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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF

FEBRUARY 3, 2020, MEETING

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Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton City Council, taken by me, the undersigned, Laurie Maryl Jonas, a Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, at the North Canton Civic Center, 845 West Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 7:40 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

3 Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large

4 Doug Foltz, Ward 1

5 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

6 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

7 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

8 Matthew Stroia, At Large

9 Patrick A. DeOrion, Director of Administration

10 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

11 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

12 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

13 Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of
Administration and Development

14 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

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1 MR. PETERS: I'd like to call to order the
2 special council meeting Monday, February 3rd, 7:40
3 p.m.
4 Ben, would you mind calling the roll again.
5 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?
6 MR. REVOLDT: Here.
7 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?
8 MR. FONTE: Here.
9 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters?
10 MR. PETERS: Here.
11 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz is absent. Member
12 Werren?
13 MRS. WERREN: Here.
14 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?
15 MR. STROIA: Here.
16 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?
17 MR. CERRETA: Here.
18 MR. YOUNG: Six present.
19 MR. PETERS: Thank you.
20 Motion and a second to excuse Member Foltz?
21 MR. CERRETA: So moved.
22 MR. REVOLDT: Second.
23 MR. PETERS: All in favor?
24 ("Aye" in unison.)
25 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

1 Okay. At this time, if you wish to address
2 council, please step forward, state your name and
3 address.

4 For the Record, as this is a special council
5 meeting I ask that comments be specific to the
6 ordinance on the agenda, 2-20.

7 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne. 307 Fairview
8 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

9 Since we have spent tens of thousands of
10 dollars on an audio system, I would like to see Ben
11 or somebody amp up the volume. You cannot hear.
12 This is no improvement than what we had at city hall.

13 MR. PETERS: Mr. Osborne, how does this
14 pertain to the paving project we have?

15 MR. OSBORNE: This is the meeting tonight I'm
16 talking about.

17 MR. PETERS: Okay. We're in a special
18 council meeting. If you would like to comment on the
19 repaving, replacement, repair or preventative
20 maintenance of certain city streets.

21 MR. OSBORNE: I'm commenting on the fact that
22 you can't hear out here.

23 MR. PETERS: We heard that. Thank you.

24 MR. OSBORNE: Thank you.

25 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

1 MR. PETERS: Okay. Does anyone else have
2 anything regarding the item on the agenda tonight?
3 Okay. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion and a
4 second to read by title only second reading Ordinance
5 2-20.

6 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

7 MR. CERRETA: Second.

8 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.
11 Tim.

12 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
13 director of administration of the City of North
14 Canton to advertise and receive bids according to the
15 specifications now on file in the director's office,
16 and authorizing the mayor, upon board of control
17 approval, to enter into a contract for the
18 resurfacing, repaving, replacement, repair, and
19 preventative maintenance of certain city streets and
20 alleys, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

21 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

22 Chairman Fonte.

23 MR. FONTE: Yes. We talked about this last
24 week. We were trying to get a list of streets
25 together, and, Pat, if you want to touch on this a

1 little bit, you know, we just want to get the budget
2 moved over, get this approved.

3 The only other quick question I had was I
4 remember they were talking last year about the gas
5 tax, that there may be some additional dollars
6 coming. I didn't know if somebody could look into
7 that eventually and see if it's in the budget already
8 or is that additional dollars coming. So I wasn't
9 clear on that. But, Patrick, if you can speak on
10 this for a minute, that would be great.

11 MR. DEORIO: Okay. I just wanted to make
12 council aware of kind of the process that we followed
13 to get to this point. We never really kind of talked
14 about that.

15 So from the perspective of the engineer works
16 with his team to figure out what -- what streets, you
17 know, are in need of repair, that also involves a
18 visual inspection. And from that he also takes into
19 consideration how streets are in proximity to one
20 another. And for a contractor who's bidding on this,
21 a big portion -- if you look through the bid specs at
22 all, a big portion of this is moving equipment to the
23 area and how much -- how many places do they have to
24 move around to. The more that they move around
25 through the city to pick up 15, 20 streets that we're

1 going to do, the more it adds up. So in some
2 respect, if it happens to be that there are streets
3 in need of repair that are more clustered together,
4 it makes sense to try to get as many of those as
5 possible because we don't have to pay every time then
6 to move it from one part of the ward or one part of
7 the city to another.

8 In addition, he also looks at what other big
9 projects are going through. So we've got Applegrove
10 that's a county project, and, you know, the
11 contracting company that's doing that is likely going
12 to be bidding on our project. And they historically
13 have been one of the most competitive ones. And we
14 believe that this, because they will have already had
15 equipment in place, it will put them in a position
16 that they can give an even better bid because the
17 equipment's already there. They don't have to pay to
18 get it there or move it around. It would be stored
19 there anyway.

20 So when you look through the list, that's
21 kind of why there's, this year, seemingly a cluster
22 of streets in the northeast end is because we're
23 doing Applegrove and that is why it makes sense to
24 kind of do some of the ones that are up in that area.
25 But in addition to that, to try to balance it out, we

1 do look at other parts of the city and so there are
2 some in the other wards as well. And, you know, that
3 changes from year to year depending on the needs.
4 We've had a mild winter so far. Some would say not a
5 winter at all. And we don't know what that will
6 bring us over the next five weeks but we could have,
7 if it would turn for the worst, we could get some
8 roads that might give way that would require, you
9 know, an accelerated schedule.

10 And so what we look at when we bid these
11 things out then is really try to look at, you know,
12 how many miles of road are we going to do because the
13 list could change. So that is what I would ask for
14 in the ordinance is that, as far as us bidding it
15 out, that we're not going to specify which streets.
16 We're telling you which ones we're going to do, but
17 what happens if something comes up that we've got a
18 really bad road and somebody else could -- we would
19 have to take a flyer on one of the other streets in
20 order to promote this one up there. If it's tied
21 directly into the ordinance it kind of prohibits us
22 from being able to move and have that flexibility.

23 So I went out and looked at those streets
24 myself and, you know, some may say, well, jeez, it
25 doesn't look like a road that you would find in

1 Mogadishu. That's right, it doesn't. And we don't
2 want it to look a road in Mogadishu because that's
3 going to be a lot more to repair. So a lot of this
4 is preventative maintenance. What we don't want to
5 do is we don't want to turn every road into Weber
6 Road. In Weber we rebuilt last year and, Rob, the
7 cost was --

8 MR. GRAHAM: About 750,000.

9 MR. DEORIO: For one street.

10 MR. FONTE: That's about our budget this
11 year.

12 MR. DEORIO: On this project here for the
13 general street repaving we're estimating on the
14 general 347,650.

15 MR. FONTE: So that's like half of the one
16 road budget of a total redo.

17 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. Exactly.

18 MR. DEORIO: So when they start to show signs
19 of fatigue, it doesn't make sense to let them go
20 completely because the cost to just mill off, you
21 know 2 inches and put down new asphalt is
22 substantially less than rebuilding the entire street.

23 MR. FONTE: Patrick?

24 MR. DEORIO: Yeah.

25 MR. FONTE: So in the years past, sometimes,

1 like, the council members at large or ward council
2 people, they pay close attention to their
3 subdivisions and let us know if they see something we
4 missed so that we address it. Last year, you know,
5 we got some really good pricing on the roads so we
6 were able to pick up three -- I think we did three
7 extra roads that weren't really on the list, like
8 Rose Lane I know got hit and I think it was Summit or
9 one of the other ones. So I'm hoping that that
10 happens.

11 And then if someone can just verify on the
12 gas tax if that's in the budget already. If did we
13 get or how do we get the money. I think it was
14 supposed to be like 300,000 a year additional to the
15 budget for the roads. So if they could dig into that
16 and look into that, I would appreciate it. Thanks.

17 MR. DEORIO: So this is the same process that
18 we followed last year, we had crews in the area up in
19 the north off of Radford and, you know, we could
20 have -- it made more economic sense to do those
21 little cul de sacs while they were there, while all
22 the equipment was there and we had the great bid
23 price, than to come back two years later to do one
24 little cul de sac and then leave. It just didn't --
25 doesn't make economic sense to look at it in that

1 way. So what we try to present to you is something
2 that doesn't involve any political considerations.
3 The mayor's not involved in this. As long as I've
4 been here, I haven't had the mayor involved in this.
5 This is something that the professionals sit together
6 and look at and bring out, and it's up to you to
7 decide whether that's something you can agree with or
8 you want to see a change. Or as Mr. Fonte says, he
9 likes to find more to do, more streets to do, and,
10 you know, we are certainly go that approach. So
11 that's what you have before you is what we feel is
12 the most economical, efficient way to get this job
13 done in a timely manner and still provide some
14 balance to the other wards.

15 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

16 MR. PETERS: I thank you for your comments.

17 In the interest of full disclosure, the
18 majority of these streets are in Ward 2 where the
19 mayor and I happen to reside. And I was, you know,
20 very aware of the possible optics and I took Rob and
21 Pat to task on Friday and had them explain to me in
22 detail why. One of the other things that Rob
23 mentioned is the subdivision that we're doing in the
24 northeast you're grinding only to what? an inch?

25 MR. GRAHAM: Inch and a half.

1 MR. PETERS: Inch and a half.

2 MR. GRAHAM: Whereas potentially if we waited
3 a couple more years, we could be into a full-depth
4 pavement situation where we're going the full 6
5 inches and maybe even the aggregate below if the
6 subbase gets wet. Like Weber, it was totally shot
7 and that had to go.

8 MR. PETERS: You took that into
9 consideration, and also based on the fact that the
10 equipment is going to be there.

11 MR. GRAHAM: Absolutely. Yes.

12 MR. PETERS: You certainly sharpened your
13 pencil on this one, so we appreciate that.

14 MR. FONTE: Rob, so, like, the inch and a
15 half milling and then you do it, so there's -- when I
16 went through The Sanctuary I was looking and there
17 was a few spots that were really more than an inch
18 deep.

19 MR. GRAHAM: Absolutely.

20 MR. FONTE: So the contingency is what?

21 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. We have a contingency in
22 there that after we mill that inch and a half, we
23 take a look and see what we're up against. And if we
24 have to, and we did it in a couple spots on the late
25 season pavement that you just mentioned, we'll go

1 back in and mill 3 more inches and put 3 inches of
2 base asphalt down. Because the last thing you want
3 to do is put an inch and a half on top of mud, but
4 that's going to be --

5 MR. FONTE: I get it.

6 MR. GRAHAM: -- for nine months. So we'll
7 take a look and hope we don't have -- you know, run
8 into a lot of those, we'll get pricing, but if we're
9 in there, we'll do it right.

10 MR. PETERS: I drove that, too. There was
11 really only two spots that was really, really --

12 MR. FONTE: Bad.

13 MR. PETERS: That looked like you could be
14 down into sub 3 inches.

15 MR. GRAHAM: Right.

16 MR. CERRETA: Another question about that. I
17 understand what you're saying with the prices and
18 everything. When you guys sent this out, I looked at
19 it and I go, Oh, my God. One subdivision. How could
20 this possibly be? So I went out there and I drove
21 every one of those streets, and they're awful. So my
22 question is, how old is that place? That place is
23 not that old.

24 MR. FONTE: 2005.

25 MR. CERRETA: Okay. That's 2005 and every

1 one of those streets are, like, cracked like
2 spiderwebs. And so my question then is --

3 MR. GRAHAM: It varies.

4 MR. CERRETA: -- where do we take control of
5 that? I mean, the developers do these things. Now
6 they're on phase what? 3 or 4? What are they on?

7 MR. PETERS: 3.

8 MR. CERRETA: Are we've inspecting these? I
9 mean, you weren't even there when this occurred.

10 MR. FONTE: Phase 5.

11 MR. CERRETA: Was that a wave, Dom, or what?

12 MR. FONTE: Phase 5.

13 MR. CERRETA: So are --

14 MRS. WERREN: Rob, what's the normal length?

15 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

16 MR. GRAHAM: It depends on traffic. The
17 subbase conditions; is it a wet, swampy area? Is it
18 all sand and gravel for a hundred feet below the
19 street? The amount of traffic. But our typical
20 section should easily last 15 years and not fail to
21 the extent that they have. So we're about there.
22 There's other subdivisions, you know, some of the
23 newer phases of Monticello I kind of scratch my head
24 and why are these so bad? They're only six or seven
25 years old.

1 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

2 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. Phase 4, my staff did do
3 the inspection out there and, you know, I told the
4 gentleman in my office who was the project manager, I
5 want you out there a lot and watching because, you
6 know, it wasn't our dollars that put it in but it's
7 our dollars that will maintain it.

8 MR. CERRETA: Correct.

9 MR. GRAHAM: And if the contractor were to
10 skimp, we're going to pay for it down the road.

11 MRS. WERREN: Yeah, but you think the 15
12 years they have gotten is reasonable?

13 MR. GRAHAM: It's reasonable. But I guess
14 I'd like to -- in my mind, it should have held up
15 better but I wasn't there to see the construction to
16 see what the subbase was, and obviously that area is
17 pretty wet.

18 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

19 MR. GRAHAM: The old Bob-O-Link. So --

20 MR. CERRETA: As far as these other roads, I
21 went through every one and they're all in need.
22 There's a couple others I'd like to see, I'll talk to
23 you that I saw throughout the city, but and you
24 probably have some extra funds towards the end.

25 MR. GRAHAM: Absolutely. The list that we

1 just priced alone in the office we came up with a
2 million things that we could do.

3 MR. PETERS: One of the other aspects of that
4 conversation that we had was, for example, Seventh
5 Street right there in the front of the high school.
6 There's 3,000 cars a day.

7 MR. CERRETA: Right.

8 MR. PETERS: And if you go through there,
9 it's horrible. However, that road would be -- is a
10 perfect opportunity for possible state funding.

11 MR. GRAHAM: Right. We had a grant, CDGG
12 grant, to help us with Seventh Street last year that
13 was federal funded. And then when we were awarded
14 the grant, we were awarded 250,000 based on that area
15 showing up on the latest HUD load mapping that HUD
16 puts out, and then from the time they gave us the
17 grant until the time the money was available, HUD
18 updated the maps. And I guess that's good for us
19 that area disappeared from the HUD mapping, so we
20 lost the grant.

21 So we looked at doing something this year and
22 then we thought, well, with what the school district
23 is going through and what their long-term plan is, we
24 just kind of held off because, until their plan
25 develops, the last thing we want to do is go in and

1 do a lot of work -- that's a full reconstruction.
2 And we do all that and they come in with, well, we'd
3 like a third lane.

4 MR. CERRETA: You're talking about Seventh
5 Street, you said?

6 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah.

7 MR. CERRETA: That's what we have to look at
8 anyways. If we're going to do Dogwood and make that
9 place something very special, we want crosswalks and
10 everything out there. I'll talk to you about that.
11 That's going to be, hopefully, a showplace when
12 people come into our town, brick crossings and people
13 know where they're going out there.

14 MR. GRAHAM: Some of those larger
15 thoroughfares, they're good candidates for grants.

16 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

17 MR. GRAHAM: And then maybe we only have to
18 come up with 10 or 20 percent of the total cost.
19 But, you know, like subdivisions, it's pretty tough
20 to get a grant in Sanctuary or Monticello or
21 wherever.

22 MR. CERRETA: I understand.

23 MR. FONTE: Rob, have you -- we have grants,
24 like we have Easthill, Northfield, Pineview, Portage,
25 Pittsburg, Bonnet, Lynhurst. And we have a lot more

1 streets that are not on the plan that are, you know,
2 we're getting work done and redos and we have grants
3 for a lot of this.

4 The other thing is, like, there's a section
5 of Glenwood that's really bad, we've been talking
6 about for two years now, but they're trying to wait.
7 They don't want to do it until they get the utility
8 replacement and bring that water line up, you know,
9 so there's a few little things in the hopper for in
10 the next 12 months that they're going to get
11 blacktopped that really, really need it badly but we
12 don't want to do it until the utilities get updated,
13 which, Rob, we kind of talked about that. We want to
14 make sure we're dialed into that and so that we --
15 because, like I said, everybody uses the streets.
16 Doesn't matter what ward it's in, everybody uses
17 them. You know, any chance we can use polymer, you
18 know, on the busier entranceways and things I think
19 we should spend the little extra and do the polymer,
20 especially on, you know, the redos.

21 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. Applegrove and Portage
22 this year are absolutely polymer.

23 MR. FONTE: Thanks for your time.

24 MR. PETERS: Daryl?

25 MR. REVOLDT: In light of the administrator's

1 recommendation and comments by Member Cerreta
2 regarding some additional streets, I move that we
3 amend Ordinance 2-2020 to strike the first recital
4 which references Exhibit A, and in Section 1 we
5 strike the phrase, "requests as more fully described
6 in Exhibit A," so this way the administration can
7 make its adjustments accordingly without the need to
8 return and reamend this ordinance.

9 MR. CERRETA: Sounds logical.

10 MR. FONTE: Yeah. Thank you.

11 MR. PETERS: There's a motion. Is there a
12 second?

13 MR. CERRETA: I'll second.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor?

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

17 Anything else? Okay.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. With that, we need a
19 motion to adopt the first reading as amended.

20 MR. PETERS: As amended. Yes. Is there a
21 second?

22 MR. CERRETA: Second.

23 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

1 May we have a motion and a second to suspend
2 the rules of council for three readings?

3 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

4 MR. CERRETA: Second.

5 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

8 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt,
9 under suspension of the rules, Ordinance No. 2-20 as
10 amended.

11 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

12 MR. CERRETA: Second.

13 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

16 As this is a special council meeting, that
17 concludes our agenda. I'll entertain a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

20 MR. CERRETA: Second.

21 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

22 ("Aye" in unison.)

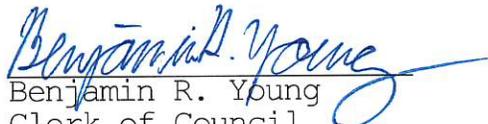
23 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. We're
24 adjourned.

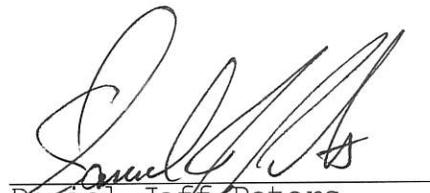
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(Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.)

Attest:


Benjamin R. Young
Clerk of Council


Daniel Jeff Peters
City Council President

