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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF
MARCH 30, 2020, MEETING
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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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, March 30, 2020, at 7:20 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 (Via Teleconference)

3 Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

4 Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large

5 Doug Foltz, Ward 1

6 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

7 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

8 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

9 Matthew Stroia, At Large

10 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

11 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

12 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

13
14 (Present at Civic Center)

15 Patrick A. DeOrion, Director of Administration

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

17 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

18 Benjamin R. Young, Clerk

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1 MR. PETERS: At this time I'd like to call to
2 order the North Canton Special Council meeting via
3 teleconference. The time is 7:20; the date is
4 March 30.

5 And okay, so at this time, Mark, would you
6 like to lead us in prayer.

7 MR. CERRETA: Sure. Be glad to.

8 Lord, thank you for bringing us together in
9 whatever way we can get there, and I want to thank
10 you for giving us the help to be able to talk to each
11 other and keep the city running.

12 Please come to our aid as this coronavirus
13 spreads globally. Please heal those who are sick,
14 support and protect our families and friends from
15 this terrible infection. And please strengthen and
16 encourage those in public health service and the
17 medical profession, the caregivers, the nurses, the
18 attendants, the doctors who commit themselves for
19 caring for the sick, and all of our families.

20 Help and protect our city employees as they
21 keep the city running, and please, you've always
22 blessed our city; continue to do that and keep
23 everybody healthy and protect it during these tough
24 times. In God's name we pray, Amen.

25 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mark.

1 At this time if you would join me in the
2 Pledge of Allegiance.

3 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

4 MR. PETERS: Ben, I'm getting a lot of
5 feedback on my end. Is that noise coming from you
6 guys?

7 MR. YOUNG: I'm sorry. This was likely from
8 us here in the civic center, yes. Sorry.

9 MR. PETERS: Okay. We still have everybody
10 on?

11 MR. YOUNG: Yes. Everyone is still on.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. At this time, Ben,
13 could you please call the roll.

14 MRS. WERREN: I've got to get back on.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt? Member Revoldt?

16 MR. CERRETA: Mute the dog.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt. Here.

18 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

19 MR. CERRETA: Woof. Woof. I mean, I'm here.

20 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz?

21 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

22 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

23 MR. FONTE: Present.

24 MR. YOUNG: President Peters?

25 MR. PETERS: Here.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

2 MR. STROIA: Here.

3 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

4 MRS. WERREN: Here.

5 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

6 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Ben.

7 And for council, for your consideration I
8 need a motion and a second to approve as presented
9 committee of the whole meeting minutes March 2, 2020,
10 special council meeting minutes March 2, 2020,
11 council meeting minutes March 9, 2020.

12 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

13 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Cerreta seconded.

15 All in favor, say "aye."

16 ("Aye in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Member Peters will
18 abstain. Okay.

19 Ben, are we ready for recognition of
20 visitors?

21 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. At this time -- and Ben,
23 I'm going to let you take the lead on who goes first.

24 Just a reminder, we have a five-minute time
25 limit. Please stay within that time limit. If there

1 is a chance that you will not, we will also accept
2 written or e-mailed full text of your comments, and
3 we will attach them to the minutes for the council
4 meeting.

5 So at this time, Ben, I'll let you take the
6 lead for recognition of visitors.

7 MR. YOUNG: Our first citizen is Mr. Osborne.
8 Mr. Osborne, are you there?

9 MR. OSBORNE: I am here.

10 MR. YOUNG: When you're ready, sir.

11 MR. OSBORNE: Okay. My name is Chuck
12 Osborne. 307 Fairview Street, Southeast, North
13 Canton, Ohio.

14 I'm very concerned about the economic and
15 environmental conditions that are falling down on us.
16 I don't know if anybody is doing any research on that
17 1918 pandemic. I sent everyone an e-mail here on the
18 21st. There are unimaginable changes to the world we
19 once knew and the daily news makes an ever-growing
20 bleak future as each day passes.

21 What prompted my e-mail of over a week ago
22 was the prediction by Goldman Sachs that economic
23 activity is going to plunge and contract by about
24 24 percent. They're predicting a swift recession. I
25 would almost daresay personally we may be looking at

1 a depression. You might have heard today that Macy's
2 is laying off 130,000 people.

3 The city needs to take precautions, and I
4 would advise the following actions: That we
5 terminate the five-year management agreement for
6 Arrowhead. The basis for this termination is the
7 economic impact of the coronavirus, which would fall
8 under contract provisions as an act of God, and after
9 17 straight years of financial losses under city
10 ownership of the golf course, it is highly probable
11 that Arrowhead will continue to be a financial drain
12 for city taxpayers. Economic conditions that the
13 coronavirus has wrought on the entire US economy for
14 the foreseeable future will doom with certainty the
15 financial viability of operating Arrowhead in the
16 black this year.

17 For anybody, again, that doesn't know too
18 much about the 1918 pandemic, it lasted 15 months.
19 It killed 670,000 Americans. There were three waves.
20 We don't know what to expect. The city is asking and
21 the government is asking everybody to distance
22 themselves socially, stay at home. Economic activity
23 has come to a halt. You must immediately start
24 conserving money because things are not going to be
25 looking very good for a long time. It makes no sense

1 to be paying \$72,000 to Mr. DePietro because he has
2 nothing to manage. The buffet has been shut down for
3 what? over a month, and I don't know if anybody's
4 aware, I just got a copy here that Lyons Den Golf
5 Course in Canal Fulton has been ordered to
6 immediately shut down. It's not considered an
7 essential business. So I don't know if the city has
8 been ordered the shutdown of Arrowhead as of yet or
9 not. That shutdown order was sent out March 27.

10 Secondly, your ordinance tonight, the
11 Ordinance 13-2020 increasing salaries, again runs
12 contrary to any kind of common sense. Your
13 compensation levels of management already greatly
14 exceed salaries of the majority of North Canton
15 citizens, and given the economic forecast for the
16 entire country and as unemployment surges, this is
17 not the time to increase salaries. And also, I would
18 hope that very possibly, since you have shut down
19 city hall, possibly curtailing the hours of certain
20 employees, again, to save money.

21 So that's my two points. I hope you take
22 that with a grain of salt. I don't want to have to
23 say "I told you so" here in another month. These are
24 very dire situations the entire country finds
25 themselves in. Given that people are going to be

1 struggling to pay rent, utilities, raising salaries
2 is the last thing that should be thought about.

3 Thank you very much.

4 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

5 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Chuck.

6 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Osborne was the only citizen
7 who asked to speak in person tonight. At this time
8 we have not received any written statements as of
9 yet.

10 MR. PETERS: Okay. Well, seeing that there
11 is no more public comments, we'll move on to old
12 business.

13 Ordinance 12-20. This is the second reading.
14 Ordinance, Rules & Safety. Tim.

15 MR. FOX: Yes.

16 MR. PETERS: Hold on. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
17 I need to ask for a motion and a second to read by
18 title only second reading Ordinance 20-12.

19 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz. Motion to approve.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

21 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta second.

22 MR. PETERS: I didn't hear that.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. Revoldt seconded.

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor?

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Okay. Motion carries.
2 Tim?

3 MR. FOX: An ordinance amending Chapter 111,
4 Council, of the codified ordinances of the City of
5 North Canton, specifically Section 111.04,
6 Legislative Procedure, as described below.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
8 Chairman Stroia.

9 MR. STROIA: Yes. This is the form that we
10 talked about previously. It streamlines and
11 organizes the legislative process. That's it.

12 MR. PETERS: Okay. Any questions, council?
13 All right. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion and
14 a second to adopt, second reading.

15 MR. REVOLDT: So moved. This is Revoldt.

16 MR. FOLTZ: Second. Foltz.

17 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

18 MR. PETERS: Okay. We have a motion and a
19 second. All in favor?

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

22 Okay. Next up, Resolution No. 1-20. May I
23 have a motion and a second to read by title only the
24 second reading of Resolution 1-20.

25 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

1 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. So moved.

2 MR. FOLTZ: Second. Foltz.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay. A motion and a second.

4 All in favor?

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
7 carries.

8 Tim, please.

9 MR. FOX: A resolution accepting the
10 internship policy handbook as submitted and shall be
11 maintained by the department of administration.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Patrick.

13 MR. DEORIO: Yes. Thank you.

14 There are some tweaks that we're doing to
15 this. We've had some input from the associated
16 individuals. Nothing out of the extraordinary.

17 Just a reminder, this is open to students who
18 are at other schools other than Walsh. We're in the
19 process of fine-tuning a link that people can click
20 on and see the updates.

21 As far as the manual goes, this would be
22 something that would be adjusted in the department of
23 administration as time goes on and we speak with the
24 initial acceptance of what we have drafted so far.

25 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Patrick.

1 Council is very excited and looking forward to the --
2 all the possibilities with this -- with this program.

3 Are there any questions from council? All
4 right. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion and a
5 second to adopt the second reading of Resolution
6 1-20.

7 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

8 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

9 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say "aye."

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Okay. Motion carries.

12 All right. Moving on. I need a motion and a
13 second to read by title only the second reading
14 Ordinance 30-20.

15 MR. YOUNG: 13.

16 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

18 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Okay. Motion carries.

21 Patrick, would you like to talk on this
22 before we pass the second reading?

23 MR. DEORIO: Yes.

24 MR. FOX: Do you want me to read it first?

25 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Tim.

1 MR. FOX: Yes. An ordinance amending Chapter
2 155, Personnel Regulations, Part One, Administrative
3 Code of the codified ordinance of the City of North
4 Canton, to adjust the titles and compensation of
5 certain employees, and repealing any legislation
6 inconsistent herewith.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Sorry about that. A
8 little -- a little hard when I'm on the phone doing
9 this. It's hard to get used to.

10 MR. FOX: Yes.

11 MR. CERRETA: You're doing great.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Patrick, Tim, any
13 comments on that?

14 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. This is the ordinance
15 that we were working on since the first of the year.
16 This is not an ordinance that is giving pay raises to
17 people this year. This year's salaries were set in
18 last year's budget. This is adjusting for 2021, and
19 that's pretty much the gist of it, yeah.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. Any other comments from
21 council? Okay. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion
22 and a second to adopt the second reading of Ordinance
23 13-20.

24 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

25 MR. FOLTZ: Second by Foltz.

1 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say "aye."
2 ("Aye" in unison.)

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Okay. Motion carries.
4 Moving on -- before we go to this, I believe,
5 Jina, you have requested a few amendments to this
6 ordinance; is that correct?

7 MS. ALABACK: That's correct. Do you want me
8 to address those right now or wait 'til it's read?

9 MR. PETERS: Yeah, Tim, should I wait --
10 should we read this and then amend it?

11 MR. FOX: Yeah, motion to read it and then,
12 as Member Revoldt had said, then we can talk about
13 the adjustments.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay. Very good.

15 MR. REVOLDT: I'll move that -- the motion is
16 made to read the second reading of Ordinance 14-2020.

17 MR. PETERS: Outstanding. Do I have a
18 second?

19 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

20 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

21 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say "aye."
22 ("Aye" in unison.)

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
24 carries.

25 Tim?

1 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
2 appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton to
3 be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of
4 the general fund and the insurance fund for the
5 current expenses during the fiscal year ending
6 December 31, 2020.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

8 Chairman Werren, the table is yours.

9 MRS. WERREN: Jina, I will ask that you go on
10 with this and talk about the changes you'd like to
11 have made.

12 MS. ALABACK: Okay. Thank you.

13 I did -- well, I'm not sure you have the
14 copy, so I'm going to just explain the amendments
15 that are being proposed to be included into Ordinance
16 14 for appropriation.

17 We were able to sell on the market \$2.9
18 million bond for real estate acquisitions. The bond
19 sold at an average coupon rate of 1.76 percent and
20 are set to close on April 3. So therefore, I'm
21 requesting an amendment to include the proceeds of
22 the bond, and then, at the same time, we will have a
23 principal and interest repayment due on December of
24 this year. So I'd like to add an appropriation for
25 that bond payment.

1 Along with that, we need to -- oh, we are
2 also requesting \$75,000 for facilities maintenance
3 and repairs. So those things would be added as
4 amendment to the current, bringing the total
5 appropriation amendment to 3,456,000. But remember,
6 2.9 million of that we have proceeds offsetting on
7 the revenue side.

8 MR. FONTE: Jina, do you want to explain that
9 just a hair more?

10 MS. ALABACK: Okay. So the bond proceeds we
11 were able to sell on the market we will be receiving
12 revenue in of \$2.9 million. Those will be used for
13 property acquisition looking at a safety service
14 center. Those bonds then, on the revenue side, we
15 will use those proceeds to purchase the land. So
16 that will be the appropriation of \$2.9 million to be
17 able to write a check and spend those funds.

18 The other 187,000, I believe, 220 total --
19 I'm sorry, \$220,750 is the first bond repayment. All
20 of it would be over, I believe, a 15-year period.
21 From 2020 to 2034. Average coupon rate of
22 1.76 percent.

23 MR. FONTE: Got it.

24 MRS. WERREN: Any other questions?

25 Okay. I move to adopt.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

2 MR. CERRETA: Second.

3 MR. YOUNG: If I may. If we wish to
4 incorporate --

5 MR. REVOLDT: Are you going to make a motion
6 to amend?

7 MRS. WERREN: Oh. Yeah. Sorry about that.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Let me make a motion to amend
9 Ordinance 14-2020 per the description provided by the
10 director of finance.

11 MR. CERRETA: I'll second that.

12 MR. REVOLDT: I have a -- you need a roll
13 call on that.

14 MR. PETERS: We need a vote on that.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Let me, before we vote, do we
16 need this on emergency?

17 MR. DEORIO: Yes, please.

18 MR. REVOLDT: All right. So let me rephrase
19 my motion then and move that we amend Ordinance
20 14-2020 to include the amendments as described by the
21 director of finance and amend the language to include
22 an emergency clause.

23 MR. YOUNG: Point of order.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

25 MR. YOUNG: We need to vote down the first

1 motion and then you remotion and then we pass the
2 second motion.

3 MR. REVOLDT: All right.

4 MR. PETERS: So I need a motion to get rid of
5 the first motion.

6 MR. YOUNG: Well, we just need to vote on it
7 and you need to defeat it.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Defeat the amendment?

9 MR. YOUNG: Your first motion remains on the
10 table until it's voted on. So if you wish to amend
11 the motion to include the emergency clause you need
12 to defeat the motion first.

13 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Do that.

14 MR. PETERS: We're just defeating the first
15 motion to amend, not the ordinance itself; correct?

16 MR. YOUNG: Correct.

17 MR. REVOLDT: That's correct.

18 MR. YOUNG: So President Peters should call
19 for a vote on Member Revoldt's first motion.

20 MR. PETERS: First motion to amend.

21 MR. REVOLDT: First -- yes. So the correct
22 vote would be "no."

23 MR. PETERS: Correct. If you want to.

24 MR. REVOLDT: If you want to.

25 MR. YOUNG: President Peters?

1 MR. PETERS: Defeat it.

2 MR. REVOLDT: So in other words, when Member,
3 or President Peters says, "All in favor, say 'aye,'"
4 it should be met with stony silence and then "All
5 opposed," we should hear seven "nos."

6 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Member Peters, we await your
8 pleasure.

9 MR. PETERS: I'm sorry, Daryl. I had myself
10 on mute and I'm talking like you guys could hear me.

11 Do I need a roll call vote to defeat that
12 amendment?

13 MR. REVOLDT: No. No. No.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. So I need a motion.
15 Is there a motion and a second to approve?

16 MR. YOUNG: The motion has been made. You
17 just need to vote.

18 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. All in favor,
19 say "aye."

20 MRS. WERREN: Aye.

21 MR. REVOLDT: No.

22 MRS. WERREN: Oh, no. Sorry. Correct.

23 MR. CERRETA: Wrong answer.

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. Try this again.

25 All in favor, say "aye."

1 Okay. Opposed? Nay.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

3 MRS. WERREN: Aye.

4 MR. CERRETA: Aye. Nay.

5 MR. PETERS: Okay. Let's try this one again.
6 I'm assuming that 7-0 to defeat Member Revoldt's
7 first motion to amend.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Now, I propose that we
9 amend Ordinance 14-2020 to include the amendments as
10 described by the director of finance and also include
11 in the text an emergency clause.

12 MR. FOX: And if you would state the reason
13 for the emergency clause for drafting.

14 MR. REVOLDT: The reason is to secure
15 the timing of the bond -- the reason is to secure --
16 the reason for the emergency clause is to secure the
17 timing with the bond market.

18 MR. FOX: Yes. Thank you.

19 MR. FOLTZ: I'll second that.

20 MR. PETERS: Outstanding work, Ben.

21 All in favor, say "aye."

22 ("Aye" in unison.)

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

24 All right. Motion carries.

25 May I have a motion and a second to suspend

1 the rules of council for three readings?

2 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

3 MR. PETERS: For Ordinance -- I'm sorry. For
4 Ordinance 14-20 as amended.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. So moved.

6 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

7 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
10 carries.

11 And finally, may I have a motion and a second
12 to adopt Ordinance 14-20 as amended?

13 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

14 MR. CERRETA: Moved.

15 MR. DEORIO: They didn't say "under
16 suspension of the rules."

17 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?

18 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

19 MR. DEORIO: Foltz.

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

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

23 Okay. Motion carries.

24 MR. YOUNG: President Peters, you didn't say
25 in your motion "to adopt under suspension of the

1 rules."

2 MR. PETERS: Oh, I'm sorry. May I have a
3 motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the
4 rules?

5 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

6 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

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

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
11 carries. Thank you, Ben.

12 And lastly, under new business, by a
13 favorable vote of a majority of council members the
14 resolution before the Finance & Property Committee
15 regarding the authorization for the director of
16 finance to apply for COVID-19 assistance funds may be
17 added to the consideration through Council Rule
18 111.06(c) suspending the requirement for a committee
19 report. Are there any comments on that?

20 MRS. WERREN: Just that we need to react in a
21 timely matter, and that's what we're doing.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. Anyone else?

23 MR. CERRETA: No.

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. At this time -- at this
25 time I'll ask for a motion and a second to suspend

1 the rules of council requiring a favorable committee
2 report and to add Resolution 2-20 to the agenda.

3 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

4 MRS. WERREN: Second by Werren.

5 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta. Okay.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. We have a motion and a
7 second. All in favor, say "aye."

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 I need a motion and a second to read by title
11 only first reading Resolution No. 2-20.

12 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay. Motion and a second. All
15 in favor, say "aye."

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 Tim, do you have the title in front of you?

19 MR. FOX: I do.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. Can you --

21 MR. FOX: I will.

22 A resolution authorizing the director of
23 finance and the director of administration to apply
24 on behalf of and/or assist the City of North Canton
25 with requesting any and all state and federal

1 assistance necessary to assist with the COVID-19
2 pandemic, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

4 Chairwoman Werren. Any comments?

5 MRS. WERREN: No. I'm good to go.

6 MR. PETERS: All right. We all are as well.
7 At this time I'll ask for a motion and a second to
8 adopt the first reading of Resolution 2-20.

9 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

10 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

11 MR. CERRETA: Second.

12 MR. PETERS: We have a motion and a second.
13 All in favor, say "aye."

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

16 A motion and a second to suspend the rules
17 requiring three readings on the basis of an
18 emergency.

19 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

20 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

22 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. We have a couple of
24 motions and a couple seconds. I think that will
25 work. All in favor, say "aye."

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

3 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt
4 Resolution 2-20 under suspension of the rules.

5 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

6 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

7 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

8 MR. PETERS: Okay. We have a motion and a
9 second. All in favor, say "aye."

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
12 carries. That concludes our legislative agenda.

13 We have reports. Deputy director of
14 administration.

15 MS. FARINA: Thank you, Mr. President.

16 MR. DEORIO: She's not available. Oh, you're
17 available.

18 MS. FARINA: Yeah. I just wanted to
19 recognize all of our dedicated essential city
20 employees, but especially all the essential employees
21 who are working really hard to keep all the city
22 operations running smoothly.

23 MR. YOUNG: Catherine, Maryl requests that
24 you're louder.

25 MS. FARINA: Speak louder?

1 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

2 MS. FARINA: Okay. I just wanted to say
3 that, you know, we are just observing all the
4 protocols, we're taking temperatures every morning.
5 We are using technology like we are tonight, you
6 know, to continue the work going. We have got to
7 keep the water flowing, the toilets flushing, the
8 streetlights working, and the critically important
9 fire, EMS, and police responding.

10 So just quickly on the note of police, I need
11 to report the Civil Service Commission has approved
12 the scores of the patrolman and dispatcher exams that
13 were given in February and now they have set the date
14 the -- the commission has approved the date for the
15 sergeant's promotional exam, and that will be on
16 May 22. And that is -- that will be the opening that
17 was created with the promotion of Frank Kemp to the
18 chief's position. So that's all.

19 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Catherine.
20 Director of administration.

21 MR. DEORIO: I yield the balance of my time
22 to the mayor.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you very much.
24 Mr. Mayor.

25 MAYOR WILDER: Thank you, everyone.

1 First of all, I would want to thank the
2 residents and citizens of the North Canton community
3 for abiding by the Ohio Department of Health
4 director's stay-at-home order. As I'm out and about
5 in my travels, I can see that many of our residents
6 are abiding by that as much as possible.

7 A quick update on our parks. Again, our
8 parks are open. The walking path at Price Park is
9 open for use. We're just asking everyone to follow
10 the social distancing as recommended by the Ohio
11 Department of Health.

12 I received a notice through the Ohio
13 Department of Health that they reversed its decision
14 on Saturday evening and now will allow golf courses
15 to stay open during the COVID-19 shutdown as long as
16 they adhere to Section 15 of the social distance
17 measures.

18 I encourage our councilmen, when they talk to
19 their constituents, I received a notice from Ohio
20 Secretary of State Frank LaRose to please consider
21 again voting by mail in the 2020 primary election.
22 You can simply learn how to request their vote by
23 going to voteohio.gov.

24 I also received a notice from the US Census
25 Bureau for citizens to please continue to go to their

1 website. That's my2020census.gov. Very simple for
2 them to complete the census questionnaire.

3 In regards to some of our meals that are
4 being served in the city of North Canton, several of
5 our churches have continued on with their food
6 pantries and giveaways. I talked with our
7 superintendent of schools, Jeff Wendorf. They're
8 feeding about 500 school-age children daily, Monday
9 through Friday, at the North Canton Middle School.

10 Finally, I'd just like to share these
11 comments. I know each of us have challenges during
12 this critical time of our lives and facing
13 uncertainty and adversity in surviving the
14 coronavirus creates changes in our response to
15 defeating it. As we are all focused on getting
16 things done for our families or business, I want you
17 to know that your city government is focused on
18 getting things done in the best interests for our
19 community. Each day I think about what more can I do
20 today to ensure a better tomorrow for our employees,
21 community, and for ourselves. Just be thankful for
22 what we have, let's stay focused, stay grounded, and
23 we'll get through this health crisis. I still
24 believe the best days are ahead of us. Thank you for
25 your time.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mayor.

2 I'm sorry. I had myself on mute.

3 Mayor, thank you so much.

4 Next up, director of law.

5 MR. FOX: Thank you.

6 I just wish to echo the comments of the
7 deputy director that our employees, despite what
8 comments were earlier of the suggestion of reducing
9 hours and reducing pay and so forth of city
10 employees. They are actually working longer hours,
11 they're working under much more difficult conditions.
12 We've had employees that need to stay -- stay at home
13 for periods of time that others need to cover for
14 those employees, and so actually especially your
15 exempt employees are working longer hours and your
16 police, fire, EMS, those individuals are --
17 especially the EMS, taking the temperatures of every
18 city employee every day, so they're having that
19 additional contact. And you have to imagine that
20 they're thinking about that. They're considering,
21 I'm in contact with all these employees each day. So
22 those are the things that they are doing on behalf of
23 all of our employees so that our employees can
24 continue to, as the deputy director has said, keep
25 the water flowing so the toilets flush, so the

1 sanitation is picked up, so that we continue to have
2 a safe city. So again, shout-out to all of the city
3 employees.

4 And thank you for -- council members, for --
5 I know it's difficult to have this meeting
6 telephonically, but the very purpose was to prevent
7 the spread. And so I think it went remarkably well,
8 much better than anticipated. We just went through
9 two meetings in less than an hour, and so thank you
10 all for that.

11 MR. PETERS: All right, Tim. Thank you so
12 much.

13 Next, director of finance.

14 MS. ALABACK: Thank you.

15 I just wanted to make one announcement. The
16 municipal income tax return and payments that were
17 due for tax year 2019 originally that were due
18 April 15 have been extended by law to July 15 of
19 2020. Also, estimated payments for Quarter 1 and
20 Quarter 2 are also extended to July 15 of 2020.
21 That's the only additional announcement I have.

22 MR. FONTE: Jina, quick question. Dominic
23 Fonte.

24 MS. ALABACK: Yes.

25 MR. FONTE: So even though that's extended,

1 it doesn't mean you can't still go ahead and pay it
2 on April 15; correct?

3 MS. ALABACK: No. Oh, no. You can still
4 pay.

5 MR. FONTE: We want to encourage to get
6 payment.

7 MS. ALABACK: Absolutely. Pay now or pay
8 later. But the federal government and the state
9 government have extended the tax deadlines, and so
10 the city follows those laws. So the extension will
11 be until July 15 without penalty.

12 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Jina. I
13 appreciate that good information.

14 Next up, Engineer Graham.

15 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President.

16 I just wanted to touch on that the Department
17 of Homeland Security had deemed infrastructure work
18 as an essential service, and so far Governor DeWine
19 has concurred with that. I know some neighboring
20 states have stopped construction work but Ohio is
21 still full steam ahead. With that, our department
22 has been minimally affected to date, believe it or
23 not. As an example, our Pineview Avenue construction
24 contract that we bid out, Superior Excavating -- or
25 Superior Paving actually started work this morning on

1 that. Also, Superior has our 2020 paving program.
2 They're looking at bringing their paving mill into
3 town two weeks from today on April 13.

4 We had a preconstruction meeting with our
5 Northfield contractor, which is Northstar Asphalt and
6 Wenger Excavating, and they're looking at starting
7 probably that week of the 13th or week of the 20th.

8 And lastly, we've been scheduled to open the
9 Portage resurfacing bid this Friday, April 3, and
10 we're going to open up those bids. The only thing
11 different, we're going to open them on the portico
12 instead of inside city hall so we can keep everyone
13 safe in here. But other than that, it's really full
14 steam ahead and looking forward to getting a lot done
15 this spring and summer.

16 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Rob.

17 Any comments from council? Questions for
18 Rob?

19 MR. FONTE: Keep up the good work.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Very good. Thank
21 you, Rob.

22 Next up, council clerk. Ben? You're up.

23 MR. YOUNG: Yes. The Ohio Ethics Commission
24 has extended the filing deadline for financial
25 disclosure forms to July 15.

1 Second, Walsh University has officially
2 reached out and canceled our meeting on April 6,
3 which we had already assumed based on the closing of
4 their campus. If we would like to reschedule that
5 meeting for the fall, they are requesting a new date
6 by July.

7 And finally, the office of council now has a
8 searchable database of all current and past elected
9 officials in the city.

10 That's all.

11 MR. PETERS: All right. Very good. All
12 right. Thank you, sir.

13 Next up, we'll start with Member Revoldt.

14 MR. REVOLDT: No report.

15 MR. PETERS: All right. Member Fonte.

16 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

17 I would just like to remind everybody since
18 we're in this new paradigm shift, make sure you
19 remember the old people, the people that aren't
20 getting the visitors, or people that are lonely. You
21 know, reach out to them, make sure they have food.
22 And also local businesses, you know, a lot of them
23 are doing different things with carryout. You know,
24 try to reach out to them and give them some business.
25 I'm sure they're all in need, so let's give the

1 support we can do to help everybody. Thank you.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Good stuff, Dominic.
3 Member Stroia.

4 MR. STROIA: Yeah. Just first I wanted to
5 thank Ben and the staff for running the
6 teleconference because it seems to have run very
7 smoothly, at least on my end. So thank you for that.

8 Chuck, thanks for speaking. The golf course
9 is -- the ruling, as Mayor Wilder said, that was
10 reversed and it looks like it's going to be open
11 indefinitely so far. But I just wanted to thank, you
12 know, the city workers, especially the police, fire,
13 EMS. What you guys do is amazing for what's going
14 on. And I also wanted to thank the mayor for giving
15 the updates about the virus and about the city. I
16 think everybody appreciates that type of
17 communication.

18 So that's it. Thanks.

19 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Matthew.
20 Member Cerreta.

21 MR. CERRETA: I'll piggyback on what Matt
22 said and concur with Mayor Wilder. The city is
23 running, it's running good. I think it's a good test
24 of our city's efficiency, our community, our
25 collaboration, you know, of our community, so we'll

1 keep moving forward and we'll come out of this
2 stronger. So I want to thank all those folks, and
3 also thanks for setting this up. This has run -- the
4 first time we have ever done this, you know, there's
5 a couple little glitches but I'm real happy with the
6 way this thing has run here. We may be doing this
7 for a while so it will get better and better, so
8 thanks, Ben, and everyone else who's involved, Cathy,
9 in this endeavor that we've taken on.

10 That will do it.

11 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

12 Member Foltz.

13 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Thank you.

14 Not to be redundant, but thanks to everybody,
15 Ben especially, this was a great meeting.

16 I want to thank all our staff and all our
17 employees, but also the health officials and the
18 hospital staffing because they're on the front lines,
19 and God bless them for what they're doing.

20 I just ask that when people go out just to be
21 smart about how they congregate together. Use our
22 beautiful parks, just don't collectively get
23 together. You know, we know what's been said by
24 health officials and that's all we're asking here.
25 We love people to be out in the parks and enjoy that,

1 but also just be smart about how they congregate and
2 keep your social distancing as best you can.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Thank you,
5 Doug.

6 And finally, Member Werren.

7 MRS. WERREN: Yeah, I won't be redundant as
8 much either.

9 Member Foltz just really kind of said
10 everything I wanted to say and, you know, thanks to
11 Ben and just to Pat for keeping up. Pat and I had a
12 real good conversation the other day and just the
13 updates and I just appreciate that.

14 And I was out playing pickleball, I don't
15 know, yesterday and the day before and it was so
16 nice, the nets were up. There was a wait, I think it
17 was on Friday, but people were respecting social
18 distancing.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren, speak slower for
20 Maryl.

21 MRS. WERREN: Okay. You know me.

22 And it's just so good to be out. Doug's
23 right. You've got to be respectful and keep your
24 space, and thanks for our beautiful parks.

25 That's it.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Steph.

2 And I echo everyone's comments. Great
3 comments by the mayor and everyone. I would just ask
4 also that in these trying times that everyone be
5 respectful and, more importantly, be patient. I
6 think nerves are a little frazzled now and it's easy,
7 you know, to kind of come unwound a little bit. Just
8 understand we're all in this together.

9 So, and Ben, thank you for putting together
10 this meeting. I'm sure we're going to be doing this
11 for a little while. I think for the first time it
12 was well done. And I think Cathy had some input on
13 this, so whoever had a hand in putting this
14 teleconference together, well done.

15 And I will finish by touching on our upcoming
16 meetings. April 6, that was formerly the Walsh
17 University meeting. That's a special committee of
18 the whole. These will all be a teleconference.
19 April 13, regular council. April 20, committee of
20 the whole. And finally, April 27 will be a regular
21 council meeting.

22 MR. DEORIO: I would just say,

23 Mr. President --

24 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir.

25 MR. DEORIO: This is the administrator. I

1 would just ask at the April 6 meeting that we may
2 need to have another meeting that week. I'll know
3 within a day or two on the subject matter if that's
4 the case. Is that something that could be done on
5 April 6 or we have to do something special tonight to
6 set another date?

7 MR. PETERS: Well, I tell you what we can do.
8 Instead of setting it, we could do it tonight, but if
9 you're not sure if you need it, you need a couple
10 days to put it together, just let Ben know and then
11 we can do, with four affirmative e-mail responses
12 from council, we can schedule a meeting.

13 MR. DEORIO: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thanks, everybody. That
15 concludes the agenda. I'll entertain a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

18 MR. CERRETA: Second.

19 MR. PETERS: All right. We have a motion and
20 a second. All in favor, say "aye."

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. We
23 are adjourned. Have a great evening, everyone.

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25 (Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.)

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