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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF

JUNE 14, 2021, MEETING

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Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton City Council, taken by me, the undersigned, Laurie Maryl Jonas, a Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, at the North Canton Civic Center, 845 West Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large
Stephanie Werren, Ward 3
Dominic Fonte, Ward 4
Mark R. Cerreta, At Large
Matthew Stroia, At Large
Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration
Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
Benjamin R. Young, Clerk

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1 MR. REVOLDT: I'd like to call to order the
2 regular city council meeting for June 14, 2021.
3 Tonight's opening prayer will be given by
4 Mr. Cerreta.

5 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Please rise for that prayer and
7 remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 MR. CERRETA: Okay. Lord, thank you for
9 bringing us here this evening. Thank you for giving
10 us the mind, the body and the soul to help the city
11 move forward. Give us the strength, the courage, the
12 determination to handle the problems and also make
13 some really cool things as we move forward.

14 Thank you for keeping us healthy throughout
15 this rough time, and again, thanks for giving us this
16 honor to represent the great people of North Canton.

17 In God's name we pray. Amen.

18 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

19 MR. REVOLDT: That was pretty robust
20 considering today's Flag Day. Very good.

21 Clerk, would you please call the role.

22 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

23 MR. STROIA: Here.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

25 MRS. WERREN: Here.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

3 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.

4 MR. CERRETA: Here.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

6 MR. FONTE: Here.

7 MR. YOUNG: Members Peters and Foltz absent.

8 Five present.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you. May I have a motion
10 to excuse Members Foltz and Peters.

11 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

12 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Very good.

16 Council has before it for its consideration
17 minutes from the May 17, 2021, committee of the
18 whole, minutes from the May 24, 2021, city council
19 meeting, and the May 2021 finance report. Are there
20 any questions or amendments to those documents?

21 Okay. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion
22 to adopt them as presented.

23 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

24 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Very good.

3 It's now time for recognition of visitors.

4 Is there anyone here who wishes to address the
5 council? Mr. Tripp.

6 MR. TRIPP: Larry Tripp, 1127 East Maple,
7 North Canton, Ohio.

8 This weekend proved to be one of my more
9 memorable weekends in recent years. It was
10 highlighted by the opening ceremony for the Ohio
11 Flags of Honor, hosted by Barley Event Center in
12 Louisville, Ohio. Ohio Flags of Honor is a tribute
13 to the 302 Ohio fallen service members since 9/11
14 founded by a Mr. Gino Zimmer after his family was
15 notified of the death of their son on Memorial Day
16 2004.

17 After this notification, Mr. Zimmer was
18 troubled by alcohol, thoughts of suicide and a
19 declining personal life when a power greater than
20 ourselves intervened and God placed a small bundle of
21 flags in Mr. Zimmer's pickup truck and he began his
22 journey to honor his son, other fallen comrades, and
23 their Gold Star -- and the Gold Star families of the
24 fallen comrades. God provided him with a staff, many
25 new partners and an unimaginable life-bond

1 relationship with retired Air Force Lieutenant
2 Colonel Angelo Newsome, and now they refer to them as
3 a brother from another mother.

4 Mayor Wilder, you were there Friday evening
5 and you can attest there were few dry eyes with a
6 bagpipe player playing "Amazing Grace" as he wandered
7 through 934 flags. Or the riderless horse or the
8 calling of names of 302 service members, or the
9 flyover and finally the playing of "Taps." Rest
10 assured, I am proud to say tears were being wiped
11 from my eyes numerous times that evening.

12 These are just a few of the highlights, along
13 with excellent remarks from a guest speaker, Captain
14 Kitchner, a Vietnam War vet from Wooster, Ohio, and a
15 keynote speaker, Frank LaRose, Ohio Secretary of
16 State, an Army Green Beret Bronze Star recipient.

17 Mayor Wilder, while your proclamation was
18 nice, I felt it was being presented by you personally
19 and not by the citizens of the City of North Canton.
20 Since I saw you at earlier meetings finalizing this
21 event, I feel the city missed an opportunity to
22 display its citizen patriotism by not having all
23 flags flying from 7th Street to Everhard Road this
24 weekend. Since particularly the day is being Flag
25 Day. Also, being -- also having placed a few flags

1 around the Gold Star Memorial at Price Park. Then
2 the invitation by you as mayor from all citizens of
3 North Canton for the Flags of Honor crew, the Gold
4 Star families and those 300 or 350 people in
5 attendance to drive our flag-adorned Main Street with
6 the side trip to the Gold Star Memorial.

7 Unfortunately, as I thought of this last
8 week, I've come to realize ideas or suggestions from
9 average citizens are not readily acceptable by North
10 Canton government. I think this city missed a fine
11 opportunity by not having every flag to Everhard Road
12 this weekend to show our patriotism.

13 Tonight you are voting on Ordinance 40-2021,
14 salary increase for council. As I watched the events
15 of this weekend unfold, I thought often of North
16 Canton government. I have spoken often of the
17 quality of North Canton council in regards to
18 attendance and preparation. Which what council
19 leadership could not or would not do, COVID-19
20 pandemic did do. It forced the council to attend
21 meetings on a regular basis. You couldn't do much
22 with everything closed; you had to attend the
23 meetings. And, Ben, you did an excellent job during
24 this time. Thank you.

25 I thought of the charter review committee.

1 The community chairperson, Mrs. Bauman, was
2 scrutinized in every move she made by the
3 then-director of law and members of this city council
4 to assure the words "she'll attend meetings" by the
5 economic committee chairperson and finance committee
6 chairperson be replaced --

7 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Tripp, you have exhausted
8 your five minutes.

9 MR. TRIPP: Pardon me?

10 MR. REVOLDT: You have exhausted your five
11 minutes.

12 MR. TRIPP: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

13 MR. REVOLDT: But if you would like to
14 provide us a copy of your written comments, I'd
15 welcome it.

16 MR. TRIPP: No, I'll be back in a couple
17 weeks and you'll hear it from me in The Repository.
18 Thank you.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you very much.

20 Is there anyone else who wishes to address
21 the council this evening? Seeing none then, last
22 call.

23 Let's move on to old business. As a point of
24 order, I want to ask council, because we are two
25 members light this evening, if there are anyone -- if

1 there is anyone who is going to object to Item 7.a or
2 7.b. We need five votes to move this along instead
3 of the traditional four.

4 Okay. Very good then. I'd like to have a
5 motion to read by title only Resolution No. 10-21.

6 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

7 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

11 MR. YOUNG: A resolution for the submission
12 of the question of the renewal and increase of a tax
13 levy for the purpose of providing additional funds
14 for the city's portion of ambulance service,
15 emergency medical service, or both, in the City of
16 North Canton, Stark County, Ohio.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Very good.

18 MRS. WERREN: If there are no other
19 questions, I move to adopt and put this on a levy for
20 ambulance.

21 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Very good.

25 Moving on then to Item 7.b. May I have a

1 motion to read by title only Resolution 11-21.

2 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

3 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

7 MR. YOUNG: A resolution for the submission
8 of the question of the renewal and increase of a tax
9 levy for the purpose of providing additional funds
10 for the city's portion of providing and maintaining
11 fire apparatus or other fire equipment and appliances
12 and for the payment of permanent, part-time or
13 volunteer firefighting personnel to operate the same,
14 including the payment of any contributions required
15 for such personnel under ORC Sections 145.48 or
16 742.34 in the City of North Canton, Stark County,
17 Ohio.

18 MR. REVOLDT: I understand we need to amend
19 this to change the language. Is that not correct,
20 Clerk?

21 MR. YOUNG: Correct. In the title it refers
22 to this levy as renewal and increase. It should be
23 referred to as an additional levy. It is correct in
24 the body of the ordinance of the resolution, just not
25 in the title.

1 MR. REVOLDT: So I would like to have a
2 motion to amend Ordinance 11-21 to read -- striking
3 "the renewal and increase" and replacing it with --

4 MR. YOUNG: So it would read "A resolution
5 for the submission of the question of an additional
6 tax levy."

7 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Can I have a motion to
8 make that amendment?

9 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

11 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

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

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Do you have anything
15 to add, Mrs. Werren?

16 MRS. WERREN: No. If there aren't any other
17 questions, let's put this on the ballot.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Let's have a motion then to
19 adopt the third reading of Ordinance 11-21 as
20 amended.

21 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

22 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

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

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Very good.

1 Item 7.c. May I have a motion to read by
2 title only Ordinance 31-21. Second reading thereof.

3 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

4 MRS. WERREN: Werren seconds.

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

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

8 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending the zoning
9 code of the City of North Canton to create Chapter
10 1136, Main Street District Regulations, establishing
11 a Main Street North Gateway, Main Street North, Main
12 Street Center, Main Street South, and Main Street
13 South Gateway zoning districts, in order to fully
14 enact such districts, together with providing
15 opportunities for future residents and businesses.

16 MR. REVOLDT: This matter has had
17 considerable comment, not only here in the council
18 chamber but we have run proposed amendments past the
19 planning commission. Those recommendations and
20 suggestions have been incorporated into the document.
21 Before we adopt this second reading tonight I want to
22 reiterate how critical it is that as part of our
23 master plan the city, through its Main Street zoning,
24 focus on capital investment, which benefits the
25 schools and employment, which benefits the city

1 through income tax collection.

2 Are there any other questions or comments at
3 this time?

4 MR. CERRETA: Last time we left this we had
5 mentioned we --

6 (Reporter clarification.)

7 MR. CERRETA: The last time we did this, we
8 talked about getting some developers to look at this
9 so we wouldn't have any mess-ups or any things that
10 we might have missed. Did we get a chance to do
11 that?

12 MR. DEORIO: Well, long before we got to this
13 point we had developer interest in this and they were
14 involved in the formation of our thought processes on
15 that. But since we've reached the final document we
16 haven't gone back to them other than what we've heard
17 from public speaks where we've adopted some changes,
18 but --

19 MR. CERRETA: Okay. Because there were some
20 things even in public speaks that I think there were
21 some questions on, and the idea of that was to see if
22 people could work with this and build this because,
23 as I mentioned last time, we're not experts at this.
24 They are experts at it. We -- how many did we find?
25 We found dozens of things, and we're surely not

1 qualified for this. And that's why I wanted maybe
2 someone to just take a look at that and say, hey, we
3 could work with this, this is a good thing for North
4 Canton. This is not something that is going to make
5 it harder for North Canton to build in. So that was
6 my point the last time.

7 MR. DEORIO: Well, I guess, from an
8 administrative standpoint, at some point, Mark, you
9 draw the line on when you move forward and when you
10 don't. That's certainly something that can be
11 addressed with amendments as we're doing with
12 lighting. You know, that's going to be discussed, I
13 think, later under new business. That's going back
14 to the planning commission. It's a document that can
15 continue to be changed. But, you know, as far as,
16 you know, whether or not we should have two-story
17 buildings, you know, we did the survey of the streets
18 and, you know, most of the buildings already are two
19 stories. So, you know, that's a -- a valid point,
20 but I don't think we're changing the character of
21 Main Street by having them be two-story buildings.
22 They already are two-story buildings.

23 MR. CERRETA: I get the two-story buildings.
24 You and I discussed that.

25 MR. DEORIO: Yeah.

1 MR. CERRETA: But we draw the line when we
2 think it's right, when it's perfect. And to do that
3 I think you need someone who knows what they're doing
4 to look at it. That's when I would say draw the
5 line. I'm all for this. I just think we need to not
6 move forward with things people can't work with.
7 Because we found a lot of issues in it and I want to
8 make sure we don't find more issues after the fact.
9 Are we in a hurry for this, by the way?

10 MR. REVOLDT: It's only the second reading
11 this evening.

12 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

13 MR. FONTE: We've been working on it for
14 three years.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Let me -- let me just respond
16 in part that there were some representations made at
17 our public hearing that were false. The fact of the
18 matter is, the individual who prepared this document
19 was a -- is a professional planner, an attorney who
20 has broad experience in the creation of zoning
21 ordinances. He has reviewed this document step by
22 step. We have tweaked his suggestions. First of
23 all, as we had a great deal of community input that
24 included developers prior to public hearing. And
25 then it has been reviewed again by our consultant,

1 the attorney, the professional planner as well as the
2 city's economic development consultant from The
3 Montrose Group. So to Pat's point, I think we've
4 had -- we've had a fair amount of it. The question
5 is, when do you want to proceed and get it in place.

6 I think we've got -- we know we have one
7 large project coming that we want to have it, I think
8 we'd like to have in place for them, maybe some
9 others as well. So --

10 MR. FONTE: The building was one of the
11 issues I saw when we had public speaks. You know,
12 the DeHoff Building is, I don't know, 22 feet tall or
13 something like that. And that was one of the newer
14 buildings, so that made sense to me is to make it
15 minimum two-story or a little higher depending on, so
16 that was like I understood that, that made sense to
17 me.

18 MR. REVOLDT: I think the other thing is
19 this: Is that this plan was not conceived in a
20 vacuum. But it was based upon real projects, real
21 development and real zoning in our communities where
22 it's successful. And we approached this with the
23 assumption that it will be successful here as well,
24 simply because it's worked elsewhere. Whether it's
25 Hudson or Dublin or Grove City or other communities.

1 So --

2 MR. CERRETA: Just to clarify, I'm for this.
3 But the last time we were here you said we were going
4 to have developers look at it. That's what you said.
5 We can have someone look at it. Today it doesn't
6 look like we went anywhere and we're still voting on
7 it. I want this to be right. I think it's a great
8 idea. But let's make sure we have it completely
9 right before we move in, and it doesn't look like
10 we're in a major hurry to cap this off.

11 MR. REVOLDT: I think we are in a hurry.

12 MR. CERRETA: We are in a hurry?

13 MR. DEORIO: You know, I guess I would take
14 exception to the comment "completely right" and
15 "perfect." Nothing is completely right and perfect.
16 You'll never have a hundred percent unanimity on
17 zoning ordinances ever. Ever.

18 MR. CERRETA: I withdraw that word "perfect."

19 MR. FONTE: Unless you would say "Rolex
20 watch."

21 MR. CERRETA: Rolex watch.

22 MR. FONTE: Rolex watch.

23 MR. CERRETA: Let's make sure it's workable.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Do you have anything to add?

25 MR. FONTE: This is the second reading;

1 correct?

2 MR. REVOLDT: This is the second reading.

3 MR. STROIA: I'm good with it. I think,
4 Daryl, you had mentioned before that we look at
5 zoning not as something set in stone but something
6 that's a living document, something that we can take
7 feedback on and change if we see something not
8 working. And I think we need to probably adopt that
9 perception of looking at things and keeping track of
10 them instead of just putting it set in stone and let
11 it go. So maybe let's just promise to keep an eye on
12 it and see what's working and what's not.

13 MR. CERRETA: Well, we've got two weeks
14 between the third reading; correct?

15 MR. REVOLDT: Yep.

16 MR. CERRETA: So I'll move forward on the
17 second. Let's get someone in and take a look at it,
18 get a few builders that say yes, I can work with
19 this. This looks okay. How hard is that?

20 MR. REVOLDT: All right. We have a motion to
21 adopt the second reading of Ordinance 31-21.

22 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

23 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

2 Item 7.d. May we have a motion to read by
3 title only Ordinance 32-21.

4 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

5 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

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

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

9 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
10 11-37, Business District Regulations, of the codified
11 ordinances of the City of North Canton, in order to
12 repeal the Main Street Business zoning district.

13 MR. REVOLDT: This repeals that which was
14 established many years ago and was never successfully
15 launched. Any questions?

16 May I have a motion to adopt the third
17 reading of Ordinance 32-21.

18 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

19 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Excuse me. That is the second
21 reading.

22 MR. CERRETA: Second reading.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Adopt the second reading of
24 ordinance.

25 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

1 MR. REVOLDT: And the second was from
2 Cerreta.

3 MR. CERRETA: Correct.

4 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."
5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

7 Item 7.e. We have a motion to read by title
8 only second reading Ordinance 33-21. May I have a
9 motion?

10 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

11 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

12 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."
13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

15 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending the zoning
16 map of the City of North Canton to reclassify 379
17 parcels along Main Street in accordance with the
18 amendment procedure set forth in Chapter 1182 of the
19 Planning and Zoning Code, from various uses to Main
20 Street North Gateway, Main Street North, Main Street
21 Center, Main Street South, and Main Street South
22 Gateway, in order to fully enact such districts,
23 together with providing opportunities for future
24 residents and businesses.

25 MR. REVOLDT: These are the properties that

1 are subject to Ordinance 31-21. And we repealed the
2 preceding regulations because we never established
3 the map. So this is the map for our Main Street
4 district, of which there are five subzones.

5 Are there any questions or comments? If not,
6 then I'll entertain a motion to adopt the second
7 reading of Ordinance 33-21.

8 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

9 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. REVOLDT: Very good.

13 Item 7.f. Ordinance No. 38-21. May I have a
14 motion to read it by title only.

15 MRS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.

16 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

20 Clerk.

21 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance repealing Chapter
22 149, Recreation Board, of the codified ordinances of
23 the City of North Canton, and dissolving the
24 Recreation Board of the City of North Canton.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Stroia.

1 MR. STROIA: Okay. We discussed this in the
2 committee of the whole in the two previous meetings.
3 There's no activities under the committee.
4 There's -- as of now there's no more active members;
5 hasn't met in quite a long time. Any questions or
6 comments? You can find -- it's on page 55 and 56.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Stroia.

8 MR. STROIA: Yes.

9 MR. REVOLDT: I might entertain a question
10 from one of our discerning residents about the rec
11 board. And I think it's important that everyone
12 understand that when this rec board was created well
13 over a half a century ago, the city had a fairly
14 robust recreation program. We had a park program for
15 children in the summer that employed individuals,
16 principally high school students, as day camp
17 counselors. We had baseball leagues and we had
18 activities for senior citizens. With the passage of
19 time, those activities have disappeared, and hence
20 the need for that supervisory element, the rec board,
21 has gone away.

22 MR. STROIA: Correct.

23 MR. REVOLDT: So does anyone else have
24 anything to add? Seeing none, then a motion to adopt
25 the third reading of Ordinance 38-21. Is there a

1 motion?

2 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second? Yes. I
4 will second it.

5 All in favor, say "aye."

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. REVOLDT: Item 7.g. May I have a motion
8 to read by title only second reading Ordinance 39-21.

9 MRS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.

10 MR. FONTE: Third reading.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Excuse me. Third reading. I'm
12 sorry.

13 MRS. WERREN: So moved, Werren.

14 MR. STROIA: Second, Stroia.

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

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

18 Mr. Stroia.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance amending Chapter
20 935, Water Lines and Hydrants, of the codified
21 ordinances of the City of North Canton, specifically
22 Section 935.08, Sale of Water or Sanitary Sewer
23 Service Outside City Boundaries.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Stroia.

25 MR. STROIA: This pertains to the sale of

1 water and sewer specifically outside of the city and
2 it's -- it lets the administration negotiate it.
3 Again, third reading, we discussed it in the
4 committee of the whole and the two previous council
5 meetings. Any questions, comments?

6 MR. REVOLDT: If not, may I have a motion to
7 adopt the third reading of Ordinance 39-11.

8 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

9 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

13 Item 7.h. May I have a motion to read by
14 title only second reading Ordinance 40-21.

15 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

16 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

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

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

20 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance establishing the
21 rates of compensation for future elected officials in
22 the City of North Canton, Ohio, effective December 1,
23 2021.

24 MRS. WERREN: Okay. We've talked about this
25 a couple times. We've seen a PowerPoint

1 presentation, we've looked at past different rates
2 and with the different cities, so I appreciate that.
3 Were there any questions at the moment?

4 MR. CERRETA: I'm going to abstain for a
5 couple reasons. I don't believe we should be ever, I
6 don't care how small, give ourselves a raise. We
7 probably would have been better off to have an
8 outside, maybe some citizens, three to five citizens,
9 to go through this and suggest that and then come to
10 us. I think you're in a fine line when you start
11 doing that, I don't care how small it is, how little
12 it is, that kind of gets into a conflict of interest
13 at that time. So I know that there's some people
14 that doesn't feel that way, but that's the way I feel
15 about this, even though it's very small and I think
16 it's probably a really good idea, I don't think for
17 the principle of it we shouldn't be giving ourselves
18 a raise.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Cerreta, first of all, I
20 would say we're not giving yourself a raise. Let's
21 be absolutely clear about this. This is going to
22 affect a future council.

23 MR. CERRETA: Correct.

24 MR. REVOLDT: We indicated at the time we
25 discussed this that future council may, at its own

1 volition, rescind it for the following term. So
2 we're not giving ourselves a raise. And I think that
3 is somewhat misleading that we're doing this.

4 I would concur that raises are always a
5 difficult element. But I think the rationale was
6 laid out for it. I frankly have grave concerns about
7 how we compensate individuals in the community and I
8 believe that -- I personally believe, frankly, that
9 if you don't compensate individuals you will have a
10 government like no other. And I know this is tough
11 around the table, but I think we've had a great
12 lesson in discount employees. And there's a lot that
13 sloshes through city hall that has not come to fore.

14 So, at any rate, that's my two cents. I
15 support this, I think it's good. I think it's
16 important that the record reflect that North Canton
17 city council, in terms of real dollars, is not
18 compensated at a level any greater than it was in
19 1981 when I was first elected, A. B is when you
20 compare like communities, we are near the bottom in
21 terms of compensation.

22 MRS. WERREN: Well, and I think it's
23 important to note, too, yes, no one likes to do this
24 but the state government, this is what they put
25 forth. You know, they mandate the township salaries

1 but they didn't do it for us. So every other entity
2 that's like us does this. And they have, I guess,
3 managed to make the salaries, I guess, you know, a
4 little bit higher than ours.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. And I would say one more
6 thing, too, is that as we look at this, Steph and I
7 had considerable conversations about the timing of
8 doing this. And I think the record should reflect
9 that we wanted to do this before the filing deadline
10 so it was absolutely transparent that this council
11 was establishing this, it was not going to do it in
12 some sort of underhanded manner when individuals
13 could not run if it was an issue that animated their
14 civic response.

15 So, okay. Mark, anything else?

16 MR. CERRETA: No.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Let me have a motion to
18 adopt the second reading of Ordinance 40-21.

19 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

20 MR. STROIA: Stroia, second.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Just excuse me. Just as a
22 point of order, Mark, I believe you cannot abstain on
23 this. I think it has to be, and I would defer to our
24 clerk, it has to be a yes or a no. Is that not
25 correct?

1 MR. YOUNG: I believe he could abstain.
2 Under Roberts Rules of Order an abstention would be
3 counted with the majority for purposes of final
4 tally. So an abstention would effectively act as a
5 yes if the other four of you vote yes.

6 MR. REVOLDT: All right. So we've got a
7 motion and a second. All in favor, say "aye."

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

10 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta abstains.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Very good.

12 MR. FONTE: Is that a yes or a no?

13 MR. CERRETA: That's a no.

14 MR. REVOLDT: All right. We'll leave that
15 for a future parliamentarian.

16 Item 7.i. May I have a motion to read by
17 title only second reading of Ordinance 41-21.

18 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

19 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

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

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance establishing a
23 billing disputes board for the City of North Canton.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Stroia.

25 MR. STROIA: All right. This is the second

1 reading. We discussed this also in the committee of
2 the whole. This establishes a billing dispute board
3 for water and sewer and for the EMS billing. This
4 lets largely administration decide this. It's found
5 on page 62 and 63. Any comments, questions?

6 MR. YOUNG: In response to an e-mail I
7 received, I would like to clarify that this is
8 consolidating two existing boards. So there's
9 already an ambulance board which hears ambulance
10 appeals and a water board which hears water appeals.
11 I think something like 99, 98 percent of appeals are
12 handled before they ever get to that level. But so
13 this would take those two boards and consolidate them
14 down into one board.

15 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

16 MR. STROIA: Anyone else?

17 MR. REVOLDT: Seeing none, may I have a
18 motion to adopt the second reading of Ordinance
19 41-21.

20 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

21 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

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

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Motion carries.

25 Let's move on to the fun part. New business.

1 May I have a motion to read by title only Ordinance
2 12-21.

3 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

4 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

8 MR. YOUNG: A resolution --

9 MR. REVOLDT: This is the first reading.

10 MR. YOUNG: A resolution submitting
11 amendments to the City of North Canton Zoning Code,
12 specifically Section 1155.11, Outdoor Lighting
13 Regulations, for consideration in accordance with
14 Chapter 1118 of the codified ordinances and declaring
15 the same to be an emergency.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Because we're light this
17 evening, we are -- excuse the pun -- we will only
18 have the first reading on this.

19 Mr. Fonte, this goes to your -- our
20 discussion about raising the light poles in the
21 northern district.

22 MR. FONTE: That's correct. So the light
23 pole is to take advantage of the technology to help
24 business owners save money, save energy, and also be
25 good for the shoppers in commercial zones, not

1 necessarily residential areas. So we don't want to
2 intrude on their light pollution issues. So I think
3 we beat it pretty hard last week, so I move we take
4 the emergency off for right now, right, and then just
5 have a first reading.

6 MR. REVOLDT: We're just going to have a
7 first reading.

8 MR. FONTE: All right. First reading. So I
9 move we do our first reading then.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Is there a second?

11 MR. STROIA: Stroia seconds.

12 MR. CERRETA: Just one more question. Did we
13 discuss this last time we were just going to do this
14 in the northern section? Didn't we talk about that?

15 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. What we're going to do,
16 it's going to be a permitted activity in the northern
17 district, conditional elsewhere.

18 MR. CERRETA: Okay.

19 MR. REVOLDT: And again, the rationale,
20 Mark -- that's a good question -- it's to ensure that
21 in the other districts, because residential
22 properties are so proximate, that we don't have what
23 the engineering term is lighting trespass.

24 MR. CERRETA: Very good.

25 MR. FONTE: Very good.

1 MR. REVOLDT: So an individual, let's say go
2 down South Main Street to where Variety's is located,
3 for example. If he would want to redo those, they
4 take a look, do a lighting study to make sure if they
5 did go up it didn't bleed out and would have to be
6 granted on a conditional basis.

7 All right. Do we have a motion to adopt the
8 first reading and a second?

9 MR. STROIA: Correct.

10 MR. REVOLDT: The motion was made by
11 Mr. Stroia.

12 MR. STROIA: Yes.

13 MR. REVOLDT: And the second was by --

14 MR. CERRETA: Was it Dom?

15 MR. REVOLDT: Dom, did you?

16 MR. CERRETA: Then it was me. It is now.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. All in favor?

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Very good.

20 Let's move on to Item 8.b. May I have a
21 motion to read by title only.

22 MR. STROIA: Stroia moves.

23 MR. REVOLDT: First reading Ordinance 45-21.

24 MR. STROIA: Sorry.

25 MRS. WERREN: Werren, second.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Clerk. Excuse me. All in
2 favor, say "aye."

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

5 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing a
6 vacation of the portion of Alley No. 37 from the
7 north right of way of Church Street, Southwest, north
8 to Alley No. 8; a portion of Alley No. 61 from the
9 north right of way of Church Street, Southwest, north
10 to the north line of City Lot No. 606, and all of
11 Alley No. 8 from the west right of way from South
12 Main Street west to Alley No. 37 located within the
13 corporate limits of the City of North Canton.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. The public hearing was
15 held prior to this session. The administration
16 recommends this vacation of these three alleys. We
17 heard from St. Paul's Catholic Church in support as
18 one of the signatores of the vacation request. There
19 were no objections to this vacation. And I just want
20 to point out that in some of our materials it does
21 say Ordinance -- or Alley No. 73. Again, the correct
22 number is Alley No. 37. And that is reflected in the
23 Ordinance itself, as you'll notice before you in red.

24 Are there any questions or comments? Seeing
25 none, then may I have a motion to adopt the first