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**MARCH 4, 2019, MEETING**

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5 Daryl Revoldt, At Large

6 Marcia Kiesling, At Large

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1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you. I'd like  
2 to call to order the committee of the whole meeting  
3 Monday, March 4, 7:08 p.m.

4 Tim, could you call the roll, please.

5 MR. FOX: Yes. Member Werren?

6 MRS. WERREN: Here.

7 MR. FOX: Member Kiesling?

8 MS. KIESLING: Here.

9 MR. FOX: Member Cerreta.

10 MR. CERRETA: Here.

11 MR. FOX: Member Foltz?

12 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

13 MR. FOX: Member Fonte?

14 MR. FONTE: Here.

15 MR. FOX: Member Peters?

16 MR. PETERS: Here.

17 MR. FOX: Did I miss anyone?

18 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, Revoldt. He's here.

19 MR. FOX: Member Revoldt.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

21 MR. PETERS: Okay. First up we have Finance  
22 and Property. Chairman Werren.

23 MRS. WERREN: So last week we had a -- we did  
24 talk about this earlier in the year about our  
25 generator, and we've got some -- we put some bids

1 out, and last week we didn't have a meeting because  
2 of it and things do not happen when we need  
3 electricity. So, Laura, is there anything that you  
4 would like to say? I know we have some bids out and  
5 we actually reached out to the consultant to see what  
6 he thought about a couple of those bids and you've  
7 received information back and actually the number is  
8 a lot less than this at this point also.

9 MS. BROWN: Right. When the agenda was put  
10 out, we actually had an amount of 350,000 there just  
11 to be safe. Now that some of the information has  
12 come back, we're looking at closer to 250,000.

13 So there's kind of two pieces to this. One  
14 would be to authorize the contract. If, you know, we  
15 choose the lowest and best bidder. And the other  
16 piece would be to go ahead and appropriate the  
17 250,000. It's something we talked about initially  
18 because we didn't have that good information back  
19 from the consultants and the bidders yet.

20 MR. FONTE: I have a question whenever you're  
21 done.

22 MS. BROWN: Go ahead.

23 MRS. WERREN: I was just going to ask, I know  
24 there's natural gas and diesel, and the question I  
25 have, I know probably we don't know the specs yet, if

1           it's diesel, I was wondering how many hours it would  
2           run for --

3                   MR. DEORIO: 48.

4                   MR. FONTE: -- and if we have -- 48. So if  
5           we need to replenish it, do we have a stockpile  
6           somewhere? Or will we?

7                   MR. DEORIO: We do. Uh-huh.

8                   MR. FONTE: We can't use natural gas because  
9           of the pressure.

10                   MR. DEORIO: That's right.

11                   MR. FONTE: We can't modify? Because it's a  
12           lot cheaper to have natural gas.

13                   MR. DEORIO: It is a lot cheaper to have  
14           natural gas, but what we're looking at doing here  
15           with this generator is to provide power for the  
16           entire building. One of the reasons for that, when  
17           we started working on this project back in 2017, this  
18           facility is designated with FEMA as an emergency  
19           operations center in the event of, say, a tornado  
20           that would devastate our town, this is where the  
21           action is coming. So this building needs to have  
22           power.

23                   Since I've been here we've suffered a number  
24           of power outages, mostly during the summer. This  
25           last one was the first time it had really happened in

1 the winter. We were unfortunate that the generator  
2 that we do have that's in the police garage blew in  
3 addition and it went out. Now, this was a generator  
4 used to run just the police department and the  
5 dispatch operation. So what we had to do was bring  
6 in some portable generators, and we're grateful to  
7 the fire department for the quick action that they  
8 took to make sure that this building, as far as the  
9 police department goes, was able to function. It  
10 still wasn't nice and warm and cozy. It was still  
11 50, 50 degrees up here and 46 down below, but they  
12 continued to work through those conditions. We were  
13 out without power for about 17 hours in here before  
14 it was restored. So it's very important to the  
15 community that we're able to put this together.

16 The bids came in better than we thought. We  
17 have a firm that is a consultant to us in Cleveland  
18 and they'll be evaluating those bids in determining  
19 which one is the lowest and best.

20 MR. CERRETA: Pat, how old was that  
21 generator?

22 MR. DEORIO: The generator in the police  
23 garage is 23 years old.

24 MR. HELD: And it's shut in, too.

25 MR. DEORIO: Yes. It's in a closed facility.

1 MS. BROWN: The other item that is backed up  
2 here in city hall besides your safety aspect is your  
3 IT. Our servers are all behind lock and key in the  
4 police department, which is great, but, you know,  
5 those need power to run and that runs the IT for the  
6 entire city.

7 MR. FONTE: Did you guys have battery backups  
8 in case that fails? Do you have a battery system?

9 MR. DEORIO: We do have battery backups, but  
10 that's for just a very limited time. That works  
11 great if the power is only out for maybe an hour. It  
12 gives everybody a chance to shut down their systems.  
13 But in the six power outages that I've been through  
14 the power has been out for several hours. And during  
15 the middle of the day that means, you know, we can't  
16 process water, utility bills, can't answer the --  
17 basically anything that people would call in and want  
18 to do.

19 MR. HELD: One other point, too, you know,  
20 we've seen this happen quite frequently, like when we  
21 had the last power outage. You know, people that are  
22 looking for shelter, whether it's like for a tornado  
23 or, you know, due to heat, we can open up city hall  
24 when we have a generator. There's not usually a high  
25 volume of people that are looking for heat, but in

1 the event that, you know, in this case what we had to  
2 do was contact the churches. So we had three  
3 churches that opened up their doors, which was nice.  
4 But what we could do once we get this generator in  
5 place is just have the city hall open. Because it is  
6 our command center in the event that there's an  
7 emergency. So this is the place that has, you know,  
8 to keep running for sure.

9 MRS. WERREN: All right. So I move to put it  
10 on the agenda.

11 MR. PETERS: Next week's agenda; correct?

12 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

13 MR. DEORIO: Do we need --

14 MRS. WERREN: Do we need --

15 MR. FOX: Well, it's not to exceed 350, and  
16 we believe we're going to come in around 250, so it  
17 still works.

18 MR. PETERS: This doesn't need to be passed  
19 tonight?

20 MR. DEORIO: No, no. Just committee and put  
21 it out next week.

22 MS. BROWN: And we'll read both the contract  
23 and appropriations for next week.

24 MRS. WERREN: Yeah, for next week.

25 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Moving on.

1 MRS. WERREN: Okay. This is just amending  
2 the professional services agreement between the city  
3 and SafeBuilt to include code enforcement. And you  
4 want that to be the same as well. So initially we  
5 were just kind of evaluating it and then seeing what  
6 kind of things we wanted them to do; correct?

7 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. In the initial contract  
8 we had asked them to give us a price --

9 MRS. WERREN: Right.

10 MR. DEORIO: -- for what it would be, and  
11 they quoted us about \$40 an hour. And then working  
12 with Laura, we were able to go back and negotiate a  
13 lower amount. And, you know, a requisite minimum  
14 number of hours. If it goes beyond that, that's  
15 great, but at least we have -- that's what you're  
16 looking at tonight is to establish that.

17 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

18 MR. DEORIO: And they have somebody that they  
19 have hired on board already that we're training him,  
20 doing some of the stuff that we've had a few phone  
21 calls, I think there was a home in the southeast side  
22 of town that there was ongoing construction issue  
23 and, you know, we sent this individual out to  
24 investigate and get the process going. So --

25 MRS. WERREN: That's great. Okay. Any

1 questions? All right. We'll put that on agenda for  
2 next week as well under emergency, and then the last  
3 one -- look, Dominic.

4 MR. FONTE: MSB.

5 MRS. WERREN: Laura, we just appropriated the  
6 funds for the flags, for any donations that we get  
7 have a line item and we're going to put --

8 MS. BROWN: We have. We've created a line  
9 item to receive that money. So far we've received  
10 \$9,500 in donations.

11 MR. FONTE: And I have a commitment for  
12 \$1,500, so the total we collected how much? 95?

13 MS. BROWN: 95.

14 MR. FONTE: And so I'm waiting for one more  
15 thousand to come in and then another 1,500 from  
16 another person. And then I got an e-mail from a lady  
17 that her husband was a veteran who's passed and she  
18 would like to make a donation in his behalf and so --

19 MRS. WERREN: That's great.

20 MR. FONTE: -- I reached out to them. Just  
21 waiting to hear from them.

22 MRS. WERREN: That's great.

23 MR. FONTE: So that should be enough to get  
24 the flags purchased and get this thing rolling.

25 MR. HELD: Very nice.

1 MRS. WERREN: Thanks, Dominic.

2 MR. FONTE: Thank you. And thanks to the  
3 audience, Larry, helped me on that too, so thank you,  
4 Larry.

5 MRS. WERREN: Okay. So that's it for me.

6 MR. PETERS: All right. Community Economic  
7 Development, Chairman Kiesling.

8 MS. KIESLING: Yes. We -- this is a  
9 resolution we'd like to send over to planning  
10 commission to see if they would recommend back to us  
11 a text amendment to our current zoning code regarding  
12 outdoor seating at restaurants. Currently it's a  
13 little restrictive as far as it's based on their  
14 outside capacity shall not exceed 25 percent of the  
15 restaurant seating capacity. And we'd like it to be  
16 a little more broad based, open up. They can talk  
17 about it, you know, review it with the owners, the  
18 stakeholders and decide what's the best fit for the  
19 area, what's the best fit for the restaurant, what's  
20 the best fit for us as opposed to just narrowing it  
21 down to 25 percent and you don't have any other  
22 options. Correct?

23 MR. DEORIO: Yes. And we should keep in mind  
24 when that was passed and put into effect the nature  
25 of restaurants was a lot different than they are

1 today. And if you study the restauranting trend,  
2 it's the experience is more about outdoor dining.  
3 And we, you know, feel that as you go around the city  
4 and take inventory of the restaurants and what  
5 they're doing, they're already running up against and  
6 beyond that limit. So what we want to do is -- what  
7 we're recommending here to council and hope the  
8 council, you know, recommends over to Planning,  
9 basically a system whereby the limitation is more  
10 about the property size that you own.

11 So, for instance, we have a Walther's up  
12 there that has acquired a lot of land along where  
13 they have built. Good for them. And they have a lot  
14 of outdoor seating. Their outdoor seating should  
15 really be a function of market economics. One, how  
16 many people can you serve and give good quality  
17 service to; and if you can, and that's a hundred  
18 people, well, good for you that you are able to do  
19 that and provide that kind of rewarding dining  
20 experience.

21 From our standpoint, we're looking at the  
22 fire safety side of it. So that would still be  
23 governed, part of it, if, for instance, you had  
24 outdoor dining and it was fenced in and there was,  
25 you know, some type of a panic, you would want people

1 to be able to get out. So the fire code would  
2 regulate that.

3 The state liquor board regulates the service  
4 of alcohol in any outdoor facility, so there are  
5 limitations in regards to that as well.

6 But to just put an arbitrary number of 25  
7 percent, you know, it would put a place that is a  
8 restaurant, Ro's, that has no indoor seating capacity  
9 but yet there's picnic tables outside that. So they  
10 would be in violation. And we can pick any  
11 restaurant up and down Main Street, throughout the  
12 city, that would find that to be the case. So it  
13 seems to me that it's something that's old, it's  
14 antiquated, and if you want to get the type of, you  
15 know, restaurants that you want around here you're  
16 going to have to deal with some type of outdoor  
17 seating amendment.

18 MRS. WERREN: I agree. Anybody else?

19 MR. FONTE: Yeah. And I think as we get the  
20 DRD organized and maybe potentially the downtown  
21 entertainment district, I mean, I would think  
22 eventually we should be able to have some flexibility  
23 with all of that, so we do need to update that along  
24 with many other things.

25 MR. DEORIO: That is a very good -- that is

1 true. The city is looking at an entertainment  
2 district along with the downtown redevelopment  
3 district, and the idea is to get more people on the  
4 street walking place to place and they see the  
5 outdoor dining and that makes it a more desirable  
6 place to come to.

7 MR. REVOLDT: I don't think we should lose  
8 sight of the fact that what we're really after is job  
9 growth here in the community. The past point --

10 MR. OSBORNE: Can't hear you.

11 MR. REVOLDT: What we're after is job growth  
12 in the community. And I happened to stop at one of  
13 my favorite carryout places in Canton, much to my  
14 waistline's complaint. But I posed the question to  
15 the manager. I said, If you could have four or five  
16 picnic tables outside for some seasonal dining, would  
17 that help your business? He said yes, it really  
18 would. And I said, well, stay tuned. But the point  
19 is, is that he might put somebody else on. That's  
20 another taxable individual who's working here, and it  
21 goes again to sort of my mantra, one job for every  
22 hundred square feet of commercial real estate. And  
23 so I think this is worth pursuing. And again,  
24 it's -- Pat has indicated as long as we don't  
25 compromise safety, bring it on. See what happens.

1           Yep.

2                   MRS. WERREN: All right. I'll put it on the  
3 agenda for the first reading, or to send it off for  
4 first reading next week. Thank you.

5                   MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

6                   Next up, Street and Alley. Chairman Fonte.

7                   MR. FONTE: Okay. First thing we're talking  
8 about is the cooperative purchasing program with  
9 ODOT. And this is basically that we just have more  
10 power, you know, working with them possibly to buy  
11 salt, snowplows, and miscellaneous other items,  
12 materials. And that would be on emergency because  
13 it's always time is of the essence to buy off season.  
14 And that would go on the agenda for the emergency  
15 next week.

16                   And the second item, B, this is a big one for  
17 anybody that lives around Weber, that's going to be a  
18 total redo. Almost a little over half a mile of  
19 footage. It's going to be 8 foot of -- I'm sorry. 8  
20 inches of asphalt, 6 inches of stone. So they're  
21 going to take all the way down. The 1.1 million is  
22 an estimate. It might be a little more than that.  
23 They're going to be 14 catch basins, curb, gutter,  
24 you know, storm sewer. It's going to be regular  
25 asphalt, you know, so it's going to be a total redo.

1 And it's going to be 2,650 feet. So the money's  
2 coming from three funds: The capital street fund,  
3 capital sewer fund, and storm sewer. So it's going  
4 to be 1.1 million. So that's going to be on an  
5 emergency. Be a nice addition to the city. I move  
6 we get that on the agenda and it will be an  
7 emergency.

8 MR. PETERS: Rob, do you have ETA?

9 MR. GRAHAM: I'm sorry.

10 MR. PETERS: Do you have an ETA on when the  
11 construction would start?

12 MR. GRAHAM: Hope to move forward, I'd like  
13 to advertise it as early as next Thursday, the 14th,  
14 open the bids on the 29th and get it in this summer  
15 as fast as possible. Get it out on the street. A  
16 lot of contractors still looking for work and take  
17 advantage of it being early in the season. So yeah,  
18 early summer.

19 MR. PETERS: Awesome. All set now?

20 MR. FONTE: Yes. Thank you.

21 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

22 Next up, Water, Sewer, Rubber -- Rubbish  
23 Committee. Chairman Cerreta.

24 MR. CERRETA: Rubbish. This is to receive  
25 bids for the Northfield Avenue sanitary sewer

1 replacement project. Knoll Street to Easthill. Rob,  
2 do you want to show us your expertise on this and  
3 show us, explain?

4 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. Actually we've got about  
5 1,650 linear feet of sanitary sewer in that area that  
6 we looked at possibly lining but it's just too far  
7 gone. It's old clay pipe that's got dips and dos,  
8 it's just not flowing. And so we're going to get  
9 that out of there, replace that. And we also have  
10 three funds to come up with that \$750,000 estimate.  
11 And while we're in there, just we know the area,  
12 there's really no drainage, the water just lays on  
13 the side of the roads and front yards, so we're going  
14 to install a storm sewer system, curb and gutter and,  
15 again, brand-new, full-depth asphalt pavement.

16 MR. CERRETA: This was budgeted?

17 MR. GRAHAM: This was budgeted. Like the  
18 last project, this was absolutely in the budget.

19 MR. CERRETA: Any questions on that? We'll  
20 move forward with that then, if there's no questions.

21 MR. GRAHAM: On emergency, please, on the  
22 streets.

23 MR. CERRETA: Okay. To get the bids in?

24 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah.

25 MR. CERRETA: The next item then is purchase

1 water treatment chemicals. Safe to say this is also  
2 budgeted, if I'm not mistaken, and it's the typical  
3 thing that we do every time. Any -- any comments on  
4 anything there?

5 MR. REVOLDT: No.

6 MR. CERRETA: I'll put that on. Looks like  
7 that's on emergency also. Okay.

8 MR. PETERS: We're tabling C?

9 MR. CERRETA: We're going to table C. We're  
10 not ready for that.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay. Well, that completes  
12 that.

13 Next up, Park And rec. Chairman Foltz.

14 MR. FOLTZ: Thank you. Everyone has in their  
15 packet rates proposal for our pool. As we know, the  
16 pool is a great amenity for North Canton and we've  
17 made some great improvements the last three years. I  
18 think over \$800,000. We've put in the liner,  
19 updating the pool house as far as mechanical room and  
20 concrete around the surrounding pool area. So it's  
21 something we're proud of, but obviously we have some  
22 other things to address. Especially the entrance  
23 locker room area, concession area, and possibly some  
24 other amenities such as a pool slide and just  
25 replacement of some of the water features that have

1           been there probably 15 years now, which doesn't seem  
2           that long but time goes quickly.

3                       So -- so I guess what we're asking for here,  
4           the administration will weigh in, obviously, they  
5           proposed this and I appreciate their work on this.  
6           If you go through the rate structure, last time we  
7           did have a rate increase was 2016. And the biggest  
8           thing when you're looking at this ordinance for 2019  
9           is the elimination of just the school district as far  
10          as seasonal passes in our rate structure. So I think  
11          they have done a good job, being Pat and Laura, who  
12          looked at this, and hopefully they can weigh in a  
13          little bit. But there's been modest increases to the  
14          daily and the Saturday and Sunday rate from a dollar  
15          to \$2 on Saturday, Sunday. And then after 5 p.m. it  
16          goes up a dollar.

17                       If you look at the seasonal memberships,  
18          modest increases there for North Canton residents. I  
19          think the single goes up \$8, the family goes up \$18.  
20          Buddy pass, \$13, senior \$4 from three years ago.

21                       What fluctuates a little bit when you look at  
22          the nonresident, kind of combined the school district  
23          versus nonresident. Some of them went up, some of  
24          them went down, depending on the category of single  
25          family, buddy, senior. Not to go through all that,

1           you can look at it. I think the main thrust of this  
2           is we need to increase the rates to really start  
3           putting some capital away in a fund. As we know, we  
4           collaborate with the Y as far as managing the pool,  
5           providing swimming lessons and so forth, but we're  
6           calling it a pool capital reserve account. And  
7           20 percent of these dollars is going to go there so  
8           we can actually plan for these future renovations. I  
9           would say the user should pay for it, but the Y's  
10          agreed to share some of their profits and hopefully  
11          get some other grants or some other avenues that Pat  
12          can work out, or Laura, with the administration in  
13          other things. So, you know, we're all proud of the  
14          pool, but we have to make sure that we do have a fund  
15          in place, too, to address future capital needs. And  
16          with that, I'll turn things over to Pat or Laura.

17                 One other thing, I don't know if we have to  
18          amend the agenda, but we also want to look at the  
19          management agreement. We just got this tonight so  
20          I'm not looking to pass this on emergency this  
21          evening. We can have two readings, three readings.  
22          By the end of the month we have a special meeting,  
23          but I think that's -- I'd like to convey that to the  
24          rest of the council.

25                 With that, Pat, you would like to weigh in on

1 it? Laura?

2 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. Thank you for that  
3 lead-in. The management agreement is something that  
4 had been under negotiation for a few months. As  
5 always, toward the end there's always a few little  
6 tweaks to get to, so that was just finalized today.

7 MR. FOX: Mr. Administrator, if you would,  
8 just for the Record, if you would go ahead and move  
9 to --

10 MR. PETERS: Make a motion to amend the  
11 agenda to --

12 MR. FOX: Yes.

13 MR. FOLTZ: I'll make a motion to amend the  
14 agenda here tonight to include the management  
15 agreement between the City of North Canton and the  
16 YMCA of Central Stark County.

17 MR. FONTE: Moved.

18 MR. PETERS: Second?

19 MR. CERRETA: Second.

20 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 MR. FOX: Thank you.

24 MR. PETERS: Mr. Administrator?

25 MR. DEORIO: So as we're wrapping that up,

1 just as a quick history, as you know, we rewrote the  
2 agreement between the Y and North Canton last year  
3 and restructured that to try to provide incentive to  
4 operate the pool in as efficient and effective a  
5 manner as possible. We think that worked out very  
6 well. We tried that one-year arrangement, so the Y  
7 was interested in an arrangement that would be a  
8 little bit longer in duration. We were too. And so  
9 we timed that negotiation into some capital  
10 investment in the pool. And the pool house, as you  
11 come in, is the primary need. And we felt that if  
12 all parties contributed about a third of the cost,  
13 the Y, the city, the users, over a period of time we  
14 could accumulate that, come up with some plans, get  
15 an architect and get it all ready to go, in addition  
16 to requiring some additional funding needs that we're  
17 looking for. Put us into a position where we can  
18 actually point to something and put a board up at the  
19 pool and show that, hey, this is what's coming.

20 We cleaned up some of the language in the  
21 contract. On the one-year contract it was always  
22 referring to specific dates. When it would open.  
23 With the five-year contract, we didn't want to go  
24 through and point out every single date for each of  
25 the five years. So we specified that, you know, the

1 pool will be open based on dates that are on file  
2 with the office of the administrator as provided by  
3 the Y. So we'll be able to communicate that out to  
4 the residents, pool users, you know, as we get closer  
5 to each season.

6 But all in all, that was pretty much the gist  
7 of it. Lengthening the contract, getting the buy-in  
8 to do something for capital improvements on the pool,  
9 and cleaning up some of the language.

10 MR. CERRETA: Pat, I like how you're looking  
11 ahead here to see how we want to handle this. This  
12 is a great amenity to our city here. You'd have  
13 to -- outside of us and Minerva, we were talking  
14 there is no pools. You have to go to a country club,  
15 belong to those, which are expensive with that. But  
16 I like the fact that you're looking what people like.  
17 I mean, it's important right now. Splash parks are  
18 very important, slides are very important kind of  
19 thing. So I think, you know, based on where other  
20 pools are and everything, you know, I think we can  
21 justify this rate increase for not -- not just the  
22 rate, to increase the rate, but to actually look  
23 ahead to make this a better place and us move forward  
24 for the better of things. And again, if the other  
25 places you can go to a pool, like a country club, are

1 a lot more expensive than that. So we -- I think the  
2 pool is a great amenity. I want to make sure it's  
3 maintained and a better thing for my grandchildren  
4 that will go there. So appreciate you moving on  
5 that.

6 MR. DEORIO: Thank you.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Laura, do you want to weigh in on  
8 some other --

9 MS. BROWN: Sure. Just on the dollar side of  
10 things, the way that we came up with the rates, it  
11 wasn't random. You know, we created a model. I  
12 worked with Joe in my department to create a model  
13 and we put in, you know, if we use this rate how much  
14 would it generate? Because, like we said, we wanted  
15 to have some extra dollars to put aside. Last year  
16 the pool net income was about \$120,000 so the city  
17 got half of that. That was \$60,000. Sounds like a  
18 lot of money. But when you pay for utilities,  
19 routine maintenance, replacement of the palm tree in  
20 the splash park, the things that were budgeted for  
21 this year, comes in right at about \$60,000. So we're  
22 basically breaking even and that was our best year in  
23 three years. So in order to have a little extra  
24 revenue, we looked at what we could do with rates.

25 The one thing we really heard from the Y is

1 the biggest demand is on the weekends, Saturday and  
2 Sunday, so for the first time we looked to do a  
3 different day pass rate on weekends to, you know,  
4 kind of supply and demand, just to react to that. So  
5 we hope that will help. And using the model of, you  
6 know, similar attendance to what we had this year, we  
7 believe we can generate another about a hundred  
8 thousand dollars over three years, which can go right  
9 back into the pool facilities and hopefully add some  
10 additional features for users.

11 We did go from the three tiers to the two, as  
12 Doug mentioned. That took us from 24 separate rates  
13 that we had to keep track of down to 16 rates, so I  
14 think that will help lessen confusion and just  
15 administrative hassles for the Y as well. But we did  
16 keep the rate structure pretty much the same. We  
17 looked at the number of day passes that would take to  
18 break even on the single rate and then we based  
19 everything else off of that.

20 MR. CERRETA: Did they ever look -- did they  
21 ever look at having some kind of group -- I mean,  
22 somebody come up and asked me about this, I think it  
23 was a really good idea. Let's say I've got kids who  
24 want to have a birthday party there and there's like  
25 15 to 20 kids. Is there any kind of thought that we

1 can put in that they would -- like a group rate which  
2 includes like a hot dog, blah, blah, blah, and stuff  
3 for this, like, party rate kind of thing? That way  
4 you can get 20 people in and already bought, you  
5 know, hot dog. And so this was something somebody  
6 asked me about and we never really kind of looked at  
7 that, but that might be something that might interest  
8 some folks who want to have, you know, a little  
9 get-together like a birthday party for their kids or  
10 something like that. So just a thought.

11 MR. FONTE: I had one other quick addition.  
12 So do we split the concessions? Is that all them?

13 MS. BROWN: That all goes back into the net  
14 income. They run the concession program, but  
15 whatever revenue they make goes back in.

16 MR. DEORIO: We've had it set up so it goes  
17 right to the bottom line and we split that then.

18 MR. FONTE: Because I would think if it were  
19 me running it I would want to work the crowd gently.  
20 Instead of them coming up, we just service them like  
21 how if you're out at an inclusive restaurant or  
22 something they come around and service you. Take  
23 orders and then bring it out.

24 MR. PETERS: You think this is Sandals here?

25 MR. FONTE: I'm just saying, it seems to me

1 that we could probably quadruple our sales if we  
2 would just go out to the people that like to relax.

3 MR. DEORIO: Well, keep in mind that this is  
4 one of the few facilities where you're allowed to  
5 bring in your own food and drink. So it's not so  
6 much always about what are they serving the right  
7 type of food or whatever, it's about, you know,  
8 bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying that day.

9 MR. FONTE: Yeah. There will always be  
10 picnic lunch people, like, you know, healthier, but  
11 some people just like to roll with it and spend a wad  
12 of money.

13 MR. HELD: If I could just add one other  
14 point that has really worked out well since the  
15 merger, and really it was council and the  
16 administration that started this merging the Y, and  
17 Mark Cerreta, you were on that committee when we  
18 started this, Doug, is the safety aspect. Because  
19 the standards that the YMCA has for pool safety, they  
20 are unmatched. And the challenge that we had as a  
21 city was that we are not managing pools year round.  
22 We were managing the pool just for a few months out  
23 of the year, and trying to train and maintain and  
24 manage the staff is a real challenge, but the Y does  
25 it 7 days a week, 365 days a year. I think maybe

1 with the exception of Christmas; right? Yeah. But  
2 they do an excellent job.

3 So even when the children are going into the  
4 deep end, they have to pass the test. So not  
5 everybody's allowed in the deep end. And they just  
6 really do an excellent job making sure that  
7 everybody's safe. So that was a big, big issue. You  
8 know, we were just limited as far as our training  
9 with the city staff, the part-timers, so that's  
10 worked out really well. Good job, Patrick.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Appreciate it. Any other  
12 questions of council?

13 I had one. Family rate. It's been a while  
14 since I got the family rate. Does that include two  
15 adults or two members living in -- adult members  
16 living and then what? two children?

17 MS. BROWN: It's two adults in the same  
18 household and then any dependent children.

19 MR. FOLTZ: So it could be five kids.

20 MS. BROWN: Uh-huh.

21 MR. FOLTZ: So really when we look at this,  
22 you know, the family is going to be \$192 for the  
23 season. And your daily is now going to be \$10.  
24 Weekends, 11. It just tells you, as we always said,  
25 buy your pool membership. You know, if you go more

1 than three or four times it's more than worth it to  
2 provide a family. Probably what you do, Jeff.

3 MR. PETERS: Mayor Held, he buys the family,  
4 that's two days' worth.

5 MR. HELD: That's right.

6 MR. FOLTZ: You probably pay for some of the  
7 amenities yourself.

8 MR. CERRETA: That's too much using water.  
9 But I think the Y pushes for those memberships,  
10 because they get a discount for YMCA people that hold  
11 YMCA cards.

12 MR. HELD: It worked out very well. Family  
13 membership.

14 MS. BROWN: We looked at other city pools,  
15 and even, you know, three or four counties  
16 surrounding us and how their rates go. And a lot of  
17 people are starting to charge per child in a family  
18 instead of just a family rate.

19 MR. CERRETA: Okay. But we still have that.

20 MS. BROWN: We still have, it's 2.4 times the  
21 single rate. So it's kind of a benefit to our  
22 residents that way.

23 MR. FOLTZ: Well, like I said, I appreciate  
24 the first reading next week. We can, you know, have  
25 a few more, if we want the public to weigh in if they

1 would like to, but thank you for the hard work on  
2 this. Any other questions, we can bring it back up  
3 at a later meeting. So --

4 MR. PETERS: Hold on. It's asking for  
5 emergency clause for the rates.

6 MR. FOLTZ: That's okay. We discussed it.

7 MR. DEORIO: On the third.

8 MR. FOLTZ: That's all right. I just want to  
9 have more than one reading.

10 MR. PETERS: Sounds good. Thank you. That  
11 concludes --

12 MR. FOX: Mr. President?

13 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir.

14 MR. FOX: Before the committee concludes,  
15 would it consider formally, through a voice vote,  
16 amending the agenda for the appropriation ordinance  
17 for the -- for the generator.

18 MR. PETERS: Oh, for the generator?

19 MR. FOX: Yes, sir. There was an addition  
20 there of the -- we had legislation to purchase but we  
21 haven't had the appropriation. The finance director  
22 came up with those funds today. It was initially --  
23 it was the legislation no more than 350,000. With  
24 the bids were opened last week, the number now for  
25 the appropriation is 250. But we should amend the

1 agenda because this was not included in the agenda  
2 that initially had gone out. I know we talked about  
3 it, but I don't recall a --

4 MR. PETERS: You mean this ordinance here?

5 MR. FOX: -- a voice vote to amend for --

6 MRS. WERREN: Yeah, I forgot to ask on that.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. A motion and a  
8 second to amend the agenda to include this under  
9 Finance and Property Section 1A.

10 MR. REVOLDT: So move.

11 MS. KIESLING: Second.

12 MR. PETERS: Call the roll.

13 MR. FOX: You don't need a voice -- a roll  
14 call, just a voice vote to amend.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Those opposed? Motion carries.

18 MR. FOX: You'd like to put that on council  
19 agenda for next week?

20 MR. PETERS: Next week. That's correct.

21 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

22 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Tim. I appreciate  
23 that.

24 MR. FOX: You're welcome.

25 MR. DEORIO: Mr. President, we were probably

1 at the back end of your agenda. It was a matter that  
2 I was going to ask if the council would consider  
3 amending their agenda for the council to appoint two  
4 of its members to the CRA housing council.

5 MR. PETERS: I was going to do that  
6 legislative in the next meeting.

7 MR. DEORIO: In the next meeting?

8 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

9 MR. DEORIO: Next meeting. Okay. That's  
10 great.

11 MR. PETERS: That concludes the committee.  
12 Motion to adjourn?

13 MS. KIESLING: So moved.

14 MR. CERRETA: Second.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. We're  
18 adjourned.

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20 (Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.)

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