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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF
MAY 21, 2019, MEETING**

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 North Canton City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 7:30 a.m.

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APPEARANCES:

Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2
Doug Foltz, Council Vice President, Ward 1
Daryl Revoldt, At Large
Stephanie Werren, Ward 3
Patrick A. DeOrion, Director of Administration
Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law
Laura E. Brown, Director of Finance

1 MR. PETERS: Good morning. Call to order the
2 special council meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:30
3 p.m.

4 MR. REVOLDT: a.m.

5 MR. PETERS: a.m. Thank you.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Thanks.

7 MR. PETERS: Laura, please call the roll.

8 MS. BROWN: Peters?

9 MR. PETERS: Here.

10 MS. BROWN: Foltz?

11 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

12 MS. BROWN: Revoldt?

13 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

14 MS. BROWN: Werren?

15 MRS. WERREN: Here.

16 MS. BROWN: Four present.

17 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

18 Motion to excuse Members Keisling, Cerreta,
19 and Fonte.

20 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

22 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

25 At this time, if you wish to address council,

1 please step forward, state your name and address for
2 the Record. Make it specific to the ordinance that
3 we're discussing this morning. Thank you.

4 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne. 307 Fairview
5 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

6 I don't think anybody would disagree with me,
7 purchasing Arrowhead 16 years ago was the biggest
8 investment this city has ever made. This was during
9 the Rice administration. And your former illustrious
10 city council president were really pushing this. One
11 would think that there would have been much closer
12 monitoring of this venture as somewhere we had never
13 weighed into. It presented a lot of risk to the
14 city. There were numerous terms of the agreement. A
15 monthly rent, an obligation to pick up the property
16 taxes which now were becoming due on the property
17 since it was being leased to a for-profit firm. And
18 most complicated of all was the requirement to make
19 improvements in the infrastructure of the property.

20 As I mentioned last night, I've got boxes and
21 boxes of Arrowhead records and it's clear that there
22 was little or no recordkeeping.

23 Over the years I've seen a lot of city
24 officials come and go up here. Mayor Rice is gone.
25 Now we have Mayor Held. He was city administrator

1 when the city purchased this property. We had Julie
2 Herr, the finance director; Jim Benekos, city
3 engineer. Everybody was on board when we bought
4 this. We've had several people here on council that
5 were here when we bought this. Mr. Foltz was on
6 council. Mrs. Keisling.

7 Mr. Foltz, I hate to throw this back in your
8 face. I will never forget, and I wish I had it on
9 video, you made the statement, "Property values in
10 North Canton never go down. They always go up."
11 Well, life is a learning lesson, I guess; right? .

12 Since then we've seen Alex Zumbar fill in as
13 finance director. Karen Alger. Did they document
14 the terms of the lease were being followed with these
15 two operators? We've had several law directors.
16 Nobody was minding the front store -- front counter.

17 And I guess I forgot, I almost forgot about
18 the various city administrators we had. Our
19 illustrious judge who just ruled on my case here, who
20 this council body forced out after five years,
21 Mr. Wise. Mr. Grimes. Mr. Benekos filled in as city
22 administrator. So many people up here that we've at
23 one time or another praised for their expertise and
24 were paid high salaries have let all this fall
25 through.

1 And again, as I said last night, I'm amazed
2 it isn't carved in stone that the city is going to
3 survive with golf on this property. We know it's
4 not. And it's been kept very secret. I was
5 surprised when Mr. DeOrio had come out that we spent
6 24 grand evaluating the deficiencies in the property.
7 Without public discussion, without council
8 authorization. Anyway, it's a can of worms.

9 MR. PETERS: Mr. Osborne, I appreciate your
10 comments.

11 MR. OSBORNE: I know you really do.

12 MR. PETERS: I appreciate your comments, sir.

13 Anyone else wishing to address council please
14 step forward, state your name and address for the
15 record.

16 Larry, since you're the only one, you want a
17 shot at it?

18 MR. TRIPP: If I did, I'd be up there. You
19 can have your meeting.

20 MR. PETERS: We'll move on to old business.
21 May I have a motion and a second to read, by title
22 only, second reading Ordinance No. 42-2019.

23 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

24 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

25 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.
3 Tim?

4 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
5 appropriation of \$80,000 of the City of North Canton
6 funds from the unappropriated resources of the
7 general fund for management fees and initial
8 operating funds for a golf course and event center
9 operations.

10 MR. PETERS: Thank you. If there's no
11 further comments or questions, I'll entertain a
12 motion and a second to adopt the second reading.

13 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 That concludes our agenda. Motion and a
19 second to adjourn?

20 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

22 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

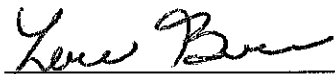
23 ("Aye" in unison.)

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

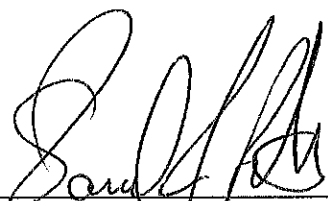
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(Meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.)

Attest:



Laura E. Brown
Director Finance



Daniel Jeff Peters
City Council President

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I do further certify that I am not, nor is the court reporting firm with which I am affiliated, under a contract as defined in Civil Rule 28(D).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Canton, Ohio, on this 21st day of May, 2019.

Laurie Maryl Jonas

 Laurie Maryl Jonas, RMR & Notary Public.
 My commission expires January 6, 2022.

