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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
JUNE 3, 2019, 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 North Canton City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, June 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

3 Doug Foltz, Council Vice President, Ward 1

4 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

5 Daryl Revoldt, At Large

6 Marcia Kiesling, At Large

7 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

8 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

9 Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration

10 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

11 Laura E. Brown, Director of Finance

12 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

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

14 David J. Held, Mayor

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1 MR. PETERS: I'd like to call to order the  
2 committee of the whole meeting on Monday, June 3,  
3 7 p.m.

4 Laura, will you please call the roll.

5 MS. BROWN: Peters?

6 MR. PETERS: Here.

7 MS. BROWN: Foltz?

8 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

9 MS. BROWN: Cerreta?

10 MR. CERRETA: Here.

11 MS. BROWN: Revoldt?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

13 MS. BROWN: Kiesling?

14 MS. KIESLING: Here.

15 MS. BROWN: Werren?

16 MRS. WERREN: Here.

17 MS. BROWN: And Fonte?

18 MR. FONTE: Here.

19 MS. BROWN: Seven present.

20 MR. PETERS: Thank you very much.

21 First up, Community and Economic Development,  
22 Chairwoman Kiesling.

23 MS. KIESLING: Yes. We had a presentation  
24 about this two weeks ago. Two weeks ago. And I  
25 think we asked our questions. Anybody else have any

1 more questions?

2 MR. CERRETA: I do.

3 MS. KIESLING: And ask Pat, because he was  
4 with the consultant for the most amount of time. I  
5 don't want to answer what I don't know, so go ahead.

6 MR. CERRETA: All right. In none of these  
7 packets do I see the Suarez building. Why is that?  
8 Am I missing it?

9 MR. DEORIO: It's missing. The entire group  
10 in the district you're missing.

11 MR. CERRETA: But in none of these it shows,  
12 you know, the color of them that I saw that it's in  
13 there. So can we look at that and make sure that  
14 that is in there. You don't have to do that, but  
15 let's make sure that that is. Because I couldn't  
16 believe that wasn't, and I looked at every one of the  
17 pictures and I -- that's why I came by the other day  
18 and got colored ones because those black and white  
19 ones are very hard to see. So unless you know which  
20 one it is -- I even had someone else look for me,  
21 too.

22 MR. PETERS: DRD 1, isn't it?

23 MR. DEORIO: DRD 1 is the parcel number.  
24 Their entire property is in one parcel number.

25 MR. CERRETA: DRD 1 is right there. That's

1 not the Suarez warehouse building, though.

2 MR. DEORIO: 334 Orchard.

3 MR. CERRETA: That's not it. That's over  
4 here. Well, it's not in the picture. So I just  
5 wanted to make sure, because we don't want to make a  
6 mistake like that.

7 MAYOR HELD: DRD 3.

8 MR. CERRETA: DRD 3. No. Still not blue.  
9 Still not blue. I, you know, marked the ones where  
10 it's at in every one of these.

11 MAYOR HELD: It's right there. Yeah.

12 MR. FONTE: Is it District 3?

13 MR. PETERS: That's what I'm looking right  
14 now. I don't have a color copy.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, Mark's got the color  
16 copy. That helps.

17 MR. CERRETA: Here, Jeff, take a look at  
18 that, or someone.

19 MR. REVOLDT: I've got the black and whites  
20 and I think Mark's on it. I can't find it on the  
21 drawing. Maybe the map has been misdrawn.

22 MR. FOLTZ: You've got a big X on it.

23 MR. CERRETA: I've got a big X on the  
24 building and they're not blued out. And every one  
25 that's close to it.

1 MR. PETERS: Okay. It's not in the color  
2 code.

3 MAYOR HELD: No, you're right. It's on the  
4 map but it's not blue.

5 MR. CERRETA: All right. So that's something  
6 we should probably take care of.

7 MR. FOX: What's the parcel number?

8 MR. CERRETA: There we go. We have it right  
9 up there. There it is. That checkered building.  
10 When you see it --

11 MAYOR HELD: Right there.

12 MR. CERRETA: So that's not blue. Is that --

13 MR. PETERS: What's that parcel number? Is  
14 it in the --

15 MR. FOLTZ: I don't know.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. Read that. Maybe with  
17 glasses you can read it.

18 MR. CERRETA: No, I can't even do it. That's  
19 not it.

20 MR. DEORIO: That is 1000419. Yeah, that's  
21 in Parcel No. 10000419, which is DRD 1.

22 MR. CERRETA: Okay. None of us could read  
23 that, definitely, so we need to make sure that the  
24 picture really shows it. So we're good. That is in  
25 there?

1 MR. DEORIO: That is in there.

2 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

3 MR. DEORIO: Like Ragu. But it's a good  
4 observation.

5 MR. FONTE: It's in the recipe.

6 MR. REVOLDT: It's DRD 1.

7 MS. KIESLING: It's just not blue?

8 MR. PETERS: It's not blue on the color code.  
9 That's the parcel number. I thought that was a 419.

10 MS. KIESLING: Yeah.

11 MR. CERRETA: Another question.

12 MR. DEORIO: I'll get that.

13 MR. CERRETA: Okay. I figured you would.

14 When we do create this, are we able to create  
15 dates and progress? Kind of dates and finish dates  
16 and penalties if those dates, because this -- are we  
17 able to do any of this stuff when we -- or, I mean,  
18 as this thing goes through?

19 MR. DEORIO: As you may recall, at the time  
20 that these go into effect, when we pass them and the  
21 mayor signs them it's like a starting gun going off  
22 to a race. The clock starts. You have ten years  
23 minus every second that it takes. So if a new -- if  
24 a company wants to tear down buildings between, you  
25 know, 6th and 7th Street, Northeast, Rick's Sporting

1 Cards, et cetera, and take out a block, and to the  
2 time that they come in and apply for it there's only  
3 nine years left, they only get nine years left of --  
4 up to nine years' worth of DRD credit. Now, it's  
5 subject to negotiation. We don't have to give them  
6 nine years, we don't have to give them 70 percent.  
7 It depends on the nature of the project. That's what  
8 the council will have to look at. Some projects may  
9 be more worthy than others.

10 MR. CERRETA: Right. Well, I'm just trying  
11 to give us an advantage, so when somebody says  
12 they're going to do something that it gets done when  
13 we want to get it done and not wait till the 10th  
14 year. That's kind of what I'm going for.

15 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. That's why we want to do  
16 them all at the same time is I don't really care, I  
17 guess we really shouldn't care where on Main Street  
18 this stuff happens. If somebody has an interest on  
19 South Main, they want to take down a few buildings  
20 and consolidate lots and build something new, they  
21 understand that it's in their best interests not to  
22 wait until the ninth year because they are not going  
23 to get the taxes. They want to do it right now.

24 MR. CERRETA: Yeah. I understand that, too.  
25 We surely don't want to do this and wait and wait for



1 those folks, and that's why I think it's important,  
2 whatever language we put in these things, is -- did  
3 you have a question?

4 MR. REVOLDT: Well, to answer your question,  
5 unlike a CRA, where the tax proceeds go to the  
6 developer, those monies are going to flow to the city  
7 for disbursal. So to answer your question, we would  
8 have an agreement or contract with the party, and  
9 then if the party failed to perform, we simply turn  
10 the spigot off.

11 MR. CERRETA: To have control over the funds  
12 and the accounts.

13 MR. REVOLDT: We absolutely have control.

14 MR. CERRETA: And there's a different account  
15 for every different parcel.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Each project within a DRD would  
17 have its own separate contract.

18 MR. CERRETA: And so this is just for my  
19 understanding of it, too, because I've been asked  
20 this question here. Let's just say we approved  
21 something over there and the property tax starts  
22 increasing over the next two years and they don't  
23 even get started for the next three years, we still  
24 collect that every year even though it starts moving?  
25 No, we don't? Okay. I got a yes over there and I

1 got a no over there. Okay.

2 MR. DEORIO: Well, it's only going to start  
3 if there's -- the property tax value is only going  
4 to -- let me rephrase that.

5 We're only going to collect based on the  
6 change in the property value as a result of the  
7 project moving forward to tear down, rebuild, award  
8 some modification. They put a million dollars into  
9 it, whatever it is. That's when eventually that  
10 number gets certified to the auditor. The auditor  
11 collects the taxes, sends it to the treasurer, the  
12 treasurer sends it to the city.

13 MR. CERRETA: How often do they do that,  
14 reassessing the taxes? Every year?

15 MR. DEORIO: Well, I mean, there's a couple  
16 ways that they can do that.

17 MR. CERRETA: Some people say seven years.

18 MR. DEORIO: Generally on a big project like  
19 that the auditor would do that immediately. But they  
20 also have a regular schedule where they go back and  
21 review all buildings that haven't been looked at for  
22 a while.

23 MS. BROWN: That's every three years.

24 MR. DEORIO: Every three years.

25 MR. FONTE: So hypothetically, when they do

1 work to the building they get permits, they get  
2 approved, inspected and done, and then it gets turned  
3 in; correct? So that's like a tracking of  
4 improvements to the real estate.

5 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. They would want to be  
6 recertified because they want the tax incentive.

7 MR. FONTE: Right.

8 MR. DEORIO: So they would want the auditor  
9 to come out and look at it.

10 MR. FONTE: So the sense that I have is that  
11 as we do the improvements, that is the incentive.  
12 They're going to get it done and get credit for it,  
13 so those values go up so they have access to that  
14 money as long as they play in the right sandbox.

15 MAYOR HELD: We can collect -- so the income  
16 tax -- or the property tax is going to be collected.  
17 But how it is used, that's -- that's how the city is  
18 going to determine how those funds. You know,  
19 typically, so if this -- if this building here, let's  
20 say it's the building that we're in right now, it's  
21 city hall, but let's say the building is normally --  
22 the property tax is a million dollars. Right?  
23 Valuation. And then it goes up to 20 million. Well,  
24 that increase in the property tax the property owner  
25 has to pay. But then what is done with that money,

1 that's where we determine under the downtown  
2 redevelopment district how that money is used. In  
3 some cases, it could go right back to the company  
4 that's paying it. But we do also have the  
5 flexibility of utilizing those funds for other  
6 sources too. So we can put some of the money into  
7 the CIC, you could put it into another --

8 MR. DEORIO: Infrastructure.

9 MAYOR HELD: Another structure.

10 MR. DEORIO: Infrastructure.

11 MAYOR HELD: Infrastructure. Right. Right.  
12 Roads, libraries.

13 MR. FONTE: I think by having nine districts,  
14 that's -- we'll make a big impact in the downtown  
15 district.

16 MR. DEORIO: Eight.

17 MR. FONTE: Eight. I'm sorry. Did we lose  
18 one?

19 MR. DEORIO: Yeah, we did.

20 MR. FONTE: Okay. So we had eight. I lost  
21 one.

22 MR. DEORIO: We presented eight but we  
23 couldn't do the ninth one.

24 MR. FONTE: Okay. Not enough acreage?

25 MR. DEORIO: Right.

1 MR. FONTE: It was a 10-acre piece, I guess.  
2 so the eight DRD districts will be powerful because  
3 it will create that gravity we're looking for to help  
4 propel us to what we've been missing. I'm excited  
5 about it. I'm really excited about it.

6 MR. CERRETA: I just want to make sure we're  
7 getting it all right though. On this thing, why --  
8 why are they yellow? I was trying to read this. The  
9 ones that are yellow mean? Is that --

10 MR. FONTE: What? The highlighted yellow?

11 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

12 MR. FONTE: That's just the parcel number and  
13 the assessed value for each parcel number.

14 MR. CERRETA: But there's some that are not  
15 yellow. Does that mean they weren't included?

16 MR. DEORIO: All the ones that are listed in  
17 the list, whether they are yellow or not, are  
18 included in the DRD. That's just an editor's  
19 discussion point.

20 MR. CERRETA: Okay. Then another thing, I  
21 was reading through this thing, there's a chance to  
22 create an innovative district along with the DRD.  
23 Are we going to pursue that?

24 MR. DEORIO: We are -- we are going to pursue  
25 several different things. I think the next thing

1 that's on the agenda is part of this is the  
2 entertainment district. Then the innovation  
3 district. But the entertainment district is  
4 something that we feel that we need more right now  
5 because of the restaurants that could be here save  
6 for the liquor permit issues, and the entertainment  
7 district helps address some of those things. The  
8 innovation district would be working on getting, you  
9 know, the --

10 MR. CERRETA: Gigabytes.

11 MR. DEORIO: -- gigabyte up and down service  
12 up into here. Typically that goes out to a  
13 university as an anchor. We're looking at more  
14 getting it into the central core.

15 MR. CERRETA: In the innovative district, if  
16 you put a hundred gigabytes in, you become an  
17 internet district.

18 MRS. WERREN: You're doing it downtown.  
19 Yeah.

20 MR. CERRETA: You get more high-tech stuff  
21 with different funds than they'll be able to receive  
22 so they'll be qualified, as they say. Then I've had  
23 some people approach me about that, just putting  
24 something on our water towers and we could really --  
25 it's something we should probably look into.

1 MRS. WERREN: It's more than just putting it  
2 on your water towers.

3 MR. CERRETA: That's the beginning of it. If  
4 you've got enough --

5 MRS. WERREN: Canton is doing it. It's not  
6 the water towers.

7 MR. DEORIO: You have to run fiber from its  
8 disbursement point into the city. For instance, we  
9 talked with -- like we had talked with the City of  
10 Fairlawn about the service that they provide and they  
11 get, you know, their internet service from another  
12 entity but they have the fiber run to Fairlawn and  
13 then Fairlawn is running all the fiber around the  
14 city. But that piece that came from the internet  
15 service provider to Fairlawn, you know, for that  
16 hundred-gig service was done. That's kind of the  
17 thing that we would need to do here. Somebody has to  
18 provide that to us. It's not something that we can  
19 go out and invent. But there's a lot of them out  
20 there that are available now.

21 MR. FONTE: We went to Kent State, remember  
22 that conference we went to about the fourth utility?  
23 So, I mean, as we move forward with the changes  
24 downtown, and with the 75 million millenials that are  
25 going to populate our earth, which they are, we

1 obviously want to make sure that we're geared for  
2 that trend. And it's coming, like it or not.

3 MR. CERRETA: That's all the questions I  
4 have. I'm thinking this is terrific.

5 MR. DEORIO: Good questions. And I'll get  
6 you your answers.

7 MR. PETERS: Give me your color copy. I had  
8 a couple comments. Make sure I've got the right.

9 Yeah. Okay. My -- it's, I guess, not a  
10 concern but a statement I'll make. District DRD 6, I  
11 think the vision in my mind, once this gets done,  
12 will be optimistic. Say it's going to happen across  
13 the street. It's going to be so many units there and  
14 frontage for commercial and hopefully Main Street  
15 Grille will pick up and other things will happen  
16 around it. And I really feel that that area there,  
17 that green space, should remain a green space. I  
18 think you're going to need it. I think we should  
19 concentrate on redevelopment of existing buildings.  
20 Replace those, enhance those, because I think that  
21 will just be a great asset to have in this community,  
22 whoever's going to own it, whether schools or us down  
23 the road or whoever we collaborate with it, I just  
24 think it's important to have a green space area near  
25 downtown because we won't have it. We'll have



1 parking lots, maybe, because of St. Paul's, but we  
2 won't have any green space. So I think that's  
3 important to consider, just for the record.

4 MR. DEORIO: Appreciate that.

5 You know, that property isn't, you know, just  
6 speaking candidly, not the direct focus for that. I  
7 mean, I think that the council has to wrestle with  
8 the idea that there's very little, you know, land  
9 available within inside the city limits that's  
10 developable where we can generate income-producing  
11 jobs. And this is a -- if you look at that, it's  
12 approximately 9.-something acres. And just as an  
13 idea -- not saying this has been vetted or anything,  
14 not even pursuing it, just trying to give council  
15 color, that's all, but if you -- if you took, say,  
16 the north of Washington Square, there's some  
17 professional office buildings north of Wendy's,  
18 you've seen those? There's five of those.

19 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

20 MR. DEORIO: Each one holds four professional  
21 offices. One holds six. That total acreage for  
22 that, including all the parking that goes with that,  
23 is 4 acres. So to me, it would seem that you  
24 probably have room for both. You got 9 acres there.  
25 I think 9 acres in the middle of the city as a park,

1           you know, is certainly beyond what is in downtown  
2           Canton as their green space, which is a city block,  
3           but I think if you could get some income-producing  
4           revenue that you would be better served in the long  
5           run to help pay for maintaining that green space,  
6           but --

7                   MR. FOLTZ: Well, I just think we should  
8           think about it. I appreciate development, commercial  
9           community development. I just, you know, make sure  
10          we leave room, like I said, to have a core area we  
11          can utilize because, like I said, I'm hoping this  
12          happens. I'm hoping already it would have happened,  
13          you already would have maybe seen a need for that  
14          area. So I just want to make sure we take that into  
15          consideration.

16                   Second thing is, I guess when we pass this I  
17          guess we're invoking our trust then to the mayor,  
18          director of administration, and director of law to  
19          make the future decisions on this. Is anything  
20          coming back to council or is this a decision that --  
21          go ahead.

22                   MR. REVOLDT: That squares with my comments.  
23          I believe that the ultimate authority should rest  
24          with the council.

25                   MR. PETERS: Okay.

1 MR. REVOLDT: We authorize the administration  
2 and our employees to negotiate on our behalf, but  
3 ultimately the decision, I believe, should rest with  
4 council.

5 MR. PETERS: Are we sure that the language is  
6 there?

7 MR. REVOLDT: No. No.

8 MR. DEORIO: Let's keep in mind, because  
9 Marcia is probably just about to point it out because  
10 she and her committee, she's responsible for the  
11 TIRCs and CRAs and all that stuff. Every one of  
12 these is going to follow the same format. It's all  
13 going to have to be run through the TIRC or the  
14 housing council, whatever it is, all that has to be  
15 approved by the county team, generate a report that  
16 the city council is going to have to approve, then  
17 it's all going to have to be filed with the state.  
18 Every single deal is a separate thing that has to go  
19 through the council. And certainly, you know, the  
20 administration would not want to be in a position  
21 where we're negotiating something and we don't have  
22 the support of council ahead of that time.

23 MR. FONTE: Amen.

24 MS. KIESLING: So my only comment, I guess,  
25 on that, and Daryl and I have spoke a little bit. I

1 think -- because I differ a little bit. I think if  
2 it did come back to us as a body, not as one of us on  
3 the committee or one of us on the TIRC, one of us on  
4 the housing council, I think it unfortunately does  
5 put a lot of politics in play, and who are your  
6 friends and who wants what, and I know this is -- so  
7 I think by running it through committees with only  
8 one or two of us on there or, you know, you can make  
9 a meeting or I can make a meeting, whatever, we sort  
10 of take out that -- that edge. I just feel like  
11 we're elected and sometimes we got to keep ourselves  
12 away from some of this stuff to some extent and it  
13 has to work.

14 MR. DEORIO: It has to be approved.

15 MS. KIESLING: And in the end it is approved  
16 by us but not negotiated by us.

17 MR. PETERS: No. I don't mean that council  
18 as a separate body negotiates. I just think we don't  
19 want to run into situations where we had other CRAs,  
20 agreements and it wasn't maybe as transparent as it  
21 should have been. And I'm not -- I'm just talking.  
22 These -- these roles changes in these chairs. It  
23 isn't just us.

24 MAYOR HELD: No. Absolutely.

25 MR. PETERS: I have faith in Pat and Laura

1 and you guys, yes. But that doesn't mean something  
2 might change next year or the year after that. We've  
3 got a ten-year process here. That's all of my  
4 statement.

5 MS. KIESLING: And I think all Pat is saying  
6 is there is a process in place. We already follow it  
7 with the TIRC and the housing council and investment  
8 activity.

9 MAYOR HELD: I think what city council is  
10 clarifying is that any decision that's going to be  
11 determined for the downtown redevelopment district,  
12 they will be approved by city council. Ultimately it  
13 will be approved by city council. You may have  
14 various committees where the various members of the  
15 council will be on the, you know, committees as  
16 you're going through the process, but ultimately we  
17 want the council to approve it. So that we don't  
18 have something like we did with the CRA where --

19 MS. KIESLING: Correct.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Then I think the appropriate  
21 place to express that is Section 5 of this ordinance  
22 because Section 5 does not say that.

23 MAYOR HELD: Then we'll change it.

24 MR. DEORIO: Well, keep in mind on page 28 of  
25 the proposal, what they were suggesting is that the

1 Hoover District DRD operating committee would consist  
2 of the mayor, director of administration, director of  
3 law, representative from a local bank, chair of the  
4 CIC and a minimum of two DRD district property owners  
5 appointed by the committee.

6 MR. CERRETA: I think we're talking about two  
7 different things. I think there is an operating  
8 committee, but ultimately the authorization to  
9 proceed should rest with council.

10 MR. DEORIO: That committee was to make  
11 recommendations to the city council on the rates,  
12 terms, and capital investment requirements and the  
13 grants and loans to owners. You're talking that's  
14 more the reporting end of it. Negotiate rates and  
15 terms of grants with owners of historic and  
16 non-historic buildings in the DRDs. That's what the  
17 operating committee does.

18 MR. CERRETA: Where are you at on that?

19 MR. DEORIO: Page 28. Page 28.

20 MR. REVOLDT: I'm not sure, is that reflected  
21 in the language of the ordinance, however? It's in  
22 the report, I guess we're going to adopt that as an  
23 attachment, but could the report itself be clearer to  
24 that point. Or excuse me, could the ordinance  
25 itself.

1 MR. DEORIO: We'll make it clearer.

2 MAYOR HELD: I mean, we fully support, and  
3 what we want is that whenever we're making a big  
4 decision for the downtown redevelopment district,  
5 because you're talking -- you could be talking  
6 millions of dollars in property taxes. So we want  
7 the council to give that final approval. So you have  
8 the operating committee that consists of various  
9 members that, as Mark had said, you know, you're  
10 involved in the negotiations or the development of  
11 the agreement but then ultimately it will come back,  
12 and if it's not clear in this language we want it to  
13 be crystal clear.

14 MR. CERRETA: Put it in one sentence. That's  
15 all. Put all things come back to council. That's  
16 all you have.

17 MR. FOX: We can -- I believe Section 5 is  
18 the consultant looking at the overall authority when  
19 they're executing contracts, that final step, that  
20 last step is signed by the mayor, pointing out that  
21 the director of finance has the funds sufficient for  
22 the -- for the project, the director of law for form  
23 and content. That's the final portion in there. But  
24 what we may do there in Section 5 is perhaps just  
25 before that, or incorporate in that each DRD

1 agreement shall be approved by, say, resolution of  
2 council and then the agreement approved by the mayor  
3 and finance. So council shall have its say.

4 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

6 MR. FOLTZ: Very good.

7 MR. CERRETA: One other thing you mentioned  
8 tonight and, you know, I had questions the last time  
9 about those 10 properties next to Charlotte. I think  
10 it would be a great idea to get those in. I don't  
11 know why we would leave those out.

12 MS. KIESLING: They don't connect.

13 MR. DEORIO: It's above 10 acres.

14 MR. CERRETA: They're more than 10 acres, you  
15 said?

16 MR. DEORIO: The school property consists of  
17 9.-something acres. So if you can't go over 10 acres  
18 in the DRD so you can't get the 17 properties that  
19 are on Charlotte that you'd have to acquire. They  
20 are residential properties.

21 MR. REVOLDT: To Mark's questions, we can, in  
22 the future, we can create a ninth DRD at a time we  
23 deem appropriate.

24 MR. CERRETA: Why don't we create one now?  
25 What's holding us back?



1 MR. DEORIO: You don't have enough -- your  
2 acreage is too high. You can't get all 17 of those  
3 properties along Charlotte.

4 MR. CERRETA: It's really on Portage where  
5 I'm talking about. These just go -- you know, that  
6 block down there, if we want that block to be  
7 something someday, whether it's a park or whatever it  
8 is, you've got to have those 10 properties to make it  
9 a whole -- and that's why I'm saying now, for the  
10 future, that looks like something that we should be  
11 going after on this instead of coming back and  
12 redoing everything. Is everybody seeing what I'm  
13 talking about here?

14 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

15 MR. DEORIO: Which one are you talking about?

16 MS. KIESLING: I thought we --

17 MR. CERRETA: I'm talking about DRD 6.

18 MS. KIESLING: It didn't connect to an  
19 historic -- like you couldn't get it connected to a  
20 historic. We talked about this.

21 MR. DEORIO: On Portage. I misspoke. I  
22 think I said Charlotte but I meant Portage. There's  
23 17 properties that we would have to acquire on  
24 Portage, the old Portage, to add to that. And that  
25 puts us well past 10 acres.

1 MS. KIESLING: But you're saying make a  
2 separate.

3 MR. PETERS: But there has to be a historic.

4 MS. KIESLING: But we couldn't get the  
5 anchor.

6 MR. DEORIO: The anchor, we have to go all  
7 the way back across the street to the Hoover District  
8 to pick off one of those. And remember --

9 MR. CERRETA: Well, is that --

10 MR. DEORIO: But the main -- the main one on  
11 the corner of East Maple and Main, the old west  
12 factory and we keep going back and create one  
13 parcel --

14 MS. KIESLING: Right.

15 MR. DEORIO: -- that's huge. So you can't  
16 get a piece of it. If it was like ten different  
17 parcels over there, you could grab one of these, one  
18 of those, one of those, which is what we did with  
19 most of the other stuff. But they have a super-huge  
20 parcel that we -- it stands by itself as a DRD.

21 MR. FONTE: Pat, is it possible to -- this is  
22 just thinking broad and wide. Is it possible to have  
23 it resurveyed and skim a piece off and create a new  
24 legal description and -- and stick -- like, in other  
25 words, that big piece, you could skim off a piece,

1 have it surveyed, send it to Stark County Regional  
2 Planning, get a new legal description, parcel number,  
3 and then make that part of the next DRD  
4 hypothetically?

5 MR. DEORIO: Yes. That is a possibility.  
6 The more likely possibility is just establishing a  
7 CRA for the residential properties because the  
8 residential really are not supposed to be in a DRD  
9 anyway, but that doesn't mean they haven't been done.  
10 They have been done. But if for some reason you need  
11 to acquire these properties to make this a go there,  
12 you could put a CRA in the residential portion of it.  
13 It will get you there anyway.

14 MR. CERRETA: I know that's what someone will  
15 say ten years from now. Why the heck didn't you put  
16 it in there. That's come up.

17 What about -- what about the school there?  
18 That's got to be historic property there? No? That  
19 big Charlotte school over there.

20 MR. DEORIO: No. Old but not historic.

21 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

22 MR. DEORIO: It has to be on the federal  
23 register of historic places in order to be a  
24 federally registered historic district. You know,  
25 the only other property in town at the moment that

1           qualifies for that description is the Hoover -- the  
2           old Hoover home or farm, or whatever it's called out  
3           there now, the historic building that is on the  
4           register of historic places, and you could build DRDs  
5           out there with that as an anchor for perhaps that 6.6  
6           acres of land that's still available north of  
7           Washington Square. But that's, you know, largely  
8           built out and new, so there just didn't seem to be  
9           any upside to the economic values that you would do  
10          out there.

11                 MR. REVOLDT: To Patrick's point about a CRA,  
12           I think it's important to remember on the DRD the  
13           maximum allowable amount is 70 percent. The  
14           percentage. On CRA, remember it's a hundred percent.  
15           If you're looking at -- again, you're looking at a  
16           project. So there is a certain advantage to having  
17           the CRA, perhaps, in that adjoining area where you  
18           might have higher costs associated with the property.

19                 MR. DEORIO: 70 percent in ten years without  
20           school district approval. But you can go beyond the  
21           70 if the school district buys in. That is their  
22           property.

23                 MR. REVOLDT: But 70 percent is the number;  
24           correct?

25                 MR. DEORIO: You can go higher than that, but

1 the school has to approve. And what we're saying  
2 about that over there --

3 MR. PETERS: That's their property.

4 MR. DEORIO: -- that might be in their best  
5 interest, as we -- and we've talked with them. We've  
6 had some meetings about, you know, aligning our  
7 strategic vision. And that could involve, you know,  
8 swapping some parcels out.

9 MAYOR HELD: So the DRD, what it does is it  
10 gives -- it gives the city a larger percentage to  
11 have authority over. A CRA is 50 percent. The DRD  
12 is 70 percent with the city. And the city has ten  
13 years to determine how that 70 percent would be used.  
14 Whereas the CRA, we can determine 50 percent of the  
15 property taxes, and no more, and then the school  
16 approves the other 50 percent.

17 MR. FONTE: And the term is longer, too;  
18 correct? 12 to 15; right?

19 MR. DEORIO: Yes. On the CRA you can go  
20 50 percent for up to 15 years. And again, with the  
21 CRA there's no starting gun. It's not the clock is  
22 winding down, it's the clock doesn't even start until  
23 the abatement is granted.

24 MR. FONTE: I think this is great. Thank  
25 you.

1           MAYOR HELD: One other clarification, too, I  
2 think one of the members brought this up about, you  
3 know, why are we doing them all at once? Because  
4 Patrick and I had had that discussion originally  
5 like, you know, maybe we should stagger it, maybe we  
6 should say okay, we'll do this part of the Hoover  
7 District first and then maybe two years we'll do the  
8 next one. But we don't know is what businesses are  
9 going to want. You know, we can't predict what --  
10 what parcel is going to be the prime parcel for a  
11 particular company. So we just thought we're just  
12 going to put it all out front right from the very  
13 start so that, as businesses come through, they will  
14 be open to the whole menu of options in order to take  
15 advantage of that. But again, once we approve it,  
16 you get ten years out of that 70 percent. So it's  
17 important to, you know, take advantage of it as soon  
18 as possible. For companies to do that.

19           MS. KIESLING: So I believe we need to set a  
20 public hearing; correct? Did we do that? We didn't  
21 do that.

22           MR. DEORIO: Well, there's some -- there's  
23 some ongoing meetings that I think we would like to  
24 get a little more resolution on --

25           MS. KIESLING: Okay.

1 MR. DEORIO: -- before we get to that point.  
2 So we would like to come back at the next instance of  
3 a committee of the whole where we feel we have  
4 something to move forward with in our discussions  
5 with some of the other parties involved here and at  
6 that time you would be able to do that.

7 MR. FOX: We always can have a public meeting  
8 for information and keep that in the public, but in  
9 the state statute for the downtown redevelopment  
10 district there's no requirement. We can do that, but  
11 there's no requirement to do that.

12 MR. PETERS: Okay.

13 MS. KIESLING: Okay. We'll put it on for two  
14 weeks and give us an update. Great.

15 Next on the agenda is requesting that we send  
16 over to planning commission. We talked about this a  
17 couple weeks ago; right -- this is like deja vu for  
18 me -- about the accessory use regulations, the fences  
19 and walls.

20 MR. REVOLDT: This is just to formalize it.

21 MS. KIESLING: Okay. So we're formalizing it  
22 and sending it over to planning. We'll give it its  
23 resolution reading next week if that's okay with  
24 everybody. Okay?

25 MR. CERRETA: Everybody okay with that?

1 MS. KIESLING: I thought we did that last  
2 time, so I apologize.

3 MR. CERRETA: We've just talked about it,  
4 yeah.

5 MS. KIESLING: Okay. That's it for me. No,  
6 you wanted to amend the agenda to include --

7 MR. DEORIO: A correction to ordinance  
8 concerning Hower/Witwer/Orchard zoning, and I'd be  
9 happy to explain.

10 MS. KIESLING: So Jeff, I'd like to motion to  
11 amend the agenda to add Item C to my committee  
12 amending the map for the rezoning.

13 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?

14 MRS. WERREN: Second.

15 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries, 7-0.

18 MR. DEORIO: Yes. In reviewing the  
19 documentation, the ordinance was properly drafted.  
20 It references properties on Orchard, Hower and  
21 Witwer. And the language in the ordinance that  
22 specifies the parcel numbers are all-inclusive and  
23 accurate. Attached as part of that was a map though.  
24 And the map that was attached included all but three  
25 of the properties. So I e-mailed all that to you and



1 I printed out a copy of the map for you today. It's  
2 at the dais. And so it's three properties. It's one  
3 on Orchard, 389 Orchard, and then it's a vacant lot  
4 next to that. At 389 Orchard. It doesn't have a  
5 number because it's a vacant lot. And then on Hower  
6 was the other one, and it's a vacant lot, I think  
7 that's currently being used by ACY Communication for  
8 some storage of some material but it doesn't have a  
9 house number, so it's just parcels. Those were all  
10 included in the ordinance. It just needed the map.  
11 So I did that front and back. And we haven't voted  
12 on this yet. It's due for its first reading next  
13 week. So I thought it would be better to amend it in  
14 committee here so that when we get it there we have a  
15 clean piece of legislation.

16 MS. KIESLING: Correct. It's just a  
17 technical correction. I'm fine with that, if we  
18 amend it for the first reading. Everybody okay with  
19 that? Yeah, it went to planning that way so we're  
20 good.

21 MR. DEORIO: Right. Thank you.

22 MS. KIESLING: Okay. We'll change it and put  
23 it on the agenda for next week.

24 MR. PETERS: As amended.

25 MS. KIESLING: As amended.

1 MR. PETERS: Okay.

2 MR. FONTE: I have a revision, too, regarding  
3 signage. Is that coming up next or is that my turn  
4 for the --

5 MR. DEORIO: Finance and Property is next,  
6 according to the president's agenda.

7 MR. FONTE: Oh, I'm sorry.

8 MRS. WERREN: I don't think you're on.

9 MR. FONTE: No, I think there's -- I'm  
10 supposed to be on after her on this signage for  
11 Market.

12 MR. DEORIO: You're not on the list at all.

13 MR. FONTE: Oh, I'm sorry.

14 MR. DEORIO: But you do have to get on the  
15 list.

16 MS. KIESLING: We have to amend the agenda.

17 MR. DEORIO: We have to amend to allow you to  
18 speak on that. It will surely pass.

19 MR. FONTE: I'm just trying to get this all  
20 figured out.

21 MR. DEORIO: I don't know if you have the  
22 support.

23 MR. CERRETA: No matter how do you it, let's  
24 just do it.

25 MR. FONTE: I just want to get it done.

1 MR. FOX: For the record, that's outright  
2 teasing. So when you read it, you might not catch  
3 the -- the subtle nuance with it. It's teasing.

4 MR. PETERS: Okay. Next one, Finance and  
5 Property. Chairman Werren.

6 MRS. WERREN: I know I'm on the agenda.

7 We talked about the Johnson Control  
8 legislation, and they have presented to us, and I  
9 know we had tabled it a week or so ago, maybe two  
10 weeks. And I think since then Shestin has talked to  
11 a couple more individuals, and it was kind of funny,  
12 I was doing a Rotary presentation in Massillon the  
13 other day and the CEO of Aqua, we've had a lot of  
14 conversations about, had asked me to present and  
15 that's why I talked.

16 I was telling him about kind of what we're  
17 doing and looking at this and I knew they had a  
18 sludge machine. And he said, "Oh, you don't even  
19 need to do that. We'll just buy you."

20 And I said, "Well, you're not going to buy  
21 us. We like our water treatment plant, and, you  
22 know, we are running it well."

23 But the funny part that made me think is, if  
24 we don't react and start doing things to help  
25 facilitate what we're doing with the sludge and

1 removal, there may come a time where someone buys us.  
2 Because it's just not going to be good for us to run  
3 it anymore. We're not going to be able to get the  
4 sludge out and move.

5 So it really made me start thinking about,  
6 well, what can we do in looking at that proposal and  
7 the immediate nature of some of these things. And I  
8 got some figures -- oh, I asked -- actually asked him  
9 how he did it. And they did hire a whole person, and  
10 the person is an engineer, and they said that it was  
11 important to have that, like, it just couldn't be --  
12 just couldn't be anyone else. It was a really  
13 special tasked job. It took a lot of time. He did  
14 end of managing it, but it was a whole other job they  
15 created.

16 So when you look at that and the cost and,  
17 you know, what that is, that's just something to  
18 think about. And then some numbers from Shestin, run  
19 some different rates of what they were charging. So  
20 if we did like the whole project it was two million  
21 one, and then if we hired an engineering and if we  
22 hired a construction manager and then if you had  
23 change orders and the management fees you'd be up to  
24 about 2.4. So there's about \$300,000 difference in  
25 there. Based on what Johnson Control was going to

1 do.

2 And then listening to all of you, I thought,  
3 well, maybe there's a way that we could really start  
4 moving on this but maybe just piecemeal it together  
5 and say, Could Johnson Control do the sludge press,  
6 we take that apart, we wait on the chiller, we wait  
7 on the lights, let's see how they do. They manage  
8 it, they run it. I don't think Pat has the time to  
9 do that at this moment. And I know Pat and Laura  
10 were kind of excited about this project and just  
11 looking at what we could do with it. It helps our  
12 infrastructure, our investment in our water system,  
13 and I just -- I wanted to bring it back and see what  
14 you guys thought and see if possibly we could amend  
15 it, maybe move forward on the sludge press. See what  
16 your thoughts were. Yes?

17 MR. FOLTZ: Wasn't there costs like \$96,000  
18 for everything?

19 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

20 MR. FOLTZ: That's it? That's the bottom  
21 line?

22 MRS. WERREN: I asked her, well, so where are  
23 you making your money? Like, what's in this for you?  
24 I'm kind of missing some of this. So the  
25 engineering, there really aren't any costs for them.

1 They don't make any money on that. But what they do  
2 make it on, just like any business, is they're like  
3 the management. So they put a 10 percent fee on the  
4 front end, maybe the back end. I know the front end  
5 for sure. And then they manage the change orders.  
6 So that's where they make their money. And I want  
7 them to make money, too. I mean, they're a business,  
8 I get it, but we're not losing any money. I mean,  
9 this is helping our city and we're moving forward on  
10 a very important part, which is a big revenue  
11 generator for us. And I want it to be like Aqua. I  
12 don't want him to -- like, and he was kidding, like  
13 we're going to buy you, but that does happen.

14 MR. FOLTZ: What did Aqua pay for  
15 engineering?

16 MRS. WERREN: He said -- well, he give me  
17 that just there's a whole other cost, but he said it  
18 was definitely over a hundred thousand. It was a  
19 lot. And it was a lot to manage and it was a lot.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Probably closer to 200,000.

21 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. And I mean, and I  
22 looked, you know, I looked at Johnson Controls and I  
23 was like, all right, you said it was 300, I'm going  
24 to take a hundred off of that just because. So we're  
25 still at 200 with that. So I didn't know. And I

1 haven't even -- I haven't talked to Laura about could  
2 we finance just the sludge, is there enterprise  
3 funds, you know, what could we do? I don't know.  
4 But I just wanted to bring it back because I felt  
5 like it was important to our city and I think we need  
6 to move on some of these things. We've talked about  
7 this a lot. And from our conversations, none of us  
8 are experts.

9 MR. FONTE: Okay. I got a question.  
10 2.2 million is what they said initially, and they  
11 said if we did the whole kit and caboodle at 3.2  
12 amortized over 20 years, 3.8, which is 1.2 million in  
13 interest; right? It's a cost-neutral experience  
14 because, you know, we -- they're going to save us  
15 money. So my thinking was, when I talked to Laura  
16 and Rob, we were saying since we're on a pretty  
17 aggressive replacement plan for the water lines, they  
18 would do an assessment to see over the next five  
19 years what needs to be addressed to be proactive and  
20 what is necessary, what needs to be done. So if we  
21 could delay one of those projects, we would be able  
22 to pay cash, pretty much, for the 2.2 million, but  
23 they're the experts.

24 The second thing is, is that if Mark being  
25 here -- Mark; right? Mark is definitely the water

1           guy and he's pretty familiar with the project and  
2           he's communicated with many of the people locally, so  
3           he's here and I bet he would be more than happy to  
4           answer any questions. And Mark, you had some  
5           conversation with them so why don't you guys take it  
6           away.

7           MRS. WERREN: And I think one thing we need  
8           to think about is you are very opposed to the  
9           interest. I feel a bit differently. I feel like for  
10          a city moving forward and for infrastructure and what  
11          our whole total budget is --

12          MR. FONTE: But I don't believe it's really  
13          infrastructure per se.

14          MRS. WERREN: It is.

15          MR. FONTE: Well, the lights and the coolers  
16          and the boilers.

17          MRS. WERREN: This is infrastructure. Have  
18          you looked at the revenue from it?

19          MR. FONTE: Well, no, no. We're talking  
20          lights. We're talking about being green. I'm saying  
21          that the big piece here, the 2.2 mill for the sludge  
22          press.

23          MRS. WERREN: Right.

24          MR. FONTE: And the purpose for the sludge  
25          press is so we could ship it away without using



1 specialized trucking. And there's a slim chance we  
2 could sell it to the farmers, but that's a real slim  
3 chance. The reality is, is that we can haul it away  
4 quicker and more efficiently, but, you know, just  
5 like everything, you know, to recoup that 2.2 million  
6 we're talking years and years. So unless we can pay  
7 as we go, it's not like building a new building or  
8 something. This is like --

9 MRS. WERREN: But this is how -- yeah.

10 MR. FONTE: It's kind of like a heating  
11 system. It's like --

12 MRS. WERREN: That's going to be broken.  
13 That we're not going to be able to use.

14 MR. FONTE: Well, in normal circumstances  
15 when you run a business, you have to set money aside  
16 for these long-term projects to stay up to speed.

17 MRS. WERREN: But people take loans out all  
18 the time for businesses.

19 MR. FONTE: Do you take a loan out for your  
20 furnace or --

21 MRS. WERREN: I have friends, actually. Jeff  
22 and I said that. People do though.

23 MR. FONTE: My point is, is that it's not  
24 very prudent to be able to operate that way. I'm  
25 just saying we have the wherewithal to do it if we

1 work our finances properly, and if we can delay one  
2 project for one year, if it's not critical, use that  
3 money and pay cash for it and be done with it.  
4 That's -- I'm just saying that's the bottom line.  
5 It's foolish to finance anything in unless it's like  
6 life or death or infrastructure. This is something  
7 that doesn't have to be done immediately. We're just  
8 looking long-term.

9 MRS. WERREN: I don't think it's foolish. I  
10 think if you're looking for your city to move  
11 forward. And I agree. I just think sometimes you  
12 have to put money into bank money. So you're  
13 reinvesting in the future of your water plant.

14 MR. FONTE: I'm very familiar with business.  
15 I've been running one 31 years.

16 MRS. WERREN: I get it. I work with one. I  
17 see budgets all the time. I see budgets in  
18 nonprofits.

19 MR. FONTE: Well, I own one and run one.

20 MRS. WERREN: That's great. Good for you.

21 MR. FONTE: And I have employees. So I get  
22 it. I'm just saying, I'm very cognizant of the  
23 money. And if you don't pay as you go, then you get  
24 yourself in trouble. If you have a downturn in the  
25 economy then we're still on the hook for something

1 for 2 million or \$3 million. To me, I just say it  
2 can be done in pieces parts. We could do, like Rob  
3 and Laura, and they can communicate on what their  
4 progress with that is, if any, and I'm sure Patrick  
5 wants to tell me something. Go ahead, Pat.

6 MR. DEORIO: I'm not going to jump in between  
7 the two of you. I don't want to be bruised in any  
8 way. But let me just say this: I probably would  
9 disagree with the notion that it's not important. I  
10 don't think of it in that regard. There are four  
11 sludge lagoons. They need to be emptied. They are  
12 contingent upon weather. You know, we put the sludge  
13 in the lagoons to hopefully allow Mother Nature to  
14 dehydrate and evaporate some of the liquid out. Have  
15 you noticed Ohio becoming one of the next Great Lakes  
16 this past May? It makes it -- it makes the process  
17 more difficult. If we can't get it to dehydrate then  
18 we're hauling it out in a larger form. The truck  
19 only holds so much. It's that much more that has to  
20 be trucked.

21 So, you know, what we're looking at right now  
22 is we've been barely getting down by spending a  
23 hundred thousand dollars a year for the last --  
24 forever -- to try to get the sludge out, and we're  
25 not emptying a number of sludge pits that need to be

1 emptied. So we do have a sludge bid that's going out  
2 in the -- here in June when we request in the council  
3 meetings and we approve that to go out for bid and  
4 we're going to get a new handle on what it takes to  
5 empty those. But we can't run the risk, if the  
6 sludge lagoons fill up and we can't get them empty,  
7 then you're in a situation where you have to alter  
8 what you're doing to the water because that's a  
9 byproduct of the way we treated the water. And if  
10 you can't treat the water, then you have a bigger  
11 problem on your hands.

12 MR. FONTE: If we eliminate one water  
13 replacement project, how much is a water -- Rob, help  
14 me out here. And Laura. How much is a water  
15 replacement project that we have when we do one or  
16 two lines? How much is that?

17 MR. GRAHAM: That's about a million a year.

18 MR. FONTE: Did you hear what he said? A  
19 million a year. So the project is 2.2 million, or  
20 2.1 million. So I'm just saying, can we work one of  
21 those -- one of those projects and possibly work out  
22 another arrangement to come up with the money. I'm  
23 just saying, I believe if we put our heads together I  
24 think we can come up with the money. And not really  
25 hurt us and we won't have to finance it. And then on

1 the next phase we take care of the streetlights and  
2 then we take care of, as you do the renovations here,  
3 the chillers and the boilers.

4 MRS. WERREN: And I think, when I look back  
5 at all the many, many major companies, they've taken  
6 loans on infrastructure, keep improving the  
7 processes, which they hire people, they have bigger  
8 companies, and they're doing more. And so --

9 MR. FONTE: My suggestion is herefore we  
10 should put aside a small percentage. I know. Yeah.  
11 Go ahead, Laura.

12 MS. BROWN: If I can speak to the financing  
13 just for a minute. Because like you said, you know,  
14 I was thinking Eastbury, that was 700,000. That was  
15 one pretty good-sized water line project. So three  
16 Eastburys makes about the money you need for the  
17 press given what Johnson Control told us.

18 MRS. WERREN: Well, I agree, but then --

19 MS. BROWN: Let me finish. Thank you.

20 When you're looking at this, it's not a  
21 choice of you definitely have to finance or you  
22 definitely don't.

23 MRS. WERREN: Right.

24 MS. BROWN: I think you need to decide do you  
25 want to do the project. And then if you do, do you

1 want Johnson to guide the project. Whether you do or  
2 don't, I have no dog in that fight.

3 MRS. WERREN: Right.

4 MS. BROWN: If you have them do that and they  
5 provide the engineering and provide the cost, then  
6 you make the decision either we delay this for three  
7 years to save up the money or we do it now and we  
8 finance it. But that's, to me, a different decision  
9 than whether or not you move forward with a  
10 particular company on a project.

11 MR. FONTE: You could even do a hybrid,  
12 couldn't you? We could do we skip a project, that's  
13 1 million. Maybe we do some kind of creative  
14 financing. I'm just saying it's not one or the  
15 other.

16 MRS. WERREN: I know. It doesn't have to be.

17 MR. GRAHAM: What would help us, if I could,  
18 is if we had a set of plans in hand I could go  
19 shopping that to grant sources. Our grant  
20 applications are much stronger when you have a set of  
21 plans in your hands. That could help us there.

22 MR. FONTE: So that's the solution to the  
23 problem right there.

24 MR. GRAHAM: Now that you fund it but --

25 MRS. WERREN: Wait. A set of plans for what?

1 MR. FONTE: For the grants to finance.

2 MR. REVOLDT: For the press.

3 MRS. WERREN: They told us, you guys, they're  
4 not going to give us a set of plans.

5 MR. REVOLDT: They would have to give us --

6 MRS. WERREN: But that would cost.

7 MR. GRAHAM: It wouldn't be like an 80-page  
8 set, but they would have to give something. As Mark  
9 and I were discussing before the meeting, because  
10 we're still going to get a PTI for the EPA and  
11 they're going to want to see something. It may not  
12 be a real 200-set detailed for-bid set of plans that  
13 we have ten contractors look at, but they're going to  
14 have to give us something to go back to their vendors  
15 and also to the Ohio EPA because they're going to  
16 have to permit this thing.

17 MRS. WERREN: But that's what they do.  
18 That's their job. So I think she stood up here and  
19 said -- listen --

20 MR. GRAHAM: Right. They can help with their  
21 minimal set of plans, we could call it, that helps us  
22 shop it for grants or zero percent loans or whatever  
23 we could look at. So --

24 MRS. WERREN: I think we would probably have  
25 to commit to them first. I don't know. I mean, I

1 don't know why -- they said they're not making any  
2 money on engineering. So they would put together the  
3 plan.

4 MR. GRAHAM: They have to put something  
5 together.

6 MRS. WERREN: Call your friends at Aqua. See  
7 if they'll just lay it out to you.

8 MS. BROWN: But if we're committing to them,  
9 what are they giving us? Are they giving us some of  
10 a plan and that --

11 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

12 MS. BROWN: -- Rob and Mark can take to the  
13 EPA and then Rob can take to grant -- granting  
14 agencies to get free dollars? Or are they not  
15 willing to furnish that --

16 MR. FONTE: (inaudible) we don't have to  
17 finance it.

18 MRS. WERREN: No, I think at that point they  
19 are. But at that point we've said we're going to pay  
20 your engineering fees and we're going to move forward  
21 with this project. Take this package, do what you  
22 need with it, but then we're going to manage the  
23 project with whoever you have. That's their thing.  
24 They manage it the whole way through.

25 MR. CERRETA: You were going to say



1 something?

2 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. As we talk about this,  
3 and I think Patrick may have -- I don't want to use  
4 the word "downplay" but he probably softened the  
5 urgency. I think we have four lagoons; correct? We  
6 have five. How many of those are at capacity now?

7 MR. LEICHTAMER: Well, up until the last  
8 month we've had two emptied and half of one emptied.

9 MR. REVOLDT: So you have two --

10 MR. LEICHTAMER: We hit the window very hard.  
11 But again, it's rained in the last week so they had  
12 to stop this week.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. So again, of the five  
14 lagoons, currently how many are --

15 MR. LEICHTAMER: Two and a half.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Two and a half are at capacity;  
17 correct?

18 MR. LEICHTAMER: Yes. And it takes three  
19 months to fill one.

20 MR. REVOLDT: So Patrick has told us that if  
21 we get to the point those other two and a half are  
22 filled up, we can't haul them off, we will not be  
23 able to soften water; correct?

24 MR. LEICHTAMER: We'll be stacking them.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. It's a problem.

1 MR. LEICHTAMER: It's a problem. We can  
2 stack them. We can buy time. Which we've done in  
3 the past already.

4 MR. FONTE: How much time do we have -- how  
5 much time do we have in the lagoons?

6 MR. LEICHTAMER: Right now -- right now you  
7 have about seven and a half months. With the two and  
8 a half open.

9 MR. FONTE: Okay. And so when we went get  
10 into winter, does it change because of the weather  
11 business?

12 MR. LEICHTAMER: Well, you have two windows.  
13 Like we were talking, you have the spring when the  
14 farmers will take it in this form, you have the  
15 spring right now, or late spring, early summer. And  
16 then you won't have another window until after the  
17 crops come off the field in early fall. And last  
18 year we couldn't get any off because the fields were  
19 so wet. We couldn't. We couldn't. That's when we  
20 got into the problems.

21 MR. DEORIO: To put it in powdered form.

22 MRS. WERREN: Right.

23 MR. LEICHTAMER: We can stockpile it at the  
24 farmers' fields in the dry form. You know, it  
25 eliminates part of the problem.

1 MR. FOLTZ: What's the -- what's the savings?  
2 Say to do this right every year we clean it out, it's  
3 \$200,000. I'm throwing a figure out there, it might  
4 be close to it. Okay. What's the savings when we go  
5 with the sludge press after that? What's the savings  
6 on just operational costs, a new system in place that  
7 takes care of this?

8 MR. LEICHTAMER: I really can't say you'll  
9 save a ton of money, but you're breaking even. But  
10 you're getting it now in a form that you readily get  
11 rid of it. Which is our problem right now. You're  
12 not going to save a lot on the sludge press process  
13 itself.

14 MR. FOLTZ: That's what I mean. The end  
15 result, what we end up with, is there going to be a  
16 cost savings versus what we're --

17 MR. LEICHTAMER: Transportation.

18 MR. FOLTZ: Transportation. How we're  
19 handling it now --

20 MR. LEICHTAMER: That's my point. It will be  
21 a lot less on versus --

22 MR. FOLTZ: Versus on the final result.

23 MR. LEICHTAMER: You're hauling it out as  
24 liquid now. You're hauling it out as 95 percent  
25 liquid now and 5 percent solids.

1 MR. FOLTZ: I understand.

2 MRS. WERREN: She had some of those numbers,  
3 right, Mark? She had that somewhere. I don't have  
4 it.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Can we revisit that? I think  
6 that's critical.

7 MS. BROWN: Doug, we know that right now  
8 we're spending about \$105,000 a year. That's with  
9 not being able to get out as much as would be ideal.  
10 So let's take that as a conservative number. So if  
11 you think of a hundred thousand dollars a year  
12 compared to a \$2 million project, that's 20 years.  
13 20-year payback. So, you know --

14 MR. FONTE: That was my point.

15 MS. BROWN: That was the 20th year.

16 MR. LEICHTAMER: So it's three months to fill  
17 a year, so you're basically four pits a year. And  
18 it's a little over \$50,000 at the current price to  
19 get rid of a pit. So really you're spending 200,000  
20 a year. We couldn't do it in the past because we  
21 couldn't get it out.

22 MR. FOLTZ: Right. And I think that's my  
23 point. How are we saving on our operational costs of  
24 removing this?

25 MR. FONTE: It's just easier to get rid of is

1           what he said. The bottom line is, I think it's a  
2           good thing. I just don't want to finance it. That's  
3           all. So I'm giving solutions to the problem. If you  
4           guys can figure that out --

5                    MS. BROWN: We're saving that hundred  
6           thousand. That's the trucking costs that we have  
7           right now.

8                    MR. FOLTZ: That's my point.

9                    MRS. WERREN: But why do you not think --  
10          why, I guess, do we even look at? So in order for  
11          this to function, we have to get rid of it; right?  
12          So isn't that the bigger picture as opposed to us  
13          saying, well, we're saving X amount. That is just  
14          part of the process of us having a water treatment  
15          plant. Like, why are we even saying, well, in 20  
16          years we made our money back? We don't say that for  
17          the streets. Well, in this amount of time we've got  
18          20 years. Thank goodness for this levy or thank  
19          goodness for that. I don't understand why we are  
20          positioning it like this when this is like almost a  
21          must-have in order for us to have the water treatment  
22          plant.

23                   MR. FOLTZ: Well, I think it's a must-have,  
24          but I think there's also savings involved.

25                   MRS. WERREN: Well, there are.

1 MR. FOLTZ: So that's my point.

2 MRS. WERREN: Oh. So you're, like, good?

3 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

4 MRS. WERREN: So you're like this is a bonus.  
5 I got it. I got it.

6 MR. FOLTZ: If you've got \$96,000 to engineer  
7 this --

8 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Go do it.

10 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

11 MR. FOLTZ: You may have to take the lights  
12 off and chiller and everything else, that's even  
13 less, probably.

14 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. It is.

15 MR. FOLTZ: That's my point. If that's your  
16 cost --

17 MR. LEICHTAMER: That's not the total cost.  
18 I budget 250,000 a year, of which you're probably  
19 going to spend at least 200 of that, if you clean out  
20 every bit every year. Again, that's just to keep up.

21 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

22 MR. LEICHTAMER: So you will be saving that  
23 \$200,000.

24 MRS. WERREN: So, Mark, do you think if we  
25 would go down from -- let's say we have to do the

1 four and we made it, the dry material, would it be  
2 just one time? Like, you know, so you get rid of all  
3 four, is it -- are we reducing the amount we'll have  
4 to get rid of by three-fourths?

5 MR. LEICHTAMER: You're -- yeah. You're  
6 about half.

7 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Okay.

8 MR. FONTE: So a hundred K a year instead of  
9 200K.

10 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

11 MR. LEICHTAMER: You're still going to have a  
12 little bit of trucking fees, but that's where you get  
13 the farmers to cover that because they're taking it  
14 in a form.

15 MR. FONTE: Right. So the question is, is  
16 this: We could use it, we should have it, we just  
17 don't want to finance it.

18 MRS. WERREN: You.

19 MR. FONTE: So all we have do is the find the  
20 money to pay the 2.2 and then we get the system and  
21 we get it over time. What do you think?

22 MRS. WERREN: Break it down.

23 MR. DEORIO: I think just to break it down on  
24 the interest, again directed to Member Fonte. If my  
25 memory serves, you said that the -- your interest

1 calculation at the rate that what you came up with  
2 was like 1.2 million?

3 MR. FONTE: That was for the 3.2 amortized  
4 over 20 years at 3.8.

5 MR. PETERS: That's the whole project.

6 MR. DEORIO: Okay. So that was for the whole  
7 thing.

8 MR. FONTE: That's right. The whole thing.

9 MR. DEORIO: So let's just say --

10 MR. FONTE: 2.2.

11 MRS. WERREN: Let him talk.

12 MR. DEORIO: I'm not going to do the whole  
13 thing. But let's -- I'm just going to leave the  
14 interest alone for a minute and say that to do the \$2  
15 million project, the \$2.2 million project, I'm going  
16 to say that your interest is a million dollars over  
17 20 years. If that's the case, that's \$50,000 a year.

18 MR. FONTE: But what I'm saying is --

19 MR. DEORIO: What I'm saying is, that you  
20 will spend \$50,000 worth of interest but you can save  
21 at least a hundred thousand dollars in trucking  
22 costs.

23 MR. FONTE: I'm with you on there. I  
24 understand.

25 MR. DEORIO: To me, that's a net positive.



1 Then I don't understand --

2 MR. FONTE: Here's what I'm looking for. Is  
3 just can we just pull the money, like -- like, real  
4 quick guys, this is my whole thing. The 2.2 million  
5 or 2 million, why do we have to finance it? Can't we  
6 just pay for it out of the water fund if we  
7 eliminate a water --

8 MR. DEORIO: If there's water monies in your  
9 ward, can we eliminate them?

10 MR. FONTE: If they don't need replaced right  
11 now, I say delay it one year.

12 MR. PETERS: Not in my ward.

13 MRS. WERREN: I think we're still ahead of  
14 the game. I don't understand why --

15 MR. FONTE: Okay, guys. Whatever. I'm just  
16 telling you I don't think we should finance it in. I  
17 think it's a good thing. I don't see why we can't do  
18 what Rob said and give him the report -- do the  
19 report, get it to him and let him get a grant for it.

20 MRS. WERREN: But I like what Laura said. We  
21 need to decide if we want to move forward with  
22 something like this that Pat thinks is a pretty  
23 strong need. He works with them. I think Mark  
24 thinks it's a need. And see if we want to move  
25 forward with this and then decide how we are going to

1 work it out.

2 MR. REVOLDT: I think that comment got lost  
3 in the discussion. Because we're talking about two  
4 different things. Are we going to go forward with  
5 Johnson with the sludge press. We can decide how we  
6 pay for it after the fact.

7 MS. BROWN: If I can just throw out. If  
8 Johnson is willing to pull the sludge press out as a  
9 standalone project --

10 MRS. WERREN: They are.

11 MS. KIESLING: They are.

12 MS. BROWN: -- that was about 66,000.

13 MRS. WERREN: Right.

14 MS. BROWN: -- was just that. Out of the  
15 total of 96.

16 MR. FONTE: 66,000 for the engineering?

17 MRS. WERREN: Mark, you had some comments?

18 MR. CERRETA: I was trying to. Is it good?

19 Well, I met with the Johnson Control people  
20 also. She arranged the numbers just like she did  
21 with you. She cut some things out of there. They  
22 want to get some business. And I understand -- I'm  
23 not worried about them making money. I'm worried  
24 about us spending money. All right? On something  
25 that we don't need right away. We can do this over a

1 period of time. I mean, you're looking at -- I know  
2 you're looking at these costs here, the interest, I  
3 am concerned. I'm with Dom on that. I don't see why  
4 we're spending money we can spend over the next  
5 several years.

6 Secondly, I asked Mark to come up here  
7 because I wanted to ask questions. Do we need  
8 anybody to choose which kind we need and how much and  
9 engineer and all that? I want you to -- where are  
10 you looking at to get? Do you know what you want as  
11 far as what sludge press you want?

12 MR. LEICHTAMER: The two main companies are  
13 out of Holland, Michigan.

14 MR. CERRETA: And where -- I know you've got  
15 -- I brought him up because last time we talked you  
16 didn't quite trust me so I want to --

17 MR. FONTE: Mark, can you come to the mic so  
18 we can --

19 MRS. WERREN: Who didn't trust you?

20 MR. CERRETA: You said let's bring him up  
21 here because -- so let's -- what are you looking at?  
22 You're looking at Kent. Is that what you're looking  
23 at?

24 MR. LEICHTAMER: Yes. There's Kent and Aqua.

25 MR. CERRETA: Why are you looking at Kent?

1 MR. LEICHTAMER: Kent is the same size as us.

2 MR. FONTE: Okay.

3 MR. LEICHTAMER: They roughly produce the  
4 same amount of sludge.

5 MR. OSBORNE: Are you going to permit us to  
6 speak?

7 MR. FONTE: Excuse us?

8 MR. OSBORNE: You vocalize speech.

9 MR. PETERS: Mr. Osborne, it's our water  
10 superintendent. We're talking about a sludge press.  
11 Mark, go ahead.

12 MR. LEICHTAMER: We've looked at Aqua. They  
13 produce about three times the amount of sludge we do.  
14 They produce three times the amount of water we do.  
15 Kent is roughly 3 million a day. Same size as us, so  
16 it was a good comparable. They have the same  
17 process, lime soda-ash as we do. So it was a good --  
18 very good comparable. They have had it for a while.  
19 It's been almost 17 years now, they said. So that's  
20 why we've compared them, and they have a very nice  
21 operation with conveyors and the way they load their  
22 trucks, and so we went up and took a look.

23 MR. CERRETA: Right. You pretty much know,  
24 based on them, how the system would run and  
25 everything. You don't really -- do you need an

1 engineer to tell you that? Or are those people  
2 required?

3 MR. LEICHTAMER: No. There are some  
4 processes along the way we need engineers to help us  
5 with the change of process. You know, you need those  
6 plans to go to the EPA and stuff like that. I'm not  
7 an engineer in that respect.

8 MR. CERRETA: Right.

9 MR. LEICHTAMER: Yes, I could spec out what  
10 we need. But at some point we will need an engineer  
11 to draw it up and take the change of process.

12 MR. CERRETA: And what is the cost of these  
13 and how many do we need?

14 MR. LEICHTAMER: You need -- you basically  
15 want to have a double redundancy system. Everybody  
16 has done that gets sludge presses. You have two in  
17 tandem, so if one is down the other one can still  
18 operate.

19 MR. CERRETA: We're talking about this 2.1,  
20 that's two -- two sludge presses, not one?

21 MR. LEICHTAMER: That's for two, yes. That  
22 was in --

23 MR. CERRETA: What if we had one and used the  
24 lagoons for backup? I mean, you're putting two out  
25 there. Other people probably don't have lagoons to

1 back it up. Why are we having one idle?

2 MR. LEICHTAMER: They filled their lagoons.

3 MRS. WERREN: You don't think that Eddie  
4 Watson --

5 MR. CERRETA: So that's for two sludge  
6 presses that we're talking about this 2.1; right?

7 MR. LEICHTAMER: Yes. That's the Johnson  
8 Controls quote.

9 MR. DEORIO: Did you say Kent still has their  
10 lagoons?

11 MR. LEICHTAMER: Yes, they do. But they're  
12 full.

13 MR. DEORIO: And they're full. Thank you.

14 MR. CERRETA: Why are they full then? I  
15 mean --

16 MR. LEICHTAMER: Well, they have never  
17 completely cleaned them once. They -- they are  
18 slowly cleaning them out.

19 MR. CERRETA: But if ours is taken out, we  
20 could use one of those as backup, could we not?

21 MR. LEICHTAMER: Yes, you would have a couple  
22 of them left out there as a backup.

23 MR. CERRETA: So why do we need two is one of  
24 my questions. And then the other side is, have we  
25 had -- we talked about this stuff, what if. Have we

1 ever stopped because our lagoons have had a problem?

2 MR. LEICHTAMER: We had it really close this  
3 winter.

4 MR. CERRETA: Have we ever stepped?

5 MR. LEICHTAMER: We have never stopped.

6 MR. CERRETA: You act like this is going to  
7 end tomorrow. This big sludge problem. We're going  
8 to have this issue because we have two. Now no one's  
9 coming to pick it up. But we could use -- buy one  
10 for 1 million and have the lagoon as a backup. Could  
11 we not do that?

12 MR. LEICHTAMER: You could do that.

13 MR. CERRETA: And what was the other  
14 question? You're still going to have to pay people  
15 to take it away; is that correct? We're not -- some  
16 people threw around the number, we're going to make  
17 money on this.

18 MR. LEICHTAMER: I'm not sure that we'll make  
19 money on that.

20 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

21 MR. LEICHTAMER: But I do know they'll pay at  
22 least your trucking costs to get this. Because if  
23 they have to buy regular lime, it's twice as  
24 expensive for them. That's why they do like this  
25 process, because it has extra nutrients in it also.

1 We have nitrogen. You know, there are byproducts.

2 MR. CERRETA: I love this. We'll put it in a  
3 bag and sell it. I think you could really create  
4 something right there. That's business.

5 MR. FONTE: Mark, from the 17 years that Kent  
6 is running these sludge presses, did you ever ask  
7 them if they break down? You know, is there  
8 consistent problems with them?

9 MR. LEICHTAMER: We asked them about the  
10 routine maintenance. They have had a few minor  
11 breakdowns. Nothing major.

12 MR. FONTE: 17 years. Wow.

13 MS. BROWN: Mark, did they anticipate them to  
14 last well into the future? Or what's the anticipated  
15 useful life?

16 MR. LEICHTAMER: The main -- the throwaway  
17 part to any of these is the plate press itself. The  
18 socks. There are socks. They replace those every so  
19 often. There was the big thing. They make a wash  
20 cycle for these. Kent has never changed their socks.  
21 Aqua changes them yearly because they didn't put that  
22 one \$80,000 feature on there. And each sock is about  
23 \$350 plus the man hours it takes to replace the whole  
24 line. There's 24 plates on each line.

25 MS. BROWN: But the main press itself is a



1 fairly long-term item?

2 MR. LEICHTAMER: Yes. And it's -- you know,  
3 the expected life is probably 30, 35 years plus.

4 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

5 MR. LEICHTAMER: Minus some motors, you know.

6 MS. BROWN: Maintenance.

7 MR. LEICHTAMER: Typical maintenance items.

8 MAYOR HELD: So --

9 MR. CERRETA: So something that doesn't break  
10 down very much. We're buying two to back up  
11 something that doesn't break down very much. And we  
12 already have a backup with the lagoons. To me, that  
13 doesn't make a lot of sense when we're spending --  
14 we're not spending community -- or corporate money  
15 like you said you're used to. I'm used to that, too.  
16 This is government -- this is people's money here.  
17 We just can't spend something on backing something  
18 up.

19 MR. LEICHTAMER: As long as the lagoons are  
20 open for a backup, that is fine. One would be fine.

21 MAYOR HELD: Okay.

22 MRS. WERREN: Go ahead.

23 MR. CERRETA: Anything else for Mark?

24 MRS. WERREN: Well, I just have a question.

25 I mean, one, I don't think we're debating community

1 money or corporate money versus government. We all  
2 think about the same, Mark. We work for a big  
3 company that spends millions and millions in  
4 investment or reinvestment in infrastructure to sell  
5 drugs. So we're in the same business. So I don't  
6 think it's a matter of someone recklessly spending,  
7 you know, our people's money.

8 But what we are looking at, and you've pushed  
9 him and you've beat like a dead horse to say that,  
10 like, this isn't going to break. He told you it  
11 almost went to capacity this year and we had issues.  
12 What other -- are you in the business of that to  
13 saying let's push it to the nth degree so it doesn't  
14 break. It's a water treatment facility. He says if  
15 we can't get rid of things, it affects the people's  
16 water. This is a safety concern. And we're  
17 saying -- administration is saying we have problems  
18 with this.

19 We talk about this again and again. And Mark  
20 even says I'm going to need an engineer to help me  
21 with this. This isn't a project that I can do. That  
22 maybe Aqua needed a better engineer for why they have  
23 to replace the -- whatever you just said that now  
24 they have to spend \$80,000 on a year. I don't know.  
25 But we were listening. We didn't bring this up.

1 Patrick had Johnson Control came up, they  
2 assessed the facilities. They're the experts in a  
3 lot of this stuff. This was a recommendation. And  
4 then Patrick said this is something that we need.  
5 And he has stressed again and again. So that's what  
6 we're going with. And now you have Mark up here. We  
7 have all asked him questions and then --

8 MR. CERRETA: Mark has given all the  
9 information that we want. I'm for getting one. I'm  
10 not for financing none. That's the way I'm looking  
11 at it.

12 MRS. WERREN: Why do you think you're the  
13 expert to say whether we need one or two? It's  
14 like --

15 MR. CERRETA: I'm just asking Mark. That's  
16 what I asked him about.

17 MRS. WERREN: You pushed him to say we need  
18 one because we have extra lagoons. Two is what he  
19 said we could use. Just like Kent. Just like Aqua.

20 MR. FONTE: I'm okay with two. Just don't  
21 finance them. That's all. Let's get two tomorrow.

22 MR. DEORIO: Mark, in the event that all five  
23 lagoons were not needed, whether you do two machines  
24 and keep one lagoon or you do one machine and keep  
25 two lagoons, whatever it is, are we also not looking

1 at how -- has this not been the case for the last 20  
2 years looking for a drying pad for -- and we've  
3 looked at building something down there, you know, on  
4 that premises and we don't have room because this  
5 is -- this affects the vehicles that we use in our  
6 street sweepings and the like. And there's an  
7 additional cost that we have running down to Canton  
8 to use their drying pads. They charge us 650 every  
9 time we go down. So as many times as you want that  
10 street swept, know that I've got to pay \$650 to send  
11 it to Canton. And we've been looking and looking and  
12 looking for years.

13 Previous administration have looked at, this  
14 previous council has, and it was a matter of buying  
15 land. We don't have -- where can we buy land to be  
16 able to do this? And I remember my first year here  
17 looking down at the water treatment plant and the  
18 service center down there. You know, is there a  
19 place we could do something there? And to me, I look  
20 at the lagoons as there's a lot of available space  
21 there. If you didn't need all of them for however  
22 many council ends up authorizing you to do, if they  
23 authorize it. To me, it would seem to solve --  
24 potentially solve another long-term problem. To be  
25 able to put a drying pad on city-owned property. And

1 we wouldn't have to go out and pay, you know --

2 MR. LEICHTAMER: That's correct. If you went  
3 to the far south end of the lagoons, you're past the  
4 300-foot of the well field, yes. They would  
5 potentially grant a drying pad there.

6 MR. DEORIO: So and I apologize to council  
7 that, you know, some of these things that, you know,  
8 run around in my head I haven't shared, you know, the  
9 grand vision, and again, I apologize. It's probably  
10 just a function of trying to juggle a hundred things  
11 and I don't mean to exclude anybody from the grand  
12 vision, but that is something that we've been  
13 wrestling with for a while. And that fee from Canton  
14 went from like 250 to 650. They don't want it. And  
15 what's it going to be when it's a thousand? And so  
16 it's all about risk management. And I hear, you  
17 know, what Member Cerreta is saying. If you can get  
18 to a place in between, I think that's a great place  
19 to be.

20 MR. FONTE: That makes it better that you  
21 have a drying pad and you could save money because  
22 the street cleaner only goes so far and then you have  
23 to dump it. And that's 600 bucks a load.

24 MR. DEORIO: And you wash it.

25 MR. FONTE: And I don't think they're coming

1 around my neighborhood very much to pick up those  
2 leaves so I don't know where you're saving money.  
3 But the idea is that the drying pad is a good idea.  
4 I'm for two sludge presses because I like redundancy  
5 systems, but I just want to see if Rob can come up  
6 with a plan, if we could take, without hurting  
7 anything, we pull a little funds here and there and  
8 delay a project and just pay cash for it.

9 MR. PETERS: Daryl.

10 MR. REVOLDT: I sense some urgency in  
11 addressing this issue. We don't have to be unanimous  
12 on this. And I'm going to request that the chairman  
13 prepare a proposal for our vote --

14 MRS. WERREN: By next week.

15 MR. REVOLDT: -- however she wants to lay it  
16 out, and we'll vote on it. And if it goes 4-3 in  
17 favor, then we're gonna do it and we'll worry about  
18 the financing later on. But let's end the discussion  
19 and let's get some action. We don't have to be  
20 unanimous.

21 MRS. WERREN: That's right.

22 MR. REVOLDT: And if it gets beat, it gets  
23 beat. If it passes, it passes, and let the chips  
24 fall where they may.

25 I just want to say one thing about -- about

1 nearly at capacity. There was once a young mayor who  
2 had a visit from a fire chief just after he became  
3 mayor. And the fire chief said, "Hey, did you  
4 realize that this past summer we were nearly out of  
5 water?"

6 I go, "What?"

7 He goes, "Yeah, we only had 2,000 gallons in  
8 one tank. We couldn't have fought a fire."

9 That's a place nobody wants to be. And it  
10 resulted in the expansion of our production and  
11 treatment facilities. That conversation. I don't  
12 think we want to be in a situation where we're not  
13 treating our water. I just don't. So, duly warned.  
14 Time's for action. Let's call it, let's vote.

15 MR. FONTE: Without financing. Without  
16 financing.

17 MR. REVOLDT: If you've got four people  
18 around the table, I'm one of them, I say let's have  
19 something. And you lay it out, we'll look at it,  
20 we'll vote it.

21 MR. FONTE: I'm not against it. It's just  
22 the financing. Let it be said on the record. I want  
23 it. I don't want to finance it. That's the bottom  
24 line.

25 MRS. WERREN: You've said it.

1 MR. FONTE: I'll say it one more time. No  
2 financing.

3 MR. CERRETA: Didn't we not just have a  
4 discussion a couple weeks ago about \$5 a month, in  
5 saving somebody 50 bucks a year, and now we're  
6 looking at -- at financing something that's going to  
7 be millions to our community. So it's hard to  
8 understand that sometimes though.

9 MRS. WERREN: Well, I mean, that's how we do  
10 it with roads. Have you looked at the road budget?

11 MR. FONTE: It's 850,000 --

12 MR. REVOLDT: Mayor, where do you stand on  
13 this?

14 MR. FONTE: -- and 550.

15 MAYOR HELD: I think the discussion is very  
16 helpful. Because the -- it's really clear that we  
17 need to have greater efficiency in the treatment --  
18 the water treatment plant. And so we're looking at  
19 the sludge presses. The sludge presses are going to  
20 either save us up to 150 to a hundred thousand  
21 dollars a year. It's real clear that we all agree on  
22 the mission, or the goal. Which is to somehow  
23 incorporate sludge presses at some point into our  
24 water treatment plant. It's also real clear, too,  
25 that time is of the essence. So we've got to make a



1 decision.

2 So the conversations that were conducted with  
3 Johnson Control, it sounds like they're already  
4 willing to make adjustments to their proposal. So we  
5 started off -- and this is one of the concerns that I  
6 had, too. Is that it doesn't have to be everything  
7 that they originally presented. Because I think the  
8 the sticking points were they were going to do the  
9 utilities for city hall, they were going to do the  
10 Main Street lighting, and they were going to do the  
11 sludge press.

12 MRS. WERREN: And a chiller.

13 MAYOR HELD: What was that?

14 MRS. WERREN: And a chiller, too, I think.

15 MAYOR HELD: And a chiller. Now we know the  
16 biggest portion of the project, the most critical, is  
17 the sludge press. And the points that the -- the two  
18 points that were brought up is really the methods.  
19 Are we going to finance it? Are there any grants  
20 that are available? Right? And also, do we go with  
21 two sludge presses or can we go with one and a  
22 combination of sludge presses and lagoons. So, you  
23 know, those -- those questions really haven't been  
24 answered real clearly. The question is, can Johnson  
25 Control come in, modify their approach, and can they

1 make a presentation that will address the concerns  
2 about the financing.

3 You know, maybe we tighten up the project:  
4 We set aside the Main Street lighting, we set aside  
5 the chillers, we set aside the utilities, we focus on  
6 the sludge presses and then, you know, they can --  
7 they can help us to determine what their role is,  
8 which is they can do the engineering but, you know,  
9 can we do that without doing long-term financing?  
10 And can we do that where we're not having to do two  
11 sludge presses? Can we get -- can we get by with  
12 one? Maybe. Maybe we can't or maybe we can. So it  
13 sounds like if we can have Johnson Control address  
14 those issues, then we could move -- move ahead with  
15 it and agree.

16 MR. CERRETA: Okay. Mark, thank you for  
17 coming up. You're a wealth of information.

18 MRS. WERREN: Mark, thank you.

19 MR. FONTE: Mark, thank you so much.

20 MR. PETERS: Mark, thank you so much.

21 All right. So -- so has everybody had their  
22 say?

23 MR. FONTE: Oh, yeah.

24 MRS. WERREN: I think so.

25 MR. PETERS: For the purpose of moving the

1 legislative agenda, we need to have at least four of  
2 the finance committee to move this forward?

3 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

4 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

5 MR. PETERS: We have four? All right.

6 MR. FOX: Are you voting to take it off the  
7 table? It was tabled.

8 MR. CERRETA: But that's a different -- a  
9 complete different presentation.

10 MRS. WERREN: So now you need to amend it;  
11 right?

12 MS. KIESLING: We can either amend it or  
13 start over.

14 MR. REVOLDT: We didn't vote on it, so you  
15 can do whatever you want.

16 MR. PETERS: We didn't have two readings?

17 MRS. WERREN: We had two readings.

18 MS. KIESLING: We had two readings.

19 MR. REVOLDT: It's on the table. So it can  
20 die on the table and you can have a new piece of  
21 legislation.

22 MS. BROWN: Well, didn't you vote to table it  
23 after the second reading?

24 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

25 MR. REVOLDT: It can stay on the table or you

1 can have a new piece.

2 MR. PETERS: We can bring it back for the  
3 final reading and amend it as --

4 MRS. WERREN: Right. So that we're agreed to  
5 have Johnson Control do two sludge presses?

6 MAYOR HELD: Well, what we want them to do is  
7 be able to reasonably justify whether we need two  
8 sludge presses or --

9 MRS. WERREN: They'll give us their proposal.

10 MAYOR HELD: Right.

11 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. Right now there's two in  
12 there. That's the proposal.

13 MAYOR HELD: So I think -- I mean, this is  
14 just my perspective on this. I think that there's a  
15 number of answers that -- and whenever there's a  
16 discussion and there's not agreement, it seems pretty  
17 clear to me that all the answers are not clear. That  
18 the answers that we have are not clear. That there's  
19 some areas like do we go with one sludge press, do we  
20 go with two? Do we apply for grant funding? Should  
21 we apply for grant funding and have Johnson Control  
22 do the design? Could they do the design? Or do we  
23 have to make a long-term 20-year commitment on  
24 finances in order to do it?

25 I think we can do it, we could take into

1 consideration what Mark is bringing up, what Dominic  
2 is bringing up. I have those same concerns. I have  
3 those same concerns. Maybe it could turn out -- it  
4 could turn out that, hey, long-term finance really  
5 would be the best way to go. And it could turn  
6 maybe -- maybe it's not. Maybe we could do it  
7 another method. We all agree on the goal, but we're  
8 just not in agreement with the method. So I don't  
9 think there's -- I think we can take a couple of  
10 extra weeks and ask Johnson Control to come in and  
11 ask them and they're willing to break it down and  
12 then say, hey, we have concerns about financing  
13 long-term. How could we do that? I mean, if -- if  
14 they could present a proposal, would you be opposed  
15 to that, Stephanie?

16 MRS. WERREN: No. But I'm saying what's  
17 different than what they did just two weeks ago? I  
18 mean, they have been in touch with all of us.  
19 They're willing to send us a different proposal,  
20 they're willing to break it down.

21 MAYOR HELD: It was one long-term financing;  
22 right?

23 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. But right now we're just  
24 saying we want to move forward with it. We said --

25 MAYOR HELD: Well, you can get the votes, you

1 can go ahead and do it, and then we could have -- and  
2 you still have -- you still have issues that are  
3 brought up by two members of council, and myself,  
4 that we're not clear on. So if you want to muscle  
5 ahead and just get the votes and get it done, we can  
6 do that. I don't think that's the best way to go. I  
7 think it's better if we try to gain agreement with  
8 everybody, and if you've got Dominic who's expressing  
9 concerns, Mark who is expressing concerns, then  
10 address them.

11 MS. KIESLING: Well, Dave --

12 MR. REVOLDT: I think some --

13 MAYOR HELD: Address them ahead of time. And  
14 have the experts, Johnson Control, come in and  
15 address them.

16 MRS. WERREN: Calm down.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Just what I heard tonight, for  
18 example. We have two options. We may have  
19 disagreement. You may have two presses or you can  
20 have a press and sludge lagoons.

21 MAYOR HELD: Exactly right.

22 MR. REVOLDT: That's a judgment call. You  
23 may not have unanimity.

24 MRS. WERREN: Right.

25 MR. CERRETA: That's a million-dollar call.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Understood.

2 MRS. WERREN: By experts that will make that  
3 call.

4 MAYOR HELD: So you're saying we should do  
5 what?

6 MR. CERRETA: It's still a million-dollar  
7 call.

8 MR. REVOLDT: What I'm saying is --

9 MAYOR HELD: You're saying just go ahead with  
10 two and don't look at whether you need one or two. I  
11 don't think that's wise. I think you should look at  
12 it and at least --

13 MR. REVOLDT: I think you could have -- you  
14 could have an analysis.

15 MAYOR HELD: Exactly. Right. So you --

16 MR. REVOLDT: My point is this, Dave. Is  
17 that many times around this table there's an  
18 overemphasis upon unanimity.

19 MAYOR HELD: Right.

20 MR. REVOLDT: It doesn't have to be  
21 unanimous. Reasonable people are going to disagree.

22 MAYOR HELD: What I would like to just  
23 answer, so I'm just saying on my end I don't -- the  
24 unanimity is okay. What we're saying is that we  
25 really don't know whether we should get one or two.

1 We really don't know.

2 MRS. WERREN: Which we just brought up  
3 tonight by us.

4 MAYOR HELD: And let's get it addressed. If  
5 there's -- and since Dominic brought up another  
6 issue, which is grant funding. Is there a way that  
7 Johnson Control -- I'm sure Shestin can work with us,  
8 and Shestin can come up -- she's really bright and  
9 creative, she can come up with some ways to probably  
10 incorporate a proposal that would include Dominic's  
11 concerns, Mark's concerns, and now the concerns that  
12 I have. I think that would be cool.

13 MR. FONTE: I'm all for, like, I think  
14 everybody up here is for the presses, one or two,  
15 doesn't matter. Whatever we need, we want. It's  
16 just the mode of financing it versus paying cash for  
17 it.

18 MAYOR HELD: Is that okay? Is that all  
19 right, Stephanie, if we just look at it --

20 MRS. WERREN: Dave, we've -- we've done that.  
21 Trust me. I mean, we've had them up, and I'm sure  
22 they'll come back because you have these new concerns  
23 tonight because you have weird things with Johnson  
24 Controls so we understand that. No, you do. So --

25 MAYOR HELD: No, but wait a minute.



1 MRS. WERREN: So we will have them back and  
2 we will let them say all that they need to say again.  
3 Because worst case, we want all the answers. But  
4 remember, we were the ones that said whether we need  
5 one or two. So we've had an expert that has put this  
6 through, they said we needed two. That's why we went  
7 with that proposal. It was us that said, Do we need  
8 one or two? Us.

9 MR. CERRETA: Who is "us"? I haven't asked  
10 that.

11 MRS. WERREN: All of us. You said that  
12 tonight.

13 MR. CERRETA: One or two?

14 MRS. WERREN: You just said that tonight.

15 MR. CERRETA: Well, I said I don't know where  
16 we got two in the first place.

17 MS. KIESLING: The experts.

18 MRS. WERREN: That was in the proposal. The  
19 experts said we need two.

20 MR. CERRETA: Johnson Control.

21 MRS. WERREN: Yes. They were the ones that  
22 give us the proposal.

23 MAYOR HELD: So that means we shouldn't  
24 question it.

25 MRS. WERREN: We are questioning it.

1                   MAYOR HELD: Exactly.

2                   MRS. WERREN: But it's interesting that that  
3 topic came up tonight. I know. I'm sorry. So are  
4 we putting this on the agenda again for next week?

5                   MR. OSBORNE: You're the chairman.

6                   MR. FONTE: I'm one vote.

7                   MS. KIESLING: I'm the vice chairman and I  
8 believe we're putting on the agenda. We're putting  
9 it on as the original proposal minus the lights, the  
10 boiler and the chiller, pull out everything else. I  
11 had a personal conversation with Kiersten and Justin  
12 and they are willing to pull everything out. They're  
13 willing to talk about financing. They're willing to  
14 come back up here, answer any questions we might  
15 have. We can ask about two sludges versus one, but  
16 we're leaving two in the agenda, the legislation,  
17 because that's where it is right now. We're going to  
18 vote it up and down.

19                   MR. CERRETA: Could that show us what the  
20 financing would be? We'd like to see the financing  
21 of that.

22                   MS. KIESLING: Right.

23                   MR. FONTE: That's all I care about. That's  
24 it. I like it. I just care about the financing.

25                   MR. CERRETA: And one or two, and the

1 financing.

2 MAYOR HELD: One of the other things, too, we  
3 could do is put in the proposal for two and you could  
4 do it in stages. You know, that could be another  
5 area of consideration. And Daryl, we've talked about  
6 this several times. Right? I mean, you could buy --  
7 if you had the money, you could prepare the pad and  
8 the second one. Right?

9 MR. REVOLDT: I'm not married to any  
10 specific --

11 MAYOR HELD: Method.

12 MR. REVOLDT: -- method. Or number. Here's  
13 my concern: Is I don't want to see paralysis by  
14 analysis.

15 MAYOR HELD: I agree.

16 MR. REVOLDT: We've got an issue. Let's get  
17 something going. All I want to do, if it takes four  
18 votes to do it, I'm one of them.

19 MS. KIESLING: Me, too.

20 MR. CERRETA: You're still talking about a  
21 million dollars.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Understood.

23 MRS. WERREN: We talk about a million dollars  
24 all the time.

25 MR. CERRETA: Okay. So I think we should put

1           some more time into thinking one or two, what the  
2           heck. It's still a million dollars.

3                   MR. FONTE: It's the money, honey.

4                   MR. CERRETA: And that doesn't include  
5           financing.

6                   MRS. WERREN: And as Pat said, the financing  
7           would be a hundred thousand a year, let's just say.  
8           We're saving 50,000 of that, so we'd be spending it  
9           anyway with the removal of the sludge.

10                   MR. DEORIO: You have it backwards.

11                   MRS. WERREN: Okay.

12                   MR. DEORIO: The financing is \$50,000 on the  
13           million.

14                   MRS. WERREN: It is.

15                   MR. DEORIO: According to his figures, that  
16           will be far less.

17                   MRS. WERREN: Right.

18                   MR. DEORIO: So if we do one press, it would  
19           be far less. But if you're able to eliminate a  
20           hundred thousand dollars minimum with the trucking,  
21           and you're going to find out.

22                   MRS. WERREN: There you go.

23                   MR. DEORIO: You know, from the other vendors  
24           that I've talked to that have come in here and bid on  
25           all kinds of things. You know, I'm hopefully going

1 to be pleasantly surprised to inform council that the  
2 cost for this specialized trucking is less. I would  
3 love to be able to say that.

4 MR. FONTE: I'm excited.

5 MR. DEORIO: But everybody that's coming up  
6 here is saying that the tanker trucks are in short  
7 supply and --

8 MAYOR HELD: It's not efficient.

9 MR. DEORIO: Well, because it's fracking.  
10 All the available tankers are going to frack oil.  
11 It's just not a lot to --

12 MR. PETERS: Before we move forward, Director  
13 of Finance has a comment.

14 MS. BROWN: I just have a question. If we're  
15 going to bring this back and the agreement was part  
16 of the legislation, do you want me to ask Johnson to  
17 rewrite their agreement to only have sludge, nothing  
18 else?

19 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

20 MS. KIESLING: Yes.

21 MS. BROWN: I will reach out tomorrow, but I  
22 don't know if that will be timely enough for next  
23 week. But I will --

24 MRS. WERREN: I feel she will.

25 MR. PETERS: To that point, are we going to

1 bring it off the table, amend, and do the third  
2 reading, or are we going to start from scratch?  
3 Chair, vice chair?

4 MRS. WERREN: Off the table and amend? Off  
5 the table and amend.

6 MR. PETERS: Off the table and amend, so she  
7 could have that by next week. Laura? Okay.

8 MS. BROWN: I'll certainly call her first  
9 thing tomorrow.

10 MR. FOLTZ: One last point. Is there a way  
11 to add, and Laura, you can put together, an  
12 operational cost savings you feel this will present  
13 to us, not knowing if the other bids are coming in  
14 yet. You know, like you said, your drying -- your  
15 drying pad, you have to run to Canton or whatever,  
16 that's got to enter into this as part of this. It's  
17 not just a one-sided, you know, sludge press. We're  
18 looking long-term. What else can this do for us.  
19 Right? You got to -- you got to envision that,  
20 obviously.

21 MR. FONTE: Pat, could we just have our semi  
22 and own driver, just truck it ourselves?

23 MR. PETERS: For a million bucks you could.

24 MR. FONTE: How much can you buy a rig for?

25 MR. PETERS: We're done. We're done. We're

1 putting it on the agenda.

2 MR. REVOLDT: I have a question.

3 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir.

4 MR. REVOLDT: I have a copy of the  
5 legislation on the table.

6 MR. CERRETA: We'll put Dominic Fonte,  
7 Realtor, on the side of the truck.

8 MR. FOLTZ: We'll sell advertising.

9 MR. REVOLDT: We have a copy of the  
10 legislation on the table. It didn't have emergency  
11 provision on it.

12 MS. BROWN: We tabled two pieces. One for  
13 the appropriations and one for the agreement. I  
14 believe that the agreement had an emergency clause.

15 MR. PETERS: The appropriation.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Then you're going to have to  
17 strip that emergency clause out because you may not  
18 have enough votes to pass it on emergency. Unless  
19 you've got -- unless you've got six. So you should  
20 be prepared to amend it to strip it out. Because if  
21 you don't have the votes, it's a defeat.

22 MS. KIESLING: Get rid of the emergency  
23 legislation.

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. So move forward.

25 MR. FOX: Roll call to take it off the table.

1 MR. PETERS: Yeah. May I have a motion and a  
2 second to take both pieces of legislation --

3 MR. REVOLDT: You're going to actually have  
4 to do that next week.

5 MS. KIESLING: Do that next week.

6 MR. PETERS: We can do that next week?

7 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, you can do it next week.

8 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I got you.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Wait. Is it going to be on the  
10 agenda or do we have to put it on the agenda?

11 MRS. WERREN: We put it on the agenda.

12 MR. FOX: It's tabled right now.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Don't we have to make a motion to  
14 put it on the agenda?

15 MRS. WERREN: We did.

16 MR. FOX: Yeah. This is committee.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

18 MR. FOX: I think you do. You can vote to  
19 take it off the table.

20 MR. REVOLDT: You'll have to vote for sure  
21 next week to take it off the table.

22 MR. PETERS: Law director says I can, in  
23 committee, take it off the table. So is there a  
24 motion and a second to take both pieces? Do I have a  
25 number on those?



1 MS. BROWN: I can get that. One second,  
2 please. Give me a minute.

3 MRS. WERREN: I think it's 42. No.

4 MS. BROWN: It is 28 and 29.

5 MR. PETERS: Ordinance 28 and 29 off the  
6 table to vote next week. Is there a motion and  
7 second?

8 MRS. WERREN: Motion.

9 MS. KIESLING: Second.

10 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

13 MR. CERRETA: Nay.

14 MR. PETERS: Cerreta, nay.

15 MR. FONTE: No. I'm good.

16 MR. PETERS: Good? Okay. Good to go.

17 All right. Next up we have Ordinances, Rules  
18 and Claims. Chairman Revoldt.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Last week we had a  
20 little conversation about committee minutes. And the  
21 law director and I have conferred, the council  
22 president and I have conferred, and we have a  
23 proposal for consideration by council. And that is  
24 we take a two-pronged approach. The first is that if  
25 we have a court reporter present, that transcript

1           constitute a committee's minutes. Because, in  
2           effect, the committee business is being discussed.  
3           Just like we did tonight.

4                   MRS. WERREN: Yes.

5                   MR. REVOLDT: Okay. So that means that, in  
6           effect, we have -- we have committee minutes. We may  
7           not have them, however, by the time of the vote  
8           because they'll be in process of being transcribed.  
9           But I believe that if the council president, as he  
10          did tonight, asks four -- if four members, or ask the  
11          chairman to assure that there are four members, in  
12          effect, the committees agree to proceed.

13                   MRS. WERREN: And he did do that tonight.

14                   MR. REVOLDT: And he did that tonight. So  
15          what, in effect, we are proposing is, that we -- if  
16          we have the court reporter, the president of council  
17          or the committee chair ask for a vote of four to  
18          proceed with legislation, then we can -- the  
19          discussion's occurred, the rationale has been  
20          provided, the scope of the legislation has been  
21          discussed, and we can proceed. That, in effect,  
22          becomes the minutes as required in our -- in our  
23          rules.

24                   MRS. WERREN: So we don't do these anymore?

25                   MR. REVOLDT: No. If, by chance, we do not

1 have the court reporter, then we do these.

2 Now, what's important, however, that if you  
3 will note on the reports, we also ask the committee  
4 chairman to identify who from the administration is  
5 present. And so it becomes incumbent upon the  
6 council president at the opening of the meeting on  
7 the record to indicate that the mayor, the director  
8 of administration, the engineer, et cetera, are  
9 present for the conversation. So they're here. So  
10 the record is established.

11 MR. PETERS: And I forgot to do that.

12 MR. REVOLDT: But that's okay.

13 MR. PETERS: I had it written down who's  
14 here.

15 MR. FOX: This will replace Section 111.06,  
16 the council meeting agenda as Member Revoldt had  
17 stated that what is the committee report, it's a  
18 written report or notice that the meeting's  
19 transcribed and that the president poll the members  
20 of council to see that there's a majority to bring it  
21 in.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

23 MR. FOX: And then 111.01 simply states that  
24 the transcribed meeting shall state those city  
25 officials in attendance are seated at the dais. So

1 we'll ask the court reporter if they would note, for  
2 each meeting, those public officials that sit at the  
3 dais, we will know who is for all time. Actually,  
4 today I looked at minutes from 1949 and I could see  
5 who was in attendance. So this will just state those  
6 others beside council and elected officials at the  
7 dais.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Having lived in both worlds, I  
9 think having the court reporter record the  
10 conversation is a superior way to memorialize why  
11 council has decided to act. It's a fuller and more  
12 complete report than just say council authorized  
13 legislation on emergency to adopt, you know, sludge  
14 lagoon measures.

15 MR. FOX: And that's all those 1949 minutes  
16 reflected.

17 MR. REVOLDT: They're too brief.

18 MR. FOX: They voted in favor of an  
19 ordinance.

20 MR. REVOLDT: I think, if we can, what we  
21 would like to do is try this. I think it answers  
22 that question about whether you have authorization,  
23 are specifically authorizing it. It will be in  
24 minutes that come probably after we take -- cast that  
25 first vote, but nonetheless, the minutes are there,

1 the action of authorizing legislation has occurred on  
2 the record.

3 MR. PETERS: I also lightens the load right  
4 now with the exercise we're trying with Finance being  
5 clerk.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. So that's -- that's --  
7 that's this chairman's proposal. If there's some who  
8 would like to vote, we'll have it stuck on an agenda.

9 MRS. WERREN: Sounds good.

10 MS. KIESLING: Yes, definitely.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Sounds good.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Then, Mr. President,  
13 there seems to be unanimous consent that we have this  
14 amendment to Council Rules 111.06 on an agenda. At  
15 your convenience.

16 MR. FOX: And 111.01.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Excuse me. 110.1.

18 MR. FOX: Both of those.

19 MR. REVOLDT: 110.1 and 06.

20 MR. PETERS: Laura.

21 MS. BROWN: Jeff, the other thing you and I  
22 had spoken about in regards to this is, like you  
23 said, the finance department taking on the role of  
24 clerk. We had said originally that we would do that  
25 until the summer break so that you guys could have a

1 chance to say whether you want it to continue. It  
2 was a trial period. I'm not trying to put you on the  
3 spot here tonight on the floor, but if you can give  
4 us an indication in the next couple of weeks, because  
5 summer break is coming, that if you don't wish to  
6 continue then we would need to go a different  
7 direction for after summer break.

8 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Thank you.  
9 That concludes a rather exciting --

10 MR. REVOLDT: We have an amendment. I would  
11 like to move Item 4 be added to the agenda. That is  
12 discussion of state-funded signage on Market Avenue.

13 MR. FONTE: That's right. So --

14 MR. REVOLDT: That's a motion.

15 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?

16 MRS. WERREN: Second.

17 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.  
20 Chairman Fonte?

21 MR. FONTE: What we are looking for is State  
22 Route 43, we need some signs on the side of the city.  
23 It's a hundred percent funded by the state, and so I  
24 move that we pass it on emergency because time is of  
25 the essence. And then Patrick can explain if there's

1 anything more you need to know.

2 MR. DEORIO: Yes. I do apologize for putting  
3 council in a position where they have to amend the  
4 agenda. However, this came in Friday, May 31, just a  
5 couple days ago, after hours that -- from ODOT, and  
6 it's their project. They want to replace the roadway  
7 signage along Route 43 that's inside the city limits.  
8 I just thought if the agenda wasn't that long we  
9 could throw it in now rather than make them wait  
10 until June 10th and then pass it on the 24th. If we  
11 can do it tonight and then pass it next week, that  
12 would put them in a better happy spot. And ODOT is a  
13 group we try to keep in a happy spot.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay.

15 MR. CERRETA: Sounds good.

16 MR. FONTE: I move we get it on the agenda  
17 then.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Everyone in  
19 agreement with that?

20 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

21 MR. PETERS: All right.

22 MR. DEORIO: Thank you.

23 MR. PETERS: We'll have that on the agenda  
24 next week. All right. Everybody have fun tonight?

25 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to adjourn.

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MR. REVOLDT: Second.

MR. PETERS: All in favor?

("Aye" in unison.)

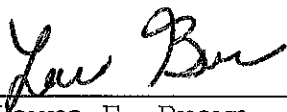
MR. PETERS: Opposed? We're adjourned.

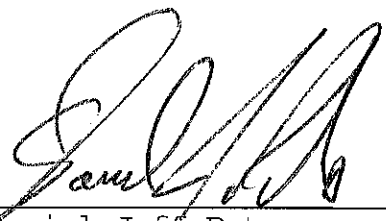
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(Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.)

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Attest:

  
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