19 MR. ORR: Yeah, a lot of things going on  
20 in Ward 4. I want to thank Patrick for the  
21 help on Rogwin Circle there. Hopefully we  
22 got that done. There was a piece of land  
23 there that the residents have been taking  
24 care of for 50-plus years. And we didn't  
25 really know it belonged to us, but lo and

1           behold, the nuisance officer got called for  
2           bushes overgrowing. Okay? So we got it  
3           handled. Thank you, Patrick, on that.

4           I want to also thank the City; a couple  
5           streets in my ward have been paved. They  
6           look beautiful; Sunset, Donner, and Glenwood.  
7           I wish we could have gone a little bit  
8           farther on -- well, I think -- is it -- Fair  
9           Oaks got done a little bit, too, Fair Oaks.  
10          If we could have gone to Park, it would look  
11          beautiful, you know, to Park Circle there.

12          Also, thank you so much for Tenth Street.  
13          Not in my ward, but that's another flooding  
14          issue, and we took care of that. It looks  
15          beautiful. And, you know, it took some time,  
16          but it got done. So thank you on that.

17          Spitzer, we've all driven by the old  
18          Spitzer. It looks beautiful. Hasn't looked  
19          that good since -- for years and years. So  
20          I'm excited to see what can be done there.  
21          You know, we only have 10 feet or so, but  
22          that would be very nice.

23          Matt, thank you. We had that constituent  
24          call, and we'll be walking up and down Knoll.  
25          I told Pat about it. And we really need to

1 really address that southern -- or pardon me,  
2 yeah, the southern boundary down there. So  
3 we'll handle that.

4 During the open speaks tonight, someone  
5 referred to us as a friendship club, you  
6 know. I sort of chuckled at that. You know,  
7 we are far from being a friendship club. We  
8 got a lot of business done. Matt and I, we  
9 can have a heated argument, but we still --  
10 we take care of the business, you know. I  
11 might not agree. He might not agree with me  
12 or what-have-you, but it goes on. And the  
13 majority voted, and I'll accept that. But we  
14 will revisit it, you know, and stuff, at that  
15 time.

16 But, again, I'm proud to be on this  
17 Council. We have got a great team here. And  
18 thank you so much.

19 MR. STROIA: Thank you, John.

20 Daryl.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Just a couple things  
22 quickly. Many of you may not have seen the  
23 press release that was issued by the fire  
24 department last week. We had a house fire.  
25 I think what's important are two key facts

1           that pertain to an earlier debate that we  
2           had.

3           Within the house, there were no working  
4           smoke detectors, and the property was a  
5           rental. Now, granted, that -- what that  
6           suggests community-wide to our rentals isn't  
7           clear, but I suspect that it may be  
8           indicative of some other safety issues that  
9           will be addressed with the rental  
10          registration coming online in January.

11          I should note parenthetically that our  
12          in-house IT specialist, our Clerk, has been  
13          assisting in the software rollout. That is a  
14          function that previous Clerks were unable to  
15          perform. And, again, as the Administrator  
16          indicated this evening, what we have  
17          developed is not so much a friendship club,  
18          but a working relationship across the various  
19          divisions of the City to execute projects.  
20          And I think that is a -- that really serves  
21          the -- our residents well.

22          Just as a -- just as a caveat -- and I  
23          apologize if I'm redundant for some of you,  
24          but Patrick has done a good job reviewing  
25          some of the City's remedial efforts regarding

1 flooding. I think it's important to bear --  
2 he touched upon this a little bit -- that  
3 both topography and land development patterns  
4 may prevent complete resolution of some  
5 problems.

6 When you look at the western edge of the  
7 City, for example, the grade from basically  
8 Lindy Lane, west, pretty flat as it rolls  
9 into the Zimber. There is no place for water  
10 to go.

11 Detention basins, good luck taking  
12 somebody's neighborhood out. We have what we  
13 have. And I think Patrick is absolutely spot  
14 on to acquire the technical assistance to  
15 make sure that what we do is sound from an  
16 engineering standpoint and also practical  
17 from a financial one.

18 So that's kind of my report for this  
19 evening. Thank you.

20 MR. STROIA: All right. Thank you,  
21 Daryl.

22 Okay. Ben, thank you for being able to  
23 do legislation on the fly.

24 MS. WERREN: Yeah, that was cool.

25 MR. STROIA: I mean, that is very

1 under-appreciated.

2 MR. YOUNG: Technically not --

3 MR. STROIA: It's what?

4 MR. YOUNG: Technically not --

5 MS. WERREN: Well, still.

6 MR. STROIA: It's -- I can tell you it's  
7 not happening at other Council meetings,  
8 though. When I went back and did research on  
9 our Council meetings, no, that doesn't  
10 happen.

11 MR. REVOLDT: You're waiting two weeks.

12 MR. STROIA: Right. Absolutely. So that  
13 is impressive.

14 Patrick, thank you for the updates on the  
15 flood. Jina, thank you for reaching out to  
16 everybody for the budget, as well. I love  
17 the process that you guys are going through  
18 to deal with the budget, compared to when I  
19 first came on. I mean, night and day.  
20 It's -- it's -- no one -- no one on Council  
21 can say they don't know what's going on with  
22 the budget. And, actually, no one in the  
23 audience can either, with all the public  
24 information that we have, the open.gov thing.  
25 I mean, it's -- it's unmatched.



1           I do -- although I didn't propose them at  
2           Council rules, I don't believe it's  
3           necessary. I'm going to have public  
4           availability before. So if anyone wants to  
5           meet with me or one of the ward people, if  
6           you guys want to do that, it's like office  
7           hours. It doesn't need to be part of Council  
8           rules.

9           So I'm almost always here at 6:15 before  
10          the meeting. I'll talk to a constituent.  
11          There are many constituents that honestly do  
12          not want to come to a meeting. They don't  
13          want to speak into a -- speak at the podium.  
14          They just don't want to come to meetings.  
15          That's a great opportunity to address it.  
16          And I encourage you to do more meetings. I  
17          think that that was a great way to reach out  
18          in the past that is not done. So that's up  
19          to you guys, though. I think it needs to be  
20          a standard. I don't think it needs to be  
21          required, but it -- it can certainly help.

22          You know, every year on Portage Street,  
23          the lanterns go up and you can walk that  
24          path. And it -- I can't -- it's very  
25          emotional to do it. And then this year, the

1 Weaver family put up a lighted display, right  
2 across from my house. And you can see it,  
3 it's about their son that was -- that lost  
4 his life in 9/11. It's very touching. And  
5 there are a lot of people driving up and down  
6 and walking around it. It's really nice to  
7 see everybody, you know, pay tribute in their  
8 own way. So I appreciate that.

9 I don't have anything else. Buy and  
10 support local, if you can. We are going to  
11 go to the meeting calendar here. Coming up  
12 on September 19th, we'll have a Committee of  
13 the Whole. And then September 26th, we will  
14 have a regular City Council meeting.

15 12A, can I get a motion and a second to  
16 adopt and approve the meetings calendar  
17 through December 1st, 2022, which is on the  
18 screen here? Do you want me to read those  
19 for the record or --

20 MS. WERREN: No.

21 MR. STROIA: -- is that okay that -- it's  
22 okay? Thank you. So I motion --

23 MR. YOUNG: Only time it would be -- if  
24 you do want to change any of them, you can  
25 change any except for December 1st, because

1           that's the Mayor's power to change that, not  
2           you guys.

3           MR. STROIA:   Got you.   That makes sense.  
4           Okay.   I move we adopt.

5           MR. REVOLDT:   Revoldt will second.

6           MR. STROIA:   All in favor?

7           MR. REVOLDT:   Aye.

8           MR. STROIA:   Aye.

9           MR. METHENEY:   Aye.

10          MR. ORR:   Aye.

11          MS. WERREN:   Aye.

12          MR. MCCLEASTER:   Aye.

13          MR. STROIA:   Opposed?

14          (No response.)

15          MR. STROIA:   Motion carries.

16          And, finally, motion to adjourn.

17          MR. REVOLDT:   Revoldt moves.

18          MS. WERREN:   Second.

19          MR. STROIA:   All in favor?

20          MR. REVOLDT:   Aye.

21          MR. STROIA:   Aye.

22          MR. METHENEY:   Aye.

23          MR. ORR:   Aye.

24          MS. WERREN:   Aye.

25          MR. MCCLEASTER:   Aye.

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MR. STROIA: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. STROIA: Adjourned.


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(This proceeding adjourned at 9:13 p.m.)

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ATTEST:

  
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Matthew Stroia,  
Council President

  
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Benjamin R. Young,  
Council Clerk

