

1 CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
2 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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5 **TRANSCRIPT OF**
6 **MAY 23, 2019, MEETING**
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12 Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton City
13 Council, taken by me, the undersigned, Laurie Maryl Jonas,
14 a Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public in and for
15 the State of Ohio, at North Canton City Hall, 145 North
16 Main Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Thursday, May 23,
17 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

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1 MR. PETERS: Okay. I'd like to call to order
2 the special meeting Thursday, May 23, 7:30 a.m.

3 Laura, would you please call the roll.

4 MS. BROWN: Peters?

5 MR. PETERS: Here.

6 MS. BROWN: Foltz?

7 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

8 MS. BROWN: Revoldt?

9 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

10 MS. BROWN: Werren?

11 MRS. WERREN: Here.

12 MS. BROWN: Four present.

13 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

14 Motion to excuse Members Keisling, Cerreta
15 and Fonte.

16 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

18 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank
21 you.

22 At this time, if you wish to address council,
23 please step forward, state your name and address.

24 And we will limit comments to the item that is on the
25 agenda, please.

1 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview
2 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

3 On the press day announcing this, Mayor Held
4 called -- the city called Arrowhead a gem to the
5 city, which is basically a repeat what was said when
6 we purchased it back in '03. But you have to guard
7 your gems. This property hasn't been guarded. It's
8 costing the city. Hasn't been protected. He called
9 it a benefit to the city. Well, I think not. Just a
10 quick rough and ready calculation, I figure we've
11 lost \$600,000 a year since we've owned this property.
12 The value has gone down 2.2 million. Mr. DeOrion,
13 without council authorization, has went out and spent
14 about 24,000 and had an engineering firm document the
15 property needs 3.2 million in repairs. You've
16 reported publicly that the rent shortfall is 300
17 grand. And I'm just guessing they haven't paid the
18 property taxes in the last five years. That's
19 another 300 grand. And this doesn't include the
20 opportunity cost of this money that has been out
21 there could have been utilized elsewhere, invested
22 and drawing interest.

23 I have various termination letters that have
24 gone out to your previous tenant. Oh, I also have
25 the appraisal on there. 1.9 million. After a \$4.2

1 million purchase. Which I'm proud to say I voted
2 against.

3 You have Hans Nilges, your prior law
4 director, who was concerned about the arrearages of a
5 fraction of what is owed to the city now. That was
6 issued in 2011. June of 2011. In July it was
7 \$11,182 -- 182 and 2 cents. Why didn't we stay on
8 top of this? Again threatening termination. But for
9 some odd reason, at the end of 2011 we renewed and
10 amended the lease. Why would you do that with these
11 ongoing issues that we've had?

12 February of '13, again, we're citing all the
13 arrearages. August of '13, again, threatening
14 termination. January of '14. Where was our law
15 director on all this? Spending all of his time
16 harassing me and denying records request.

17 I did make the statement the other day I
18 think we also have our own rental banquet facilities,
19 if you want to call it that, rental facilities for
20 weddings. That was another thing that David Held,
21 the mayor, brought out. We have lots of weddings
22 coming up. We're competing against ourselves. You're
23 maintaining another facility and undermining any kind
24 of revenue we could generate on that one.

25 There have been lots of peripheral

1 expenditures over the years. That appraisal that's
2 in there, I think we paid \$5,000 for that appraisal
3 back in '11. We paid, I think, \$5,000 to a Texas
4 firm to create the original lease. And I'm sure
5 there are dozens of other peripheral expenses. Are
6 we going to have to hire a bookkeeper, a full-time
7 staff member, to process all the billing, all the
8 payments?

9 This is going to be a failed venture. I
10 don't care how successful the DePietros have been
11 with their other establishments. You're draining
12 taxpayer dollars. This is a money pit. There's been
13 no discussion, no questions, no concerns. I think
14 you've probably held these sessions before to rush
15 into another deal. I am wholeheartedly against this
16 mess.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne.

19 Okay. Anyone else wishing to address council
20 regarding this issue? Okay. Seeing none, we will
21 move on to old business.

22 And may I have a motion and a second to read,
23 by title only, third reading Ordinance No. 42-19.

24 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

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MR. PETERS: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

Tim?

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

MR. PETERS: Thank you.

Chairwoman Werren.

~~MR. OSBORNE~~
MRS. WERREN

~~MR. OSBORNE~~: I think we have talked about this, and if there are no objections, I move to adopt.

MR. FOLTZ: Second.

MR. PETERS: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

That concludes the agenda. Motion to adjourn?

MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

MRS. WERREN: Second.

MR. PETERS: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

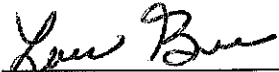
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MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. We
are adjourned.

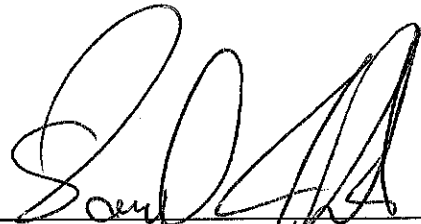
Thank you, everybody.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:38 a.m.)

Attest:



Laura E. Brown
Director Finance



Daniel Jeff Peters
City Council President

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