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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF

MARCH 2, 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, March 2, 2020, at 7:13 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large

3 Doug Foltz, Ward 1

4 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

5 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

6 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

7 Matthew Stroia, At Large

8 Patrick A. DeOrion, Director of Administration

9 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

10 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

11 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

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

13 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

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1 MR. REVOLDT: Let's move on now to our
2 special council meeting for Monday the 2nd. Call it
3 to order. 7:13 p.m.

4 And Mr. Young, if you would please call the
5 roll.

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

7 MR. FONTE: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

9 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

10 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz?

11 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

12 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

13 MRS. WERREN: Here.

14 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

15 MR. STROIA: Here.

16 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

17 MR. CERRETA: Present.

18 MR. YOUNG: Six present. Peters absent.

19 MR. REVOLDT: May I have a motion to excuse
20 Member Peters?

21 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to excuse Member Peters.

22 MRS. WERREN: Second.

23 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Very good.

1 Recognition of visitors. Is there anyone who
2 wishes to address the council this evening? If so, I
3 would remind those individuals that the public speaks
4 is confined to items on the agenda. So first call.
5 Last call.

6 Okay. Let's move on to new business. We
7 have no old business. Our first item for -- is a
8 motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance
9 No. 9-2020. May I have a motion?

10 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

11 MRS. WERREN: Second.

12 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? All right.

15 MR. FOX: An ordinance continuing the
16 Community Area Tax Incentive Agreement between the
17 City of North Canton and 331 Harmon Street,
18 Southwest, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you, Tim.

20 This item and Ordinance No. 10-2020 were
21 discussed at our housing council meeting on
22 February 18th. The housing council concluded, after
23 reviewing the facts, that both of these projects
24 complied with the CRA rules and recommended their
25 continuance. Are there any questions? Seeing none,

1 may I have a motion to adopt the first reading of
2 Ordinance 9-2020?

3 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

4 MRS. WERREN: Second.

5 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. REVOLDT: All opposed?

8 Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance
9 9-2020.

10 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

11 MR. CERRETA: Second.

12 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

15 And a motion to adopt under the rules as
16 suspended Ordinance No. 9-2020.

17 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

18 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Very good.

22 Item 7. May I have a motion to read, by
23 title only, Ordinance 10-2020.

24 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

25 MRS. WERREN: Second.

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

2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

4 MR. FOX: An ordinance continuing the
5 Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive Agreement
6 between the City of North Canton and 1303-1305 North
7 Main Street, and declaring the same to be an
8 emergency.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Nothing further to add. Is
10 there a motion to adopt the first reading of
11 Ordinance No. 10-2020?

12 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

14 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

17 Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance
18 10-2020.

19 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

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

22 ("Aye" in unison.)

23 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

24 And a motion to adopt under the rules as
25 suspended Ordinance No. 10-2020.

1 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

2 MR. CERRETA: Second.

3 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

4 ("Aye" in unison.)

5 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Very good.

6 Item 8. May we have a motion to read, by
7 title only, first reading Ordinance 11-2020.

8 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

9 MRS. WERREN: Second.

10 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

13 MR. FOX: An ordinance providing for the
14 issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal
15 amount of \$2.9 million for the purpose of paying
16 costs of acquiring certain real estate and interests
17 therein, which the city intends to use for municipal
18 purposes, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

19 MR. REVOLDT: This was discussed last week.

20 MRS. WERREN: Yeah, it was, and then we --
21 Jina did a really nice job of trying to explain the
22 process to us. I don't know if, Patrick, or Jina, do
23 you want to say anything else about this? We're
24 good?

25 MR. DEORIO: We're good.

1 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Anybody else have any
2 questions?

3 Okay. I move to adopt.

4 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

5 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

8 Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance
9 11-2020.

10 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

11 MR. CERRETA: Second.

12 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

15 May we have a motion to adopt under the rules
16 as suspended Ordinance No. 11-2020?

17 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

18 MRS. WERREN: Second.

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

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

22 Before we adjourn, the mayor has some brief
23 comments this evening, wishes to address the council,
24 and more importantly, I think the community at large.

25 MAYOR WILDER: Yes. Thank you.

1 I would like to address that with what we're
2 seeing happening in our country and our world today
3 is the coronavirus, and I just wanted the public to
4 be aware that the City of North Canton is very
5 conscious about that issue. And I pulled up some
6 recent data, again, about the coronavirus right from
7 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If
8 people have any comments or concerns, it's very
9 informative as to what is taking place in the United
10 States and around the world. It also talks about
11 treatment and prevention.

12 But I'd like to share a couple things that
13 I -- I learned over this last week. Governor DeWine
14 has come out and has basically said the same thing;
15 that the governor has asked everyone to educate
16 themselves about the disease and follow precautions
17 advised by the federal Centers for Disease Control
18 and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health.
19 Both of those agencies have information for anyone
20 who is concerned about that, which I'm sure many of
21 us are concerned about that.

22 On a local note, you may have seen or heard
23 on the news about the students that have been
24 studying abroad, whether at Walsh University or Kent
25 State, and again, I heard a report today about Ohio

1 State, their students are being recalled. And I
2 reached out to Walsh University, and they have a
3 university action plan that is available that they're
4 mobilizing on campus on international travel. Again,
5 they have a website. If you just go to their --
6 their Walsh University website, they'll have
7 information for you that can be found about CDC.

8 For Walsh Global Learning, I share with you
9 this. Walsh University students studying abroad in
10 Rome, Italy, will be returning to the United States
11 on Monday, March 2, and at this time there are no
12 reported cases of the COVID-19 in the region where
13 the students were studying. However, as a
14 precautionary measure, students have been advised to
15 remain off campus to self-monitor for a minimum of 14
16 days. And the Global Learning Center experience in
17 Guadalajara, Mexico, has also been canceled.

18 However, Walsh has two students currently studying in
19 Mexico with our partner institution who will remain
20 there until further notice. And again there, Global
21 Learning is continuing to monitor developments and
22 have not made any final decisions yet regarding
23 summer Global Learning experiences at this time. So
24 I just wanted people to be aware of our hometown
25 university has taken precautions to return their

1 students and for them to go into their
2 self-monitoring.

3 For the City of North Canton, I reached out
4 to Chief Bacon and Chief Kemp just to doublecheck to
5 see what our protocols are for ourselves here in the
6 City of North Canton. And Chief Bacon works very
7 closely with a Dr. Douglas Gallo from Summa Health in
8 Akron campus, and he specializes in emergency
9 medicine. And they get a lot of their guidance and
10 instructions from that person and organization.

11 I share with you this. As far as operation
12 goes, universal precautions on all patients should be
13 followed on every patient every time. The CDC
14 recommends that for patients you specifically think
15 might have the COVID-2019, examples of cold symptoms,
16 recent travel to or close contact with anyone from
17 Wuhan, China, or the Diamond Princess cruise ship,
18 use all of the following precautions. Of course,
19 that would be gown, gloves, goggles, face mask, or a
20 certain mask that our paramedics and fire personnel
21 would be using. Basically it's a little bit beyond
22 normal standard patient care, of course with the
23 exception of masking up and gowning up.

24 Influenza, at present, is a far greater
25 threat than coronavirus. Coronavirus as a viral

1 family has existed in North America for eons. I
2 diagnosed -- excuse me, he's quoting this. I'm
3 quoting this from him. He's diagnosed someone with
4 regular coronavirus two weeks ago. There is no
5 vaccine. There is no actual antiviral cure.

6 Bottom line here is that, again, knowledge is
7 the best defense in times of uncertainty and panic,
8 and I hope we're not to that point where we're going
9 to be in a panic. However, being skilled in the
10 knowledge of this illness is what's most important.

11 So I just wanted to share with you that our
12 personnel have things in place just as we did when we
13 handled the Ebola issues, the SARS issue years ago.
14 We had protocols back then in case someone, any of
15 our people, were contacted by that. So I just wanted
16 to make us aware that we are very conscious of what
17 the coronavirus is, how it's affecting our world and
18 our community and throughout the United States.

19 On a second note -- may I still continue?

20 MR. REVOLDT: You may.

21 MAYOR WILDER: I'd like to change hats here
22 just for a minute, please. And I wanted to just
23 touch base on something that I've been working on
24 over the last 90 days because it's hard to believe
25 that on December 1, 2019, I accepted the

1 responsibility to serve in the office of the mayor
2 for the City of North Canton. It's hard for me,
3 again, to believe that 90-plus years [sic] have
4 elapsed. As I circulate in our community, county,
5 and various destinations of our state as a new mayor,
6 almost every person I engage with asks me, "What's it
7 like to be mayor?" I say, "Excited and honored to be
8 in this undertaking." Is it all what I expected?
9 Fairly well. Every day something is happening in our
10 community. It's back to 24/7 for me.

11 I knew before I was in the office I needed to
12 be prepared as best as one can be for challenge and
13 opportunity that affect our community now and for our
14 future. As mayor, I've had the good fortune to meet
15 with so many of our citizens, small and large
16 business owners and leaders, city organizations,
17 educational communities, local, state and federal
18 elected officials on what our community needs and how
19 and why working together is crucial so we can be as
20 impactful as possible.

21 Filling the role as mayor has allowed me to
22 continue what I endeavored throughout my career in
23 law enforcement, community service and for family:
24 To develop and maintain that relationships matter.
25 If we have good relationships, we develop loyalty,

1 trust, commitment and respect. And then we can
2 understand what challenges are and help solve
3 problems. I believe building good relationships
4 allows us to attract new families and businesses,
5 encourage -- encourages public and private
6 partnerships, and helps us, our community, move
7 forward in an ever-changing world.

8 In Colin Powell's book, "It Worked For Me, In
9 Life and Leadership," he referenced a saying from
10 Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, the father of our nuclear
11 navy, during a promotional ritual. The words are,
12 "Organizations don't get things done. Plans and
13 programs don't get things done. Only people get
14 things done. Organizations and plans and programs
15 either help or hinder people." Colin Powell adds, "A
16 life is about its events, it's about challenges met
17 and overcome -- or not. It's about how we touch and
18 are touched by the people we meet. It's all about
19 the people."

20 For me, relationships matter. So my last 90
21 days have been just that. Trying to make positive
22 relationships so that we can better our community for
23 ourselves and for our future.

24 So I thank you for the privilege of the time
25 in allowing me to share that message on how important

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relationships are in my journey in this office has
been for about the last 90 days. Thank you.

MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

Are there any questions for the mayor? I'm
pleased to report this is done in almost record time,
and it will be so if I can have a motion to adjourn.

MRS. WERREN: So moved.

MR. FOLTZ: Second.

MR. REVOLDT: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? We're out of here.

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(Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.)

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Attest:

Benjamin R. Young
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Clerk of Council

Daniel Jeff Peters
City Council President

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