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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF
FEBRUARY 10, 2020, 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, February 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large

3 Doug Foltz, Ward 1

4 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

5 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

6 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

7 Matthew Stroia, At Large

8 Patrick A. DeOrion, Director of Administration

9 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

10 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

11 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

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

13 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

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1 MR. REVOLDT: Good evening, everyone. I'd
2 like to call to order the council meeting for Monday,
3 February 10, 2020. I'd like to welcome Verlinda
4 Bennet, Dayspring Family Church, to our podium to
5 offer tonight's opening prayer. Please rise for that
6 prayer. And thank you for joining.

7 REVEREND BENNET: Thank you very much. It's
8 an honor to be here.

9 In Colossians 3:23 it states, "In whatsoever
10 you do, do it heartedly as to the Lord and not unto
11 men."

12 Lord, we come before you right now, Lord
13 Jesus. I pray for each and every council member here
14 today, Lord; that all the discussions that they have,
15 Lord Jesus, there will be a peace among all people,
16 Lord. Bless, Almighty Lord Jesus, those who are even
17 in this meeting today. Give them the boldness to be
18 able to speak out on anything that they need to speak
19 out on, Lord. Let your divine will be done in this
20 meeting. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen and thank
21 God.

22 MR. CERRETA: Thank you.

23 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

24 MR. REVOLDT: You may be seated.

25 Clerk, will you please call the roll.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

2 MR. FONTE: Here.

3 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

4 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz?

6 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

8 MRS. WERREN: Here.

9 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

10 MR. STROIA: Here.

11 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

12 MR. CERRETA: Here.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters is absent. Six
14 present.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you. May I have a motion
16 to excuse Mr. Peters?

17 MR. FOLTZ: So moved.

18 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Motion stands.

22 Council has for consideration two items. The
23 first is a liquor permit for the Hair Shoppe & Spa at
24 6460 Wise Avenue, Northwest. Are there any questions
25 or reservations at this time? Seeing none, I'll

1 entertain a motion to approve that permit.

2 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

4 MRS. WERREN: Second.

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

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. REVOLDT: All opposed?

8 We also have for our consideration the
9 council meeting minutes of January 27, 2020. Is
10 there a motion to approve?

11 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Second? Is there a second?

13 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Minutes are approved.

17 This evening I'm pleased to welcome to our
18 podium Superintendent of Schools, Superintendent Jeff
19 Wendorf. Welcome. And he may be joined by Dave
20 Cochenour, who is also welcome.

21 SUPERINTENDENT WENDORF: Thank you. Good
22 evening. Thanks your time tonight.

23 We just wanted to share a little bit about
24 our building plan, our Issue 16 that will be on the
25 ballot March 17 for our community's consideration.

1 I'm going to have Mr. Cochenour, who is our chair of
2 our committee, share a few things and then we'll
3 answer questions. And I know you've had the placemat
4 here for a few minutes to look at that we'd be happy
5 to entertain any questions, but first Mr. Cochenour.

6 MR. COCHENOUR: Thank you. Thank you for
7 your time in letting me address the council. I
8 really appreciate all of what you guys do.

9 I'm a 1980 graduate of Hoover High School.
10 Five children that have graduated from Hoover High
11 School. I'm the levy chairman. I care deeply about
12 our community, our city, our schools, and most
13 importantly, I care about our children and our future
14 children.

15 So how did we get here? So we had many
16 community meetings. We put a bond levy, operating
17 levy, facility levy back in May of 2017. And that
18 failed. And we listened to the community, so we got
19 a bunch of people in the community, business leaders,
20 community leaders, to come up and say, "What shall we
21 do next?" And they said we should pass an operating
22 levy. So we passed that in May of 2018. And we got
23 the committee together again and said, "What should
24 we do next?" And they said now we need to address
25 the schools. So we had community meetings in

1 September and October of this past year and we went
2 to the board of education and said this is what we
3 would like to do. They approved and recommended we
4 put it on the ballot for March 17.

5 So what we're trying to do is consolidate
6 four elementary schools and the kindergarten center,
7 five different schools into two schools that will be
8 centrally located in North Canton on property that we
9 own, and it will be in North Canton. And this will
10 facilitate a lot of different things. So the cost is
11 \$58 million. The levy is for 3.6 mills, which means
12 the homeowner that owns a house for a hundred
13 thousand dollars would pay \$56 more per year than
14 what they pay in 2019. Now, obviously if you own a
15 \$200,000 house it will be \$112 more than what you
16 paid in 2019. It doesn't seem like it's that
17 expensive, because if you know about North Canton
18 city schools, we had a levy that came off the books
19 in December of 2019 that was passed in the 1990s. I
20 know Mark worked on that pretty hard. That built the
21 renovation of the high school. So that comes off the
22 books. So this thing is a very economical plan to
23 consolidate our five elementary schools plus the
24 kindergarten center into two schools.

25 Why are we doing this? Teaching and learning

1 environments. I mean, right now our schools, we have
2 trailers sitting outside for our children. It's
3 going to be flexible. One-on-one teaching
4 environments. We're -- you know, when I went to
5 school, I graduated in 1980 so that's -- I'm working
6 right now to set up our 40th-year high school
7 reunion. Kind of crazy when I think about it because
8 I don't think I'm that old, but that is -- that is
9 the truth. And 40 years ago you had one teacher and
10 students, and now you need more one-on-one learning
11 and we need to build our students for the future.
12 And their one-on-one learning is so important, and
13 group learning also.

14 Safety and security. Our kids are safe right
15 now. But the fact of the matter is, when you have
16 schools that are a hundred years old, 50 years old,
17 70 years old, they're not set up for today's society.
18 And I wish it was different but it's not. I mean, we
19 need to make sure our schools are as safe as we can
20 be for the future.

21 And then handicap accessibility. Our schools
22 are not handicap accessible. I mean, we just --
23 they're just not. You look at Greentown, you look at
24 the middle school, and I'm talking about that tonight
25 but we just have children that need to be able to go

1 to school and have the same benefits as all the
2 children that are in school.

3 And we also know energy savings. 25 to
4 30 percent we'll reduce our operating costs.

5 And then you look at just stuff in the
6 community. Property values will go up with new
7 schools. Our community will thrive with new schools,
8 new businesses with new schools. That's a fact.
9 And, you know, I look at it and say -- I look at
10 different areas in our community that built new
11 schools, and, to be honest with you, I really don't
12 care what Green has done and what Lake has done or
13 like what Jackson has done. I care about our
14 students. I care about our students today and I care
15 about our students in the future.

16 I have no children left at Hoover High
17 School. I had five children, they all graduated from
18 high school, and the reason they have been so
19 successful in their life is because of Hoover High
20 School and our teachers and our staff and our
21 administrators that provided them the education, the
22 foundation for them to be successful. I have three
23 grandchildren. I have one more on the way in one
24 month, and to be honest with you, three of those
25 grandchildren will be Polar Bears. I'm going to try

1 to change it, but right now they are Polar Bears. So
2 they want to move back to North Canton but they want
3 to come back for the progressive schools that we
4 need.

5 So tonight I'd like to ask the council to
6 support us and endorse us and I'd like to ask the
7 mayor's office to do the same thing. It's a very
8 important vote that we have coming up on March 17.

9 I really appreciate your time and I thank you
10 for hearing me.

11 And we have a community meeting on Wednesday
12 at the Greentown school; it will be our third one.
13 We've had great turnout. We've had extremely
14 positive results from the turnout. Because I'm not
15 up here to sell this, I'm up here to tell you the
16 information. Because we're all smart people; right?
17 We can all make our own informed vote. So that's my
18 job is to give everybody the information.

19 MR. FONTE: So, Dave, what you said is
20 that -- because this is what I hear gray, you know,
21 some people say what you mentioned, \$56 per hundred
22 thousand; right?

23 MR. COCHENOUR: Yes.

24 MR. FONTE: So when I'm talking to people and
25 they're asking, I just want to make sure I'm crystal,

1 crystal clear. So based on what I'm used to paying
2 now, but it's '20 now but last year, what I was
3 paying for my taxes, you know, so you're saying if I
4 have a \$200,000 house, hypothetically I would be
5 paying \$112 more that would help with this program;
6 correct?

7 MR. COCHENOUR: Yes.

8 MR. FONTE: So that's crystal clear.

9 MR. COCHENOUR: Yes.

10 MR. FONTE: So 56 bucks per hundred thousand
11 is what I would expect to pay more.

12 MR. COCHENOUR: Yes. What you paid in 2019.

13 MR. FONTE: So it dropped off, didn't it?
14 Like a couple of the mills dropped and now those are
15 coming back on?

16 MR. COCHENOUR: That's correct.

17 MR. FONTE: So I just wanted to make sure,
18 you know, when we talk about it, you know, people can
19 relate to pizza and chicken, you know what I mean?
20 So I just wanted to make sure.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Dave -- Dave, I'll just remind
22 you that you have a rare opportunity tonight as your
23 comments are being live streamed. So if you would
24 like to address the larger community in addition to
25 the council, I would invite you to take that

1 opportunity. You've done a good job, but if there's
2 anything else you would like to add, feel free to do
3 so.

4 MR. COCHENOUR: Well, I mean, two -- two --
5 two words I always bring up is that I care and I
6 respect. So I care about our community. I care
7 about our city. I care about our staff, our coaches,
8 our teachers and our administrative staff. I mean, I
9 would never be where I am in my life without going to
10 North Canton city schools. I firmly believe that.
11 The people that helped raise me mean so much to me.

12 And the other word is "respect." Because
13 when I talk to the community, they care because
14 they're there. I respect them that they're there. I
15 respect their vote; I respect their opinions; I
16 respect their values; I respect their personal
17 situation. We all have different personal
18 situations; right?

19 So this is -- this is an ask. It is not a
20 huge ask but it is an ask. We're asking people to
21 give more money for new schools. So I always respect
22 everyone's opinion. Everybody's opinion. So that's
23 what I'm --

24 MR. FONTE: So -- so me being a real estate
25 agent for 32 years, the demographics are changing

1 where we have an older population and sooner or later
2 some of the people are going to be selling and
3 moving, and the younger people tend to like older
4 homes with a little bit more city vibe, I guess, but
5 schools are critical, as we know, as an important
6 component to a city, plus a safe city, which North
7 Canton is. I was just wondering, as far as like
8 people moving into the community, like if it passed
9 in March, how many years would it take, really, to
10 have some product where you could actually have kids
11 in schools enjoying these new schools?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Thanks, Dave.

13 MR. COCHENOUR: I'm going to let Jeff answer
14 that one.

15 SUPERINTENDENT WENDORF: So the typical plan
16 is to estimate to be the year's plan and two to
17 three. A year to plan and two or three to build is
18 the typical timeline for buildings of this size.

19 MR. FONTE: So four-year minimum.

20 SUPERINTENDENT WENDORF: Yep.

21 MR. FONTE: So that would be good to know;
22 right? So 56 bucks per hundred thousand and four
23 years if it passed.

24 MR. WENDORF: Sure.

25 MR. FONTE: And that's doable.

1 MR. WENDORF: \$56 per hundred value of
2 valuation over what you paid in 2019.

3 MR. FONTE: So you believe you could condense
4 five schools down to two?

5 MR. WENDORF: Yes. And what you see on the
6 plan here, and what I want to reiterate from what
7 Mr. Cochenour shared is everything is in the open,
8 it's in plain sight. We've had a lot of input. On
9 this side you see our timeline, all the things that
10 we've done in the past, including the failure of the
11 November 2017 ask with the income tax. We got the
12 message that it wasn't appropriate, but we did come
13 back, after consultation with a financial advisory
14 group and so on, so we're back at it.

15 You also see that divvying, what it is and
16 the difference between a property tax and a bond
17 issue. The bond issue is a building, it's a
18 mortgage, and an operating levy is for operating,
19 salaries, benefits, and so on. You see the two
20 phases, because we will address our middle school and
21 high school at some point in the future, and then
22 also the cost. All of this information is available
23 at northcantonschools.org under the district building
24 plan, as well as the campaign site, which is
25 buildingnorthcantonschools.com. The only difference

1 you'll see -- because we're not asking on the school
2 site for a "yes" vote, it's informational -- you'll
3 see a "yes" on the campaign site and a "donate"
4 button. "Yes" site and "donate" button is what
5 you'll see is the difference. But all of our
6 presentations and community meetings, all of the
7 information is there. All our surveys, all our
8 plans, this document, this chart that you can't see
9 on this piece of paper is there so you can blow it up
10 and see yours and calculate it and it -- all the
11 details are there. So we encourage folks to go to
12 the website and see those. Attend one of -- our
13 third community meeting, which is Wednesday at
14 Greentown at seven o'clock, and then also
15 Mr. Cochenour covered the benefits and the site plans
16 as potential sites for the PK-2 at the Charlotte
17 Street property and the 3-5 at the Clearmount
18 property.

19 MR. FONTE: So, Jeff, you feel a hundred
20 percent confident that if this were to pass that the
21 schools will be inside the city limits. Is that a
22 fact?

23 MR. WENDORF: That is the current plan. That
24 is a fact.

25 MR. FONTE: Okay.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Any other questions for our
2 guests? Gentlemen, thank you very much.

3 MR. WENDORF: Thank you very much. We
4 appreciate it.

5 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

6 MR. FOX: Thank you.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Quick matter of housekeeping
8 before we continue with the recognition of visitors.
9 How are the acoustics? Can the folks in the back
10 hear us? Okay. I see a thumbs up. Perfect. And I
11 remind everyone who appears at the mic to get close
12 and speak into it.

13 Recognition of visitors. Is there anyone who
14 wishes to address the council this evening?

15 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne. 307 Fairview
16 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

17 Anybody who has any knowledge of recent
18 history of North Canton should remember the millions
19 of dollars that we've had to enlist of public dollars
20 to buy out flood properties. I think there were 13
21 homes over on Linwood that had to be bought out due
22 to ongoing flooding off the Zimber. It's a lot of
23 money. Anybody that's driven down South Main Street
24 right there at the intersection of Easthill sees the
25 construction of a second condominium down there

1 practically in the Nimishillen Creek. I certainly
2 wouldn't be buying anything down there. I've looked
3 at some of the plans; the building is going to be
4 sitting partially in a hundred-year flood plain.
5 It's on the map. Hundred-year flood plain comes up
6 and encompasses a portion or half of the footprint of
7 the building. Is that very smart?

8 I've talked to the Stark Soil and Water;
9 there's another thing I've kept in the back of my
10 mind for a number of years is something called
11 riparian corridors. It's an EPA mandate. The city
12 of -- or the township of Plain passed theirs in May
13 of 2017. I'm not sure when Jackson passed theirs,
14 but Stark Soil and Water told me not only Plain but
15 Jackson has set aside these protections for per the
16 EPA mandate for riparian corridors. I don't know why
17 this city hasn't done that. I don't know why we're
18 so cavalierly allowing construction of residential
19 housing, or of any structure, commercial or
20 residential, in a flood plain and not protecting our
21 riparian corridors. So that's the one concern that I
22 have.

23 To change subjects, I was listening to the
24 presentation here. A little brainstorm that just
25 popped into my head. I am not too happy with the

1 Charlotte Street location because of the 2003 Stark
2 County Health order that basically dissects
3 diagonally down the middle of that Charlotte Street
4 property. It forbids any kind of a use or contact
5 with the underground aquifer, the water. But those
6 waters are obviously filled with contaminants, and as
7 those contaminants come to the surface they aerate
8 into the -- whatever structure that's containing
9 them. So that's added expense for any structure to
10 have to put in all this vapor intrusion equipment and
11 all that stuff. So I'm not happy with that location.

12 But number one, I think it would be nice if
13 the school systems could locate on a piece of
14 property that's just outside the city. Have the
15 school buy it or the city facilitate having them buy
16 it; wherever that property is, let's make an effort
17 to annex that into the city and you're accomplishing
18 more than just building a school. You're expanding
19 the boundaries of the school. That's something I
20 would like to see done. We need to grow the
21 boundaries of this city however way, imaginative way,
22 we could do this. So, Mr. Wendorf, I don't know if
23 there's any vacant property close to our existing
24 boundaries that you could acquire and the city
25 facilitate the acquisition of that and annex it into

1 the city and everyone wins then.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you, Mr. Osborne.

4 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

5 MR. REVOLDT: If it please council, I would
6 ask for a motion and a second for a brief recess.

7 MRS. WERREN: Would you like to do reports
8 now?

9 MR. REVOLDT: No. I need a brief recess
10 right now.

11 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

12 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

13 MR. REVOLDT: It's been moved and seconded.
14 All in favor, say "aye."

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Thank you.

17 (A brief recess was taken.)

18 MR. REVOLDT: Let's reconvene our council
19 meeting. Let the Record reflect that Council
20 President Peters has joined us.

21 I'm ready to move on to Item 8, New Business,
22 and the first reading by title only in Ordinance No.
23 6-2020.

24 MR. CERRETA: Motion to read.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

1 MRS. WERREN: Second.

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

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. REVOLDT: Opposed?

5 MR. CERRETA: Abstain.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Very good.

7 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
8 supplemental appropriation of funds from the City of
9 North Canton, from the unappropriated resources of
10 the general fund, in the amount of \$241,000 for costs
11 associated with Arrowhead Golf Course and the
12 improvements to such facilities, and declaring the
13 same to be an emergency.

14 MR. FOLTZ: A little background.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Patrick?

16 MRS. WERREN: So do you want -- we talked a
17 lot about this in the past weeks. I don't know,
18 Jina, if you have anything more to say, or Patrick.
19 I know we were trying to pass this last week and we
20 didn't have --

21 MR. DEORIO: Yes. I think one of the changes
22 that we -- that Finance and Admin had worked on was
23 preference of finances to more accurately reflect
24 this on the calendar-year basis. So rather than
25 doing it from month to month, Finance has taken from

1 that spreadsheet we handed out regarding the budget
2 for Arrowhead and she's taken the months in which
3 there was a negative balance, added them up together,
4 and that, in addition to those capital projects,
5 equals this 241,000.

6 She also then took all the months in which
7 there was a positive balance and reflected that as
8 revenue to the city so that the net result is what
9 was illustrated in that handout last week which was
10 that based on the budget. It's slightly accruative
11 to the city.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Chairman?

13 MRS. WERREN: Jina, any comments? Are we
14 good?

15 MS. ALABACK: No, that sums it up.

16 MRS. WERREN: Without any other comments, I
17 move to adopt.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

19 MR. PETERS: Second.

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

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. REVOLDT: May I have a motion --

23 MR. CERRETA: Abstain.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Very good.

25 May I have a notion to suspend the rules for

1 Ordinance No. 6-20?

2 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

4 MRS. WERREN: Second.

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

6 ("Aye" in unison.)

7 MR. REVOLDT: Is there an abstention?

8 MR. CERRETA: Abstention.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. May I have a motion to
10 adopt under the rules as suspended Ordinance No.
11 6-2020?

12 MR. PETERS: So moved.

13 MRS. WERREN: Second.

14 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor?

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. CERRETA: Abstention.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Abstention. Very good. Motion
18 has passed.

19 Let the Record reflect that Mr. Peters is
20 leaving our meeting.

21 MR. PETERS: Yes.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you very much for your
23 cameo appearance.

24 MR. STROIA: I hope you feel better.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Item 10. May I have a motion

1 to read by title only first reading Ordinance No.
2 7-2020.

3 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

5 MRS. WERREN: Second.

6 MR. REVOLDT: All in favor?

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

9 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
10 appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton to
11 be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of
12 the general fund and the insurance fund for current
13 expenses during fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Chairman?

15 MRS. WERREN: So we talked about this last
16 week. Again, different budget items to cover kind of
17 additional city costs, expenses, and it was police,
18 permit, economic development, engineering,
19 administration, and general government. And we did
20 go through those. Any other additions or thoughts?
21 Jina?

22 MS. ALABACK: Yes, thank you.

23 So I want to just maybe review the last page
24 that's attached to Ordinance 7-20. And just to walk
25 through that and familiarize you with this is what we

1 certified to the county auditor as far as available
2 funds, and then as we approved supplemental
3 appropriations or interfund, any of those, we send
4 those to the county auditor again and they look at
5 the end balance in each fund. And so you'll see all
6 of the city's funds listed on the left. The general
7 fund, of course, covers all other funds. We start
8 with the beginning balance in each fund. We list the
9 revenue that is anticipated, and that includes the
10 budget that was already passed for 2020. And this is
11 the spreadsheet that we'll keep up-to-date as we go
12 through the year.

13 Then we go to the appropriations in the
14 middle of the page for each fund, and then you see
15 the very slightly highlighted but in the yellow up on
16 the screen or on the page, those are the
17 appropriation amendments that we're talking about.
18 So the first one for 241,000 and then this current
19 one that we're talking about now for 278,000 total.
20 And you can see what that does then over to the right
21 when we look at the general fund, it changes that
22 balance to 2.8 million. We have a fund balance
23 reserve policy, which I've highlighted up on the top
24 right, of 454,000. That is not the fund balance
25 reserve. The fund balance reserve is 25 percent of

1 the appropriations. So that is just kind of a
2 running tally of what is left so that we keep an eye
3 on that as we make amendments through the year.

4 MRS. WERREN: Thank you. That is helpful.
5 Thank you. Any other questions? Okay. If no
6 others, I move to adopt.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

8 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. REVOLDT: All opposed? Motion is
12 carried.

13 Reports. Director of administration.

14 MR. DEORIO: No report.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Deputy director of
16 administration.

17 MS. FARINA: No report tonight.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Mayor.

19 MAYOR WILDER: I don't have a report per se.
20 I appreciate your comments that were shared tonight
21 by all parties in addressing the issue that is before
22 us regarding our education issues for our North
23 Canton community. I think it's important that as we
24 approach in March everybody has an opportunity to
25 exercise their right to vote.

1 In my circulation throughout the city, the
2 comments I hear is the reason people moved to North
3 Canton is for our school system and our education and
4 what it can provide in helping to give our children
5 marketable skills and an opportunity to be a quality
6 citizen, not only for the city but for their families
7 within our schools. So when we go to the polls,
8 hopefully everybody will be more well informed and
9 they can make the decision that they will make for
10 the future of education for the City of North Canton
11 and the children in the North Canton city schools.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

14 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Director of law.

16 MR. FOX: Yes. Just to give best wishes to
17 Chief Minock for his continued success, and to echo
18 the comments of the Mayor and, thank you,
19 Superintendent Wendorf, for coming in and addressing
20 council and those here at the meeting.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

23 Director of Finance.

24 MS. ALABACK: No report.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Engineer.

1 MR. GRAHAM: Just a couple quick reminders.
2 Our Northfield project and our Pineview project,
3 those are currently out to bid and we're opening both
4 those bids this Friday at 11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. And
5 then based on the passing of the ordinance for the
6 paving program last Monday, that's out for bids
7 advertised in the paper last Thursday and this
8 Thursday and we'll open those bids at 11 a.m. on
9 Friday, February 21.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

11 MRS. WERREN: Rob, can you mention a little
12 bit about the Easthill project and how it did go
13 through.

14 MR. GRAHAM: The Easthill project was one
15 that we did last year, a total reconstruction of
16 Easthill from just east of Westfield Circle for where
17 the curb and gutter and sidewalk ends, and we're
18 going to go to the east corp line at Frazer and we're
19 going to reconstruct the entire roadway. We're going
20 to add curb and gutters, get rid of the open ditches
21 on the roadside, closed storm sewer system. We
22 awarded the alternate bid that will construct the
23 sidewalk on the south side to connect Monticello to
24 downtown, and that project has been awarded.
25 Superior Paving is our contractor. They're looking

1 at starting probably early March.

2 MRS. WERREN: And how long will the road be
3 closed?

4 MR. GRAHAM: Probably 60 days. We'll have to
5 have the road open to local traffic to the folks that
6 live there and Fieldcrest and whatnot to anyone that
7 needs to get in and out. And we'll be looking -- and
8 those are things we'll talk about at our
9 preconstruction meeting, which we haven't had yet.
10 It's the contractor's obligation to provide all that
11 information to us with a schedule, so I don't really
12 have that yet. But yeah, probably look at around 60
13 days of -- but it will be open, you know, to those
14 residents in that corridor. Fire, EMS have to get
15 through.

16 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Great.

17 MR. OSBORNE: How much?

18 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. And the other thing, that
19 project is a little over a million dollars,
20 1.1 million, and pretty much grants between Ohio
21 Public Works Commission and municipal road funds will
22 pay about 99 percent.

23 MRS. WERREN: That's amazing. Not bad.

24 Will you talk a little bit also about the
25 housing project? I know we've had a couple questions

1 about that, but I talked to you last week and you had
2 talked about the EPA was involved.

3 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. Stark Soil and Water is
4 out there. That's Mr. Zablo's project, the Corazon
5 Condominiums, and my understanding was, is, as part
6 of the long history of the portion that he's
7 constructed on Easthill Street and then the
8 settlement that he didn't have to go back through
9 planning commission, that this is all based on that
10 settlement agreement. I did look at it for the flood
11 plain administrator. Really, the only thing that I
12 can verify is that that first-floor elevation will be
13 one foot above the hundred-year flood elevation.
14 That's what's required. And he more than exceeds
15 that with his plans. He has to provide a
16 certification with a surveyor once that first floor
17 is constructed.

18 MRS. WERREN: So do they have to go up a foot
19 or could he have stayed at the foot level or is that
20 always a foot?

21 MR. GRAHAM: Well, that's the minimum it can
22 be is one foot above the hundred-year flood plain.

23 MR. FONTE: He's outside the flood plain.

24 MRS. WERREN: Okay.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Clerk of council.

1 MR. YOUNG: No reports.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Very good.

3 Mr. Fonte.

4 MR. FONTE: Yes. I'd like to thank Verlinda
5 for the prayer. I didn't recognize you with your
6 glasses. Sorry.

7 The North Canton Library are here. You got
8 Carrie and Christina. And they have a wonderful
9 program set up for the whole year, so we're going to
10 meet on Friday and we're going to come up with a plan
11 of action and we'd like to cross-promote it with the
12 city and chamber and everybody because, you know,
13 it's free, and these wonderful opportunities for our
14 community to do all these free, fun things. Movie
15 night; they have a food truck; they have musicians
16 that come, all kinds of cool activities. So we're
17 going to highlight it and try to get it out a month
18 ahead of time so people can actually schedule it.

19 The second thing is I appreciate the school
20 coming out and clarifying what -- one of the things
21 that I've been hearing a lot about is -- is -- is
22 what exactly can I expect to pay? Because, you know,
23 I'm thinking, you know, pizza and beer; right? How
24 many pizzas do I have to cut out to be able to pay
25 for this levy; right? So if it's actually \$56 per

1 hundred thousand, and let's say the average house is
2 160, so that's, I think, doable.

3 And I think we're -- when you think about a
4 marriage, you think about a safe, good, convenient
5 city with walkability, parks, and also a good school
6 district. Because, you know, people want to live
7 where there's a school district, a good school
8 district, but they also want to live in a safe
9 community that's convenient. So that's the marriage.
10 So as a city official, I would -- I support the plan,
11 and for 56 bucks per hundred thousand, I think it's
12 time, the time is right, so I support it.

13 That's all I have to offer.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Thank you.

15 Mr. Foltz.

16 MR. FOLTZ: Thank you. Belated
17 congratulations, Chief Minock, for retirement and to
18 Chief Kemp coming on board this evening.

19 I appreciate the school bond information. I
20 am also in favor of the school bond. Put a sign in
21 my yard. We hope it passes. It's about good
22 schools, good government, and I think we have both
23 here, and good businesses, all three, so looking
24 forward hopefully for this plan to take shape and be
25 passed.

1 Thanks for updating me what's going on at
2 Arrowhead. I know I was off last week at a seminar
3 so I appreciate all the insight.

4 Engineer Graham, thank you for the list of
5 streets that are bid out. Now we actually have
6 prices on that. I believe you said February 21,
7 which is exciting. We're probably the first
8 municipality out there to get prices, so I'm very
9 excited to move that forward for the community.

10 Thank you. That's all I have.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Mrs. Werren.

12 MRS. WERREN: Again, congratulations to Chief
13 Kemp. He's a Leadership Stark County graduate, so I
14 just posted that on the Leadership site. I think
15 when he did that, I forget, Mayor, I think you and I
16 had talked about that and we were able to make that
17 work, so thank you for allowing that. We haven't had
18 a policeman since, and we've used him for some
19 different topic areas. So thank you for that, and
20 thank you for all Chief Minock did as well.

21 And, Rob, I just always appreciate all your
22 updates and all the grants that you continue to do,
23 and I think that's going to be a great kind of parcel
24 that's going to be developed from Monticello into the
25 city and just another whole walking area. I don't

1 know how you're going to get across that little
2 waterway but I'll be interested to see that. So
3 thanks for all you're doing with all that.

4 That's it.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Stroia.

6 MR. STROIA: Congratulations to Frank Kemp.
7 I jokingly told him that he was milking it because
8 this is the second swearing-in ceremony. But thank
9 you, Dave and Jeff, thanks for your passion.

10 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. Thanks.

11 MR. STROIA: Thanks for all you do in the
12 community. I think your information is very clear,
13 very focused, and I'm excited for you.

14 Jamie McCleaster was voted as the chairman of
15 the planning committee, so I look forward to working
16 with him.

17 Tim Powell was inducted into the Stark County
18 Football Hall of Fame. He's very well known in the
19 community. One of the pillars of our community. I
20 believe one of the nicest men alive. So I was
21 excited to see that.

22 Chuck, thanks for speaking.

23 And thank you for all who come here.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Cerreta?

25 MR. CERRETA: Yeah. Sounds like we're in

1 good hands with Frank, and I'm so proud of John, so
2 can't think of any other better words to say than I
3 did last week or so. John did a terrific job.

4 Thanks for everyone else for coming out. And
5 that's it. No report.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Very good. I would just simply
7 echo our thanks to the superintendent for presenting
8 the issue to this council and taking questions.

9 If there is nothing else on the report side,
10 I call your attention to Item 13. It's our proposed
11 schedule for February, March, and April. We have a
12 committee of the whole scheduled for March 30. That
13 is the -- it would be the fifth Monday. We -- we
14 don't have to take action on that tonight. We can do
15 that on the 24th, if you would like.

16 MRS. WERREN: I'm sorry. Jeff said he wanted
17 to kind of look at the schedule and see --

18 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Very good.

19 MRS. WERREN: -- people have vacations and
20 kind of do it. He didn't even have that on here.

21 MR. REVOLDT: We can hold that, but I would
22 like to vote tonight to make sure that we have moved
23 our meeting on April 6 to the -- to Walsh.

24 MR. YOUNG: Right.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Because we're going to be

1 relocating, so could I have a motion and second on
2 that?

3 MR. CERRETA: Motion to relocate to Walsh on
4 the 6th of April.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

6 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

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

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Then let's do this:
10 We've got no meeting on the 17th. Council and a
11 special meeting on the 24th. We've got a meeting on
12 the 2nd, the 9th, a regular council meeting. Council
13 of the whole on the 16th. Regular council meeting on
14 the 23rd. Is that acceptable to everyone?

15 MR. DEORIO: Mr. President --

16 MRS. WERREN: But again, he did say -- I just
17 got a text from Jeff, said to hold off on that and
18 he's going to talk about the schedule.

19 MR. CERRETA: For the vacation for schools?

20 MR. REVOLDT: That's fine.

21 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Council's pleasure.

23 All right. Next item on our agenda is an
24 executive session for the purpose of discussing the
25 acquisition of property. If I could have a motion

1 and a second, and we will need a roll call.

2 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to go into executive
3 session.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Is there a second?

5 MRS. WERREN: Second.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Fonte?

7 MR. FONTE: Yes.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 Foltz?

10 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Werren?

12 MRS. WERREN: Yes.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Stroia?

14 MR. STROIA: Yes.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Cerreta?

16 MR. CERRETA: Yes.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. We will adjourn into
18 executive session.

19 (Council into executive session.)

20 MR. REVOLDT: The council has returned from
21 its executive session. I'd like to have a motion and
22 a second to adjourn that executive session.

23 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

24 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

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("Aye" in unison.)

MR. FOLTZ: Give a time.

MR. REVOLDT: It is now approximately 8:36 that this vote is occurring. And no action was taken. Is there any additional business that needs to come before us this evening?

MRS. WERREN: No.

MR. REVOLDT: Seeing none then, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MRS. WERREN: So moved.

MR. CERRETA: Second.

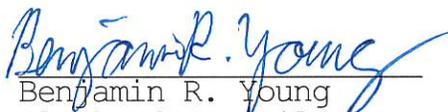
MR. REVOLDT: All in favor, say "aye."

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. REVOLDT: Opposed? Our business is completed.

(Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.)

Attest:


Benjamin R. Young
Clerk of Council


Daniel Jeff Peters
City Council President

