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- Daryl Revoldt, Vice-President
- Douglas Foltz, Member, Ward 1
- Stephanie Werren, Member, Ward 3
- Dominic Fonte, Member, Ward 4
- Matthew Stroia, Member, At Large
- Mark Cerreta, Member, At Large
- Timothy Fox, Director of Law
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of Administration
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Robert Graham, PE
- Martin Van Gundy, Chief Building Officer
- Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk

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1 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, President
2 Peters.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Ben. I'd
4 like to call to order the North Canton City
5 Council meeting, via teleconference, Monday,
6 May 11, 2020. The time is 7:01 p.m.

7 Mark, would you like to lead us in the
8 opening prayer?

9 MR. CERRETA: I sure would.

10 (Whereupon, Mr. Cerreta leads up in
11 prayer.)

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mark.
13 At this time, if you would join me in the
14 Pledge of Allegiance.

15 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
16 recited.)

17 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, would you please
18 call the roll?

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

22 MR. FONTE: Here.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

24 MR. PETERS: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

3 MS. WERREN: Here.

4 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.

5 MR. STROIA: Here.

6 MR. YOUNG: And Member Cerreta.

7 MR. CERRETA: Here.

8 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you. And
10 Council, for your consideration, I need a
11 motion and a second to approve as presented
12 minutes from April 20, 2020, Committee of the
13 Whole meeting; April 20, Special Council
14 meeting; April 27th, Council meeting; April
15 29th, Special Council meeting; and April
16 29th, Special Committee of the whole.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as
18 presented.

19 MR. CERRETA: Second.

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

21 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

22 MR. PETERS: Aye.

23 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

25 MS. WERREN: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. FONTE: Aye.

3 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

6 At this time, recognition of visitors.

7 Ben, I will turn it over to you.

8 MR. YOUNG: First is Linda Mussey.

9 Linda, are you there?

10 MS. MUSSEY: Yes. Rick -- Rick Mussey
11 and Linda Mussey, present.

12 MR. YOUNG: Well, per the rules of
13 Council, only one of you can speak at a time,
14 and you get five minutes.

15 MS. MUSSEY: It will be Rick Mussey.

16 MR. FOLTZ: And state your name and ad --
17 state your address, too.

18 MR. YOUNG: So start by stating your name
19 and address for the record, and the time will
20 start when you start talking.

21 MS. MUSSEY: Sure. I'm Rick Mussey. I
22 live at 1546 Whitingham Street, Southeast,
23 North Canton, 44720.

24 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready.

25 MR. MUSSEY: All right. Well, I wanted

1 to thank Stephanie Werren for allowing us to
2 conference in on tonight's Council meeting.
3 I wanted to discuss the high volume of
4 traffic passing through Sturbridge Village
5 where we live.

6 We have lived here on Whitingham for well
7 over 20 years. And since Washington Square
8 was developed, Walgreens has opened and
9 restaurants have become a part of our
10 community, people from surrounding housing
11 developments, specifically Robinhood Acres,
12 Monticello, Montabella, et cetera, are all
13 using Frazer, Arbury, Whitingham Street, and
14 Crestland to connect with East Maple.

15 Now, over the -- the past several years,
16 the flow of private vehicles has greatly
17 increased. Private cars and trucks are not
18 the only issue, however. Our neighborhood is
19 being used by commercial vehicles, service
20 vehicles, and lawn mowing trailers as an
21 access bypass road in other areas north and
22 west of Sturbridge.

23 You may possibly wonder why we have
24 chosen this time to bring the matter to the
25 attention of Council. My wife recently

1 retired, and I continue to work from home.
2 We live on the corner of Whittingham and
3 Arbury, and due to the panoramic view from
4 inside our house, we are able to clearly see
5 and track traffic patterns very easily.

6 Cars and trucks travel on a regular basis
7 past our house greater than 25 miles an hour.
8 I estimate their average speed to be between
9 35 and 40 miles per hour. My wife has had
10 people honk their horn and make obscene
11 gestures as she stops to pull in our drive in
12 lieu of using a turn signal.

13 However, speed is not the only issue, as
14 much as the numbers. Dozens of people walk,
15 jog, and ride bicycles throughout our
16 allotment daily, and we really fear for their
17 safety, with the level of reckless and
18 speeding drivers. The other neighbors
19 complain, but obviously have not brought it
20 to the attention of Council.

21 As you probably know, our streets are
22 being paved after 20 years of wear and tear.
23 We'd like to alleviate the damage that can be
24 done by continued abuse of our streets by the
25 heavy flow of traffic that is inappropriate

1 for our allotment, when there is access to
2 all businesses using Schneider, Market, and
3 Maple Street.

4 We would like to discuss a "no through
5 traffic" sign to be considered to be posted
6 at points of entry. Our neighbors have
7 talked about speed bumps. However, we know
8 that's not really an option on a city street.

9 I just wanted to thank everybody on
10 Council for allowing me to take the time to
11 review the information that we have provided.
12 Thank you.

13 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Rick.

14 MR. MUSSEY: Uh-huh. Thank you.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

16 MR. YOUNG: Next is Mr. Chuck Osborne.

17 Mr. Osborne, are you there?

18 MR. OSBORNE: I am here.

19 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready, sir.

20 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview
21 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio. I am
22 addressing the first reading of Ordinance
23 Number 19-2020, which proposes to resurrect
24 the City's CRA program. North Canton's past
25 history with its on again, off again CRA

1 program is dubious, at best, and another
2 failure, at worse.

3 The resurrection of a CRA program would
4 certainly be a failure to our North Canton
5 City Schools, as the program gives away
6 property tax money intended to fund the North
7 Canton City School District, our City
8 library, and a myriad of other City and
9 County services.

10 Why again are City officials, under our
11 new Mayor, Stephan Wilder, proposing a CRA
12 program after retreating from a similar
13 proposal just four years ago? To refresh
14 everyone's memory, specifically, on September
15 26th, 2016, North Canton City School
16 Superintendent, Jeff Wendorf, appeared at a
17 City Council meeting to speak in opposition
18 to proposed CRA legislation that was being
19 proposed at the time.

20 Mr. Wendorf also presented a letter,
21 stating -- and I quote -- the North Canton
22 City School Board of Education wants to be
23 clear about the following: The Board of
24 Education does not support any kind of CRA or
25 abatement, as it reduces precious revenue

1 from educating our students that was properly
2 raised by public vote, end of quote.
3 Siphoning needed tax dollars from our schools
4 undermines the community we all are trying to
5 build up and make better. That reminder
6 should render this proposed legislation DOA.
7 However, there are even more arguments in
8 opposition to a resumption of CRA tax
9 abatements. North Canton has an
10 overabundance of apartments and rentals, and
11 this fact has come up for discussion from
12 time to time.

13 Why would you give tax abatements for the
14 construction of more apartments? Need I
15 mention the illegally approved tax abatement
16 amounting to nearly a million dollars for a
17 40-unit apartment complex named North Ridge
18 Place Apartments, and a 15-year tax abatement
19 for construction of a residence on Harmon
20 Street. These tax abatements were given in
21 the dark of night and were not revealed for
22 several years. City officials denied any
23 knowledge of those abatements.

24 Under this proposed CRA tax abatement,
25 such as were given for North Ridge and the

1 residence on Harmon Street, those would now
2 be legalized. Approving this new CRA
3 violates all manner of your fiduciary
4 responsibility you have sworn to uphold.

5 Further, the proposed method of removing
6 substandard housing with the creation of yet
7 another CRA program is impractical.
8 Construction of a residence costing a quarter
9 million dollars would require the
10 consolidation of three, maybe four properties
11 in R50 neighborhoods, and the subsequent
12 demolition of three or four homes. This is
13 an endeavor no one would undertake. Who is
14 going to build a home of this quality in a
15 neighborhood surrounded by much lower-priced
16 homes and go through this kind of expense?

17 I have knowledge that there does need to
18 be a mechanism in place to plan for eventual
19 demolition of structures in communities. And
20 I have previously suggested a mechanism to
21 accomplish that goal. It does not rob the
22 schools of the revenues and is not
23 financially burdensome to anyone.

24 That mechanism is similar to what the
25 Muskingum Watershed District has in place to

1 fund its drainage projects. That is the
2 collection of a small annual fee on all
3 structures that would go into a demolition
4 fund for removal of structures no longer
5 serving the community.

6 Ordinance Number 19-2020 is a
7 non-starter, as it syphons tax dollars from
8 our City schools and City library, and
9 creates glaring disparities in our tax code.
10 Stop and think of the businesses that have
11 come to the City in recent years without tax
12 abatements. And there have been many.

13 Abatements are not needed. There are
14 methods to accomplish the removal of
15 structures in North Canton that do not result
16 in a financial burden for some and a
17 financial windfall for others. The acronym
18 CRA should be permanently expunged from North
19 Canton legislation. Look at the big picture
20 and think long-term for a sustainable plan to
21 accomplish what is obviously an everlasting
22 issue.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Chuck. Okay.
25 Moving on to old business, may I have a

1 motion and a second to read by title only
2 Ordinance 22-20?

3 MR. CERRETA: So moved, Cerreta.

4 MR. FOLTZ: Second, Foltz.

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

6 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

7 MR. PETERS: Aye.

8 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. FONTE: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

16 Tim.

17 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
18 Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter
19 into an agreement with the Stark County
20 Commissioners to accept and utilize the Stark
21 County Community Development Block Grant
22 Program for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and
23 2023.

24 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

25 Chairman Revoldt.

1 MR. REVOLDT: I think we have discussed
2 this. This particular ordinance brings the
3 City into partnership with Stark County. The
4 Community Block Grant Program has been used
5 for low and moderate income housing
6 improvements, as well as some other capital
7 projects here in the City of North Canton, as
8 we have discussed.

9 Does anyone have any questions at this
10 time?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. REVOLDT: If there are none, I would
13 welcome a motion to amend Ordinance Number
14 22-2020 to include an emergency clause to
15 facilitate the timely filing with the County,
16 as it has requested.

17 MS. WERREN: So moved, Stephanie.

18 MR. CERRETA: Second, Cerreta.

19 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

20 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

21 MR. PETERS: Aye.

22 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MS. WERREN: Aye.

25 MR. FONTE: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. All right.

5 Thank you, Daryl.

6 May I have a motion and a second to adopt
7 the second reading Ordinance 22-20 as
8 amended?

9 MR. REVOLDT: So moved, Revoldt.

10 MR. FOLTZ: Second, Foltz.

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

12 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Aye.

14 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MS. WERREN: Aye.

17 MR. FONTE: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Aye.

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

22 Okay. May I have a motion and a second
23 to suspend the rules of Council for three
24 readings for Ordinance 22-20?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

1 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

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

3 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

4 MR. PETERS: Aye.

5 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

7 MS. WERREN: Aye.

8 MR. FONTE: Aye.

9 MR. STROIA: Aye.

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. And,

13 finally, a motion and a second to adopt under

14 suspension of the rules.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

16 MS. WERREN: So moved, Werren -- or

17 second, Werren.

18 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say

19 "aye."

20 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

21 MR. PETERS: Aye.

22 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MS. WERREN: Aye.

25 MR. FONTE: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. Thank you,
5 Daryl.

6 May I have a motion and a second to read
7 by title only Ordinance 23-20?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MR. CERRETA: Second, Cerreta.

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

11 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

12 MR. PETERS: Aye.

13 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

15 MS. WERREN: Aye.

16 MR. FONTE: Aye.

17 MR. STROIA: Aye.

18 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

21 Tim.

22 MR. FOX: An ordinance to amend Chapter
23 1133, single-family and two-family
24 residential districts, of the codified
25 ordinances of the City of North Canton,

1 specifically Section 1133.08(e), fences and
2 walls, as described above.

3 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

4 Chairman Revoldt.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. As we have discussed,
6 this is a rewrite of our rules regarding
7 fences. It is a more substantive and more
8 nuanced approach than what we have had in the
9 past. This tonight is our second reading.
10 We will have a third reading following our
11 public hearing on June 1.

12 MR. PETERS: Okay. A motion and a second
13 to adopt the second reading.

14 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz motions.

15 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

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

17 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

18 MR. PETERS: Aye.

19 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21 MS. WERREN: Aye.

22 MR. FONTE: Aye.

23 MR. STROIA: Aye.

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.
2 And moving on to new business, Ordinance
3 19-20, Members Fonte and Stroia, you will be
4 abstaining from this, correct?

5 MR. FONTE: Yes.

6 MR. STROIA: Correct.

7 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, could you mute
8 them for the duration of this, for Ordinance
9 19-20?

10 MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir.

11 (Whereupon, Mr. Fonte and Mr. Stroia
12 leave the meeting.)

13 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

14 May I have a motion and a second to read
15 by title only Ordinance 19-20?

16 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

17 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

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

19 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Aye.

21 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

23 MS. WERREN: Aye.

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

2 Tim.

3 MR. FOX: An ordinance implementing
4 Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio
5 Revised Code, establishing and describing the
6 boundaries of a community reinvestment area
7 in the City of North Canton, designating a
8 housing officer to administer the program,
9 creating a community reinvestment area
10 housing council, and a tax incentive review
11 council.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

13 Chairman Revoldt.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you very much. As we
15 have discussed in previous meetings, tonight
16 is the first reading, re-establishing a CRA
17 of the City of North Canton. This will be
18 governed by the new rules. I think it's
19 important to under -- to enter into the
20 record that we are considering this matter
21 for two reasons.

22 The first is, we believe, and there is
23 ample evidence across Ohio, that a housing
24 program can benefit from a CRA. As I
25 mentioned at our meeting yes -- last week, a

1 project in Grandview, Ohio for condominiums
2 had a 15-year 50 percent -- 50 percent
3 abatement. These are critical tools for
4 rebuilding the housing stock in various
5 communities. The second -- and this is
6 critically important -- is that the CRA is
7 one of many tools a City should have when it
8 considers significant, large investments.

9 Now, we have just heard some arguments
10 against it. And I would only point out that
11 the -- this program generally has existed for
12 over 20 years in the State code. And
13 throughout that period, the State legislature
14 has made it the responsibility of the
15 municipality -- not boards of education, but
16 municipality -- to plan economic development
17 and housing renovation projects. I think
18 this is something the City needs to have as
19 it looks to redevelop portions of its Main
20 Street and its antiquated housing, as
21 evidenced in the housing study.

22 I would add one more thing, and that is
23 in terms of -- in terms of economic
24 development, this City is essentially built
25 out. If you look at the school district, it

1 is built out. And I think everyone who is
2 concerned about school financing needs to
3 understand that that tax base, upon which the
4 new capital project is going forward at the
5 school and all the future operating costs, is
6 not growing at anything close to the rate of
7 the improvements and the expenses.

8 So sooner or later, that school board is
9 going to hit a ceiling. And unless we can
10 figure out a way to provide more taxable real
11 estate in this community, it's going to have
12 a problem. And that may be something people
13 don't want to hear, but the fact of the
14 matter is, the actual appraisal numbers don't
15 lie.

16 So are there any other questions or
17 comments?

18 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I do, Chairman
19 Revoldt. To Chuck's comment regarding
20 possible harm to the school district, can you
21 speak to what is in the CRA and the
22 school's -- the school board's say and the
23 partnership that we are trying to align with
24 them within the CRA agreement?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I sure can.

1 Remember, Mr. President, there are -- there
2 are two components to this. The first is the
3 housing. And if you look at the housing --
4 and, again, we are confining this to a
5 teardown, to teardowns only. And I think
6 that's critically important. Because Harmon
7 was not a teardown. That was a fill-in.

8 This language is very precise. But
9 let's -- let's take it -- let me give you
10 this example. Let's assume, for the sake of
11 argument, we have a house that's valued at
12 \$100,000; \$15,000 in land, \$85,000 for the
13 house. The tax on the land, if there is an
14 abatement, remains. The value of the house,
15 the \$85,000, goes away when the house is
16 demolished, and that's replaced by a quarter
17 million dollar or more house.

18 Let me use ten years, because it's just
19 simple math. If you take the value of that
20 \$85,000 house, that's about \$1,600 a year or
21 \$16,000 over ten years. A quarter million
22 dollar house is worth \$5,000 a year, or
23 \$50,000 over ten years. But at the end of
24 the abatement period, the school is made
25 whole within the first 36 months. And then

1 after those 36 months, it gets \$5,000 a year.
2 And that is \$3,400 more than what it was
3 receiving with the old structure.

4 The fact of the matter is this is a
5 terrific way to add value for the school.
6 Does it work? The answer is I think it does,
7 and it has worked elsewhere in Ohio.

8 The second, to answer your question,
9 Jeff, is when we do an economic development
10 project, a commercial or industrial project,
11 the developer has to go to the school board
12 first. And any abatement over 50 percent
13 requires the approval of the board. So it
14 does have a say in a project, but the -- but
15 only from 50 north.

16 MR. PETERS: Okay.

17 MS. WERREN: Daryl, thanks for that
18 clarification. That helped a lot. And that
19 is different than what it was four years ago.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Oh, yeah. Yeah, this is
21 a -- we were operating under -- under a more
22 liberal -- I don't know. I think it was
23 pre-1992 CRA rules. This is -- this is under
24 the new rules. It is -- it is more
25 restrictive. But, again, it -- it brings

1 the -- it brings the -- the school into play
2 on the big commercial projects. They're
3 going to have to vote on it.

4 And they are in a position to negotiate
5 with the developer for some offset on that
6 tax, the 50 percent plus. They can negotiate
7 payment in lieu of taxes. We can have a role
8 in that, depending upon the size of that
9 project. There are a number of elements here
10 that -- that come into play.

11 The other thing to remember is that we
12 might have -- we might have big job projects,
13 or we might have a major capital investment
14 with very few project -- few jobs. And so
15 the CRA becomes a critical element in
16 attracting those opportunities.

17 One that comes to mind would be a data
18 center. These are terrifically expensive.
19 There are special provisions in the Ohio tax
20 code for data centers. But guess what? They
21 don't have many jobs. Would the school
22 benefit from a multi-, multi-, multi-million
23 dollar data center? The answer is yes, it
24 would. And if we can attract one, we would
25 like to benefit the schools to get it in the

1 district.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Did I answer that?

4 MR. PETERS: You sure did. Thank you.

5 Any other questions?

6 MR. REVOLDT: And let me just say one
7 more thing. And I apologize, Jeff. The
8 clerk has a new valuation sheet that he
9 prepared for me. You may recall a couple
10 years ago, I had one that -- that I did
11 surrounding the Akron Children's. Well, Ben
12 has created a more detailed drill-down. And
13 it, once again, illustrates that the real
14 benefit of CRA is on a very big project and
15 not on a little one. And those are the
16 commercial and industrial ones.

17 And I think we have got some things that
18 we can do other than tax abatements to
19 attract business at the kind of -- I want to
20 say the smaller end. But if you look, for
21 example, at the role that the City played in
22 attracting Diebold, we didn't need a CRA. We
23 used other forms of incentives to get them
24 into town. And I think that's the approach
25 you take. You take a businesslike approach.

1 What's the -- what's the best way?

2 MR. PETERS: Agreed. Okay. Any other
3 questions from Council for Chairman Revoldt?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. PETERS: All right. Seeing none --

6 MR. REVOLDT: I --

7 MR. PETERS: Go ahead.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Well, if there are no other
9 questions, I would like to move the adoption
10 of the first reading of Ordinance Number
11 19-2020.

12 MR. CERRETA: Second, Cerreta.

13 MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor,
14 say "aye."

15 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

16 MR. PETERS: Aye.

17 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

19 MS. WERREN: Aye.

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

23 Clerk, can you make sure Fonte and Stroia
24 rejoin us?

25 (Whereupon, Mr. Fonte and Mr. Stroia

1 re-join the meeting.)

2 MR. PETERS: Have we got them yet?

3 MR. FONTE: I'm back.

4 MR. STROIA: Yep, I'm here.

5 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Thanks,

6 guys. Okay. Moving on, may I have a motion

7 and a second to read by title only Ordinance

8 25-20?

9 MR. CERRETA: Did we vote on this --

10 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

11 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

12 MR. CERRETA: Follow it through?

13 MR. PETERS: Yep, we adopted the second

14 reading.

15 MR. CERRETA: Okay. Yeah, no emergency

16 on this.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Right.

18 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

19 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to read Ordinance

20 25-2020.

21 MR. STROIA: Second, Stroia.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say

23 "aye."

24 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

25 MR. PETERS: Aye.

1 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

3 MS. WERREN: Aye.

4 MR. FONTE: Aye.

5 MR. STROIA: Aye.

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

9 Tim.

10 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
11 Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter
12 into a contract for professional auction
13 services for the sale of vehicles and
14 equipment that are obsolete or unfit for
15 public use or not needed for municipal
16 purposes, and declaring the same to be an
17 emergency.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

19 Chair -- Chairwoman Werren.

20 MS. WERREN: Yes. We talked about this
21 last week, and both Pat and Jina actually
22 gave some additional information about how we
23 were doing it and how it was going to be
24 listed on the Website. But we do do this
25 every year in order to kind of clean house

1 and get rid of the older vehicles and still
2 make some money. Are there any other issues
3 or concerns?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. PETERS: Okay. Is there a motion and
6 a second to adopt the first reading?

7 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

8 MS. WERREN: Second, Werren.

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

10 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

11 MR. PETERS: Aye.

12 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MS. WERREN: Aye.

15 MR. FONTE: Aye.

16 MR. STROIA: Aye.

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

20 May I have a motion and a second to
21 suspend the rules of Council requiring three
22 readings?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

24 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

25 MR. PETERS: All in favor, "aye."

1 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
2 MR. PETERS: Aye.
3 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
4 MR REVOLT: Aye.
5 MS. WERREN: Aye.
6 MR. FONTE: Aye.
7 MR. STROIA: Aye.
8 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
9 (No response.)
10 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
11 And, finally, a motion and a second to
12 adopt under suspension of the rules.
13 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
14 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.
15 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
16 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
17 MR. PETERS: Aye.
18 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
19 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
20 MS. WERREN: Aye.
21 MR. FONTE: Aye.
22 MR. STROIA: Aye.
23 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
24 (No response.)
25 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

1 Moving on, may I have a motion and a
2 second to read by title only Ordinance 26-20?
3 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.
4 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.
5 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
6 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.
7 MR. PETERS: Aye.
8 MR. CERRETA: Aye.
9 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.
10 MS. WERREN: Aye.
11 MR. FONTE: Aye.
12 MR. STROIA: Aye.
13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?
14 (No response.)
15 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.
16 Tim.
17 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
18 amending of the appropriation of funds of the
19 City of North Canton for current expenses
20 during the fiscal year ending December 31,
21 2020, as established by Ordinance 80-2019 to
22 account for new revenue and the loss of
23 anticipated grants, and declaring the same to
24 be an emergency.
25 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

1 Before -- Chairman -- or Chairwoman Werren,
2 before I give it to you, I'm getting a little
3 feedback on this end. Can everyone hear me?

4 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. Chairwoman Werren.

7 MS. WERREN: Okay. Last week, we talked
8 about this, as well. And Jina did some
9 different analyses in kind of looking forward
10 what some of our projections might be and
11 some different grants that came in. If there
12 aren't any other questions, or if, Jina, we
13 don't have any new information, I move that
14 we move forward and adopt.

15 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz, second.

16 MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor,
17 say "aye."

18 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

19 MR. PETERS: Aye.

20 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

22 MS. WERREN: Aye.

23 MR. FONTE: Aye.

24 MR. STROIA: Aye.

25 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

3 May I have a motion and a second to
4 suspend the rules of Council requiring three
5 readings?

6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

7 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

9 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

10 MR. PETERS: Aye.

11 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

13 MS. WERREN: Aye.

14 MR. FONTE: Aye.

15 MR. STROIA: Aye.

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

19 And, finally, a -- may I have a motion
20 and a second to adopt under suspension of the
21 rules?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

23 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

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

25 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

1 MR. PETERS: Aye.

2 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

4 MS. WERREN: Aye.

5 MR. FONTE: Aye.

6 MR. STROIA: Aye.

7 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. PETERS: Okay. Motion carries.

10 May I have a motion and a second to read

11 by title only Ordinance 27-20?

12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

13 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

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

15 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

16 MR. PETERS: Aye.

17 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

19 MS. WERREN: Aye.

20 MR. FONTE: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Aye.

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

25 Tim.

1 MR. FOX: An ordinance to amend Chapter
2 111 of the codified ordinances of the City of
3 North Canton, specifically Section 111.12,
4 salaries and bonds, in order to establish
5 amounts for public officials surety bonds.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you. The title
7 tells you exactly what you need to hear.
8 This was a legislative request from
9 Director of Administration DeOrio. It sets
10 the bonds for Director of Law and -- or I'm
11 sorry, Director of Administration at \$50,000,
12 Director of Finance at \$250,000, and --

13 MR. DEORIO: The Mayor at \$50,000.

14 MR. PETERS: Oh, the Mayor at \$50,000.
15 Thank you. Any questions, concerns?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. PETERS: Seeing none, I'll entertain
18 a motion and a second to adopt the first
19 reading.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

21 MR. STROIA: Second, Stroia.

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

23 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

24 MR. PETERS: Aye.

25 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

2 MS. WERREN: Aye.

3 MR. FONTE: Aye.

4 MR. STROIA: Aye.

5 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

8 Item E, we now have discussion on the use
9 of eminent domain relating to a property
10 located at 1206 North Main. At this time, I
11 am going to turn the floor to Director
12 DeOrio.

13 Pat.

14 MR. STROIA: I'm going to abstain. This
15 is Stroia. I'm going to abstain from this.

16 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

17 Ben, could you mute Matt, please?

18 (Whereupon, Mr. Stroia leaves the
19 meeting.)

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you. Pat,
21 the floor is yours.

22 MR. DEORIO: Thank you, Mr. President.

23 As you know, the administration has been
24 working on the collection and acquisition of
25 a grouping of parcels to constitute

1 sufficient grounds to build a new fire,
2 slash, EMS, slash, police building. And as
3 you recall from a previous time, the
4 necessary acreage that we need is a minimum
5 of three acres. And that the -- you know
6 from your discussions that you have held with
7 the Chief of Police and fire, EMS, that that
8 location needs -- needs to have frontage on
9 Main Street.

10 As it -- so it turns out, such a location
11 manifested itself over the last -- late
12 months in 2019, into 2020. And three of four
13 parcels were available for sale that were
14 adjoining, that were on -- fronting Main
15 Street. And they did not, however,
16 constitute sufficient ground. So we have
17 pursued this additional site, this additional
18 parcel that is located directly behind the
19 three parcels that -- that we have secured
20 purchase agreements for.

21 We have followed the normal course of
22 business in real estate, in making a letter
23 of interest, making a real estate purchase
24 agreement, and we have come to that point
25 where we are grossly apart, and that we need

1 to pursue our course of action, which would
2 involve eminent domain.

3 We have reached out to an attorney who is
4 well versed in eminent domain action. His
5 name is Jim Mathews. He practices at Baker
6 Dublikar, which is located in North Canton.
7 Some of you attended a seminar back in
8 February, pre-COVID, at the Stark Parks, in
9 Perry Township, in which Mr. Mathews was a
10 presenter.

11 So we have reached a -- I have reached an
12 agreement with Mr. Mathews and Baker Dublikar
13 to represent us on this. And although it is
14 well below the threshold that would require
15 Council action -- as you know, if there is a
16 contract that involves an expenditure under
17 \$50,000, the Mayor and the Director of
18 Administration can enter into that directly.

19 But I would like a show of support for
20 moving in this direction from you this
21 evening. This is similar to what we had done
22 a year ago in regards to the golf course,
23 where the administration had sought a show of
24 support in making some changes there.

25 And so at this time, if -- if you are so

1 inclined, I would, you know, like a -- if
2 there is any feedback to not go forward, I
3 guess that would be appropriate at this time;
4 otherwise, the administration would intend to
5 move forward.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. President, this is
7 Revoldt. Jeff?

8 MR. PETERS: Yeah, Daryl, sorry about
9 that. I had it on mute there for a minute.
10 Go ahead.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Or Pat, could we
12 give you a motion supporting eminent domain
13 for the property located at 1206 North Main
14 Street?

15 MR. DEORIO: I --

16 MR. REVOLDT: You need one?

17 MR. DEORIO: I don't think that it is
18 necessary to have one, but I'll defer to the
19 Law Director. I -- I would just -- if
20 anybody was going to object, this is the time
21 to speak your piece. Otherwise, we were
22 going to move forward.

23 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I think -- I think
24 it's really as simple as that. If there is
25 no one that objects -- like Pat said, now is

1 the time. And -- and I haven't heard any, so
2 I would assume that --

3 MR. REVOLDT: No objection.

4 MR. PETERS: -- we are good to go.

5 MR. REVOLDT: All right. Very good.

6 MR. DEORIO: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. FONTE: Thank you, Patrick.

8 (Whereupon, Mr. Stroia re-joins the
9 meeting.)

10 MR. PETERS: Okay. Moving on to
11 department reports. Pat, we'll start with
12 you at the top. You are on a roll.

13 MR. DEORIO: Well, let me -- I would just
14 like to get this out to, you know, the
15 Council and -- and to members of the
16 community, those that may be listening. We
17 certainly recognize the stressful times that
18 everyone is living under. And, you know --
19 you know, equally stressful are -- are for
20 those individuals who are working with -- you
21 know, in dangerous occupations, the
22 healthcare workers and the frontline
23 responders.

24 But I want to make a special plea tonight
25 for those individuals who are engaged in the

1 construction trades, and those that are
2 particularly engaged in the reconstruction of
3 roads. You know, we are one of -- we are one
4 of -- one of the early communities out there
5 working right now to get some road projects
6 completed. And we have the virtue of having,
7 you know, lower traffic counts, and taking
8 advantage of that makes -- makes those
9 workers safe.

10 And, you know, we should note that these
11 are not, for the most part, City employees.
12 These are employees of private companies that
13 have bid on these projects. We certainly
14 have our employees out who supervise the
15 project to make sure it's being done in
16 compliance with how it was bid. And so they
17 would be at risk, as well.

18 And construction projects in the City of
19 North Canton, you know, can begin as early as
20 6:00 a.m. in the morning. And that might not
21 be something that you are used to at home,
22 because you wouldn't be at home; you'd be at
23 work and you wouldn't see this. So we
24 generally start our projects that are ongoing
25 right now at 6:30 in the morning, to try to

1 make the most of a full day, to get as much
2 done as possible. We have the ability to
3 work 24/7 in the event of public safety, if
4 need be. And we don't always see that or
5 even remember that there was a time that we
6 did that.

7 To the extent that it -- you know,
8 contracted -- contractors are working on
9 these streets and doing what they do and are,
10 to the best of their ability, following
11 physical distancing where possible, I'm sure
12 they do. But in some types of applications,
13 it will require people to be close to one
14 another. And they -- you know, the Governor
15 of Ohio has determined, you know, these are
16 essential jobs, essential businesses that
17 need to be going.

18 And if there are any concerns that --
19 that people have in regards to these
20 individuals and how they are performing their
21 duties, how they might relate to the physical
22 distancing, you know, I would encourage them
23 to share their concerns or take their
24 concerns to the Stark County Health
25 Department, which oversees that.

1 But as far as the City administration
2 is -- is concerned, we believe that the
3 contractors are doing the best that they can,
4 with the nature of the work, to keep their
5 employees safe. So I just want to make sure
6 all of you are aware of that. We appreciate
7 what these folks do, and we are -- we are
8 just trying to get the jobs done as quickly
9 as possible, so that your roads can be
10 restored to their proper condition. Thank
11 you.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
13 Patrick.

14 All right. Cathy, I'll circle back to
15 you, Deputy Director of Admin.

16 MS. FARINA: Thank you. I just want to
17 say tonight, kudos to all of our staff and
18 elected officials. I know we have done a lot
19 of cyber security training with all of you,
20 because, as you all know, municipalities are
21 at risk for cyber attacks and, you know,
22 there are database.

23 And today, several people reported to me
24 that a phishing e-mail was circulating
25 around. It posed as if it was from the

1 Mayor, from Mayor Wilder. And it's not the
2 first time that he has had a phishing spam
3 type of e-mail go out to all of our City
4 staff. And we've also had them pose as being
5 Patrick, Director of Administration.

6 So I am so glad to see that our cyber
7 security trainings that we have done, and
8 education, has made so many people aware.
9 And they are reporting this. They are not
10 clicking on suspicious links. Because you
11 know when you click one, that can launch a
12 malware attack into our data.

13 So kudos to everybody that reported it.
14 And I sent out an e-mail to everyone, if you
15 do get it, you know, do not click on it,
16 report it, let me know or let admin know. So
17 good job, everyone. That's all I have.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,
19 Catherine.

20 Mayor.

21 MR. WILDER: Thank you, President Peters.
22 Just a couple comments tonight. First of
23 all, thank you Council for your willingness
24 to move forward regarding our private
25 property issue at 1206 North Main. Also,

1 again, Mr. DeOrio, thank you for
2 communicating to the public our City-wide
3 projects that we have going on right now and
4 the safety concerns of all, not only for the
5 motorists and our pedestrians in the area,
6 but for all the employees of private
7 contractors and our City staff to be safe,
8 practice physical distancing whenever
9 possible, and just being aware of the safety
10 needs when we are working on projects
11 throughout the City.

12 Just another comment on -- that our City
13 administration continues to navigate the
14 operations of -- of our City government. And
15 I appreciate all the good work and effort
16 that is going into that to keep things
17 running smoothly.

18 Last, but not least, is, again, dealing
19 with the COVID-19 crisis, I have been doing
20 some live streams on Wednesdays at 11:00. I
21 try to cover as much material as I can as I
22 learn from the Governor DeWine and the
23 Department of Health, the Ohio Department of
24 Health, and also things that are going on in
25 the City.

1 And the question has always come back, or
2 the major concern, is what are we going to do
3 to help make things safe for our public. And
4 that question I look at every day. So as we
5 navigate this Coronavirus, I think we are
6 going to try to do our best to phase in
7 things along with what the Governor has
8 planned. I'm very excited about the
9 businesses. As they mentioned today, 90
10 percent will be retail and other operations
11 in place.

12 So just, please, whenever you are going
13 out, be safe and be courteous and cover up,
14 not for your own safety, but for others.

15 President Peters, thank you very much for
16 the privilege of this time tonight. That's
17 all I have.

18 MR. DEORIO: Mr. Mayor --

19 MR. WILDER: Yes.

20 MR. DEORIO: -- would you care to brief
21 everybody on where we are with the flags?

22 MR. WILDER: Yes. I had contact with our
23 service department today, and the rest of our
24 flags, that I think Mr. Dominic Fonte helped
25 propose a couple years ago, the first part of

1 May is the schedule that those flags go out.
2 They are out.

3 However, we are having to replace some
4 poles that were damaged by the high winds for
5 some of the flags that we got out already.
6 So as soon as those poles get replaced,
7 hopefully within this week, we'll have our
8 Main Street decorated from Everhard, up to
9 Seventh Street, with a patriotic red, white,
10 and blue.

11 And my thanks go out again to the flags
12 that were donated by the Rotary Club of North
13 Canton that are around the memorial there at
14 Bitzer Park and along in front of the Hoover
15 District complex.

16 So our flags are up, and I think our City
17 is -- is on the map for continuing that --
18 that spirit that we are going to get through
19 this crisis and we are going to be better.
20 We'll come out of it -- excuse me -- better
21 for our efforts. Thank you.

22 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mayor.

23 Director of Law.

24 MR. FOX: Thank you. I don't have much
25 more to add. Thank you for the comments. I

1 can assure you that the Mayor and
2 Administrator has us on, you know, all of the
3 requirements for social distancing and
4 sanitation and sanitizing our areas in all of
5 our buildings for those that remain here at
6 City Hall. It is a bit of a beehive. We
7 are -- we are actually quite busy right now
8 and -- and have been for several weeks. But
9 we'll certainly be ready when our doors
10 are -- are open and -- and City Hall is open
11 to the public.

12 One last thing, just to note that
13 beginning yesterday, this is National Police
14 Week. So you can go online. There are a
15 variety of ways, you know, without coming in
16 contact and so forth, with the -- the police
17 officers, there are certainly various ways,
18 without handshakes and so forth, to thank
19 them for their services.

20 So if you would, and have a moment, you
21 can go online and you can see what things are
22 available to -- to honor those that put their
23 lives at risk to protect us. That's all I
24 have. Thank you.

25 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Tim.

1 Okay. Next up, Director of Finance.

2 MS. ALABACK: Hello, everybody. I have
3 no report tonight.

4 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Jina.

5 Engineer Graham.

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

7 Well, despite our lovely, lovely spring
8 weather, we are still making a lot of
9 progress on our capital improvement projects.
10 Today our contractor out on Applegrove
11 finished all the milling and removal of the
12 existing asphalt layers up there. Tomorrow
13 morning, it looks like we will finally have
14 some good paving weather. They are going to
15 start the intermediate course of asphalt.

16 At least we'll get some paving done on --
17 on Tuesday and Wednesday. We'll see what
18 happens later in the week. But at least
19 we'll get a jump and get that intermediate
20 down. And then after that, we have the
21 three-quarter inch of the polymer asphalt.
22 But we need about 65 to 70 degrees. So I'm
23 not sure when we'll get that. But it will
24 ride very, very well on just the
25 intermediate.

1 Next, I'm proud to say our 2020 paving
2 program is almost completely done, with the
3 exception of Emerson Avenue. That we've
4 tried to get the last few days, but we have
5 been rained out three days in a row. That's
6 scheduled to get its top course on Wednesday.

7 And also very happy that our Pineview
8 project is nearing completion. We should get
9 the intermediate course of asphalt on that
10 tomorrow and also top that when they top
11 Emerson. So our three projects are moving
12 along very well.

13 The sanitary sewer project down on
14 Northfield, Wenger Excavating is our
15 contractor down there, and they are looking
16 probably by the end of the week to have the
17 1,700 feet of the main line, 11 feet deep,
18 sanitary portion of that project completed.
19 Next would be the storm sewer and then the
20 curb and gutter, and the base pavement.

21 So things are moving along. We have
22 already got the Easthill project bid out.
23 Superior, who has got the first three I
24 talked about, has that. Haven't given me a
25 start date yet. And then Superior also has

1 the Portage project, which we're -- completed
2 all the catch basin work; getting ready to
3 start the paving with Superior on that.

4 Things are moving along. A little better
5 weather, we'd be a lot further along even
6 yet. That completes my report, Mr.
7 President.

8 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Rob.
9 Council Clerk Young.

10 MR. YOUNG: This week I'm happy to report
11 that the technological upgrades of Council
12 chambers are mostly completely. I'm just
13 waiting on one more cord. But as of right
14 now, I am currently streaming from the Civic
15 Center again. And we should be ready to go
16 for Council in person when COVID restrictions
17 lift.

18 MR. PETERS: Outstanding. Good -- good
19 news. All right. Thank you, Ben.

20 Next up, Member Foltz.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Can you hear me?

22 MR. PETERS: Got you, Doug.

23 THE REPORTER: Can you speak up, Doug,
24 please?

25 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Just to discuss

1 Arrowhead, I got a lot of compliments. I do
2 play in the league there. That course is
3 really in nice shape this time of year. A
4 lot of improvements to the pool area. And,
5 you know, a lot of people talking about good
6 things there. And I'm -- I'm happy that we
7 moved forward with that.

8 Pat, I don't know there if you wanted to
9 discuss anything else. But I just see a lot
10 of positive changes. I know we are
11 restricted from the clubhouse and so forth,
12 and we are following COVID-19 guidelines, as
13 far as one to a cart or walking. So I think
14 it has been pretty successful overall. And
15 I'm just happy the direction we are moving
16 with the new management from last year,
17 obviously, the DiPietros, and just the
18 capital improvements we are making there.

19 MR. DEORIO: Yeah, Doug, I'd -- I'd like
20 to say, you know, it has actually been -- I
21 think this week is one year --

22 MR. FOLTZ: That's what I thought, yeah.

23 MR. DEORIO: -- we made the change. I
24 think it was right after Mother's Day that
25 we -- that we made the move. And, you know,

1 in that time, we -- we -- of late, have been
2 working internally with -- on some capital
3 improvement projects there, using our own
4 folks. And, you know, these were things
5 that, you know, should have been done a long
6 time ago. And because the capital investment
7 was never made, things just fell into
8 disrepair.

9 So a lot of it, it looks really
10 different, and some of it is just, you know,
11 making changes to just some basic amenities
12 and some cosmetics that make a big difference
13 there. But as we move ahead into -- to next
14 year, we'll do some of the more important
15 changes that might need to be made.

16 MR. FOLTZ: Uh-huh. Okay.

17 MR. DEORIO: Thank you for noticing.

18 MR. FOLTZ: Oh, sure. Definitely. A
19 lot -- like I said, a lot of positive
20 comments. And thanks for the paving and all
21 the reconstruction in the City. Obviously,
22 if there is more money to do more paving, I'd
23 like to see that happen down the road. But I
24 think, you know, the City is looking great.
25 And I appreciate everybody's efforts on that.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

3 Member Werren.

4 MS. WERREN: Yeah. Thank you. Thanks to
5 the Musseys for talking tonight. I know that
6 we have been in touch with them, and I think
7 they have also been in touch with the Mayor.
8 And I -- I think maybe to then Rob, and Pat
9 kind of talked about it, and I know it's more
10 than just us kind of thinking like, oh, we
11 need a sign there. I know it has to go
12 through the police department.

13 I do -- I go through there a lot when I'm
14 on runs, and it definitely has become a
15 thoroughfare. You can see people using that
16 a lot. So I don't know if maybe the first
17 step would be to have the police put up a --
18 a speed locator and kind of check that, and
19 then get some counts on the amount of people
20 going through there. But I know they are
21 concerned, and I -- I would agree, it has
22 become a thoroughfare. So thanks for them
23 for doing that.

24 And, Daryl, your explanation on the issue
25 about abatements and different things was

1 really good, and we appreciate that. So
2 that's it.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
4 Member Fonte.

5 MR. FONTE: Yes. Thanks for the flags.
6 I'm glad we are getting them up. It's going
7 to make the rebound in North Canton a nice
8 corridor, because, you know, things are
9 opening up. And, Steve -- Mayor Steve,
10 thanks for putting out that list for us of
11 the things that are positive and are opening.

12 Also, the local businesses, make sure you
13 try to remember, use them. And let's just
14 keep trying to get the word out. We are
15 coming back. We want to rebound. And
16 remember, don't curse the wind. We are
17 adjusting our sails, and we are going to be
18 bigger and stronger than ever, and the -- and
19 the taxpayers will benefit.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Dom.
21 Member Revoldt.

22 MR. REVOLDT: No report.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. Member Stroia.

24 MR. STROIA: Yeah. Hey, I wanted to say
25 thank you to the Mayor for the live streams.

1 Thank you to the Rotary Club. Thanks to
2 Chuck and Linda and Rick for speaking. And
3 support and buy local. That's all I have.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.
5 Member Cerreta.

6 MR. CERRETA: Hey, just a quick thanks
7 to, first of all, Rob for the road repairs
8 and reports and that. That's very positive
9 going forward.

10 Also, I received a lot of good comments
11 on -- from a lot of people on the direction
12 that our City has taken on -- on, you know,
13 acquiring the land and to make improvements
14 to our community, rather than the old
15 wait-and-see approach of what's going to
16 happen. And I have had a lot of people say
17 that we are happy that we are taking a
18 proactive approach, rather than just sitting
19 there. And, of course, the proof is in the
20 pudding, which way we go with this thing and
21 how we can follow through. And -- and I'm
22 very optimistic about that.

23 I also want to thank Member Revoldt for a
24 lot of work he has put in on this CRA
25 ordinance. He has put a lot of time and

1 effort into it with his knowledge. So I want
2 to thank him on that.

3 Outside of that, everybody stay healthy.

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mark.
5 And I will finish up by echoing your comments
6 regarding the purchase of -- of property.
7 And I have had the same feedback. People are
8 very happy we are taking a proactive
9 approach. And I agree, it's a wait-and-see
10 approach, but I -- I think we are -- we are
11 going to see some good things come out of
12 both of those pieces of property.

13 And, Mayor, we really appreciate your
14 weekly updates on Wednesday. My
15 recommendation is, after all this COVID stuff
16 is behind us, to continue on. That is --
17 that is good stuff. I mean, it really is
18 reaching out into the community and
19 communicating our positions on -- on
20 everything and anything. So thanks again for
21 that.

22 MR. WILDER: Thank you, President Peters.

23 MR. PETERS: Yes. No -- no -- thank you.
24 And, lastly, in regards to Rick Mussey's
25 comments, do we still employ the use of

1 that -- the Stealth Stat, Patrick?

2 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. You know, look, this
3 is -- this is a complicated issue. And, you
4 know, their -- their situation there is no
5 different than many other people, you know,
6 thousands of people that live throughout the
7 City in which roads end up connecting to
8 other roads, and people use that as a means
9 to go from north to south, east to west.

10 And in this particular instance,
11 traveling from Schneider to East Maple,
12 and -- and the route that they suggest, you
13 know, is about 3,200 square -- 3,200 linear
14 feet, of which only about 800 linear feet is
15 in the City limits. The rest of it is in
16 Plain Township, south and north of their
17 location.

18 And, you know, so I will take that -- a
19 comprehensive approach to addressing the
20 issue, similar to what I had done up on
21 Radford, Northeast a year ago, and we'll --
22 we'll get some data that will help us chart a
23 course of action.

24 But, you know, simply posting a sign is
25 very ineffective. There is no -- there is

1 nothing illegal with using the public
2 streets. There is no citation that can be
3 given to people who, you know, travel from
4 one, you know, side of town to the other.

5 So it's -- it may be more nuanced in how
6 we approach it. But the first step in
7 addressing anything is to speak intelligently
8 about it, and that requires gathering data.
9 So I will keep you all informed of that
10 process and will be working with individuals,
11 you know, beginning this week to start
12 pushing a plan forward to gathering the data
13 that will help us with an analysis.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Thanks, Pat.
15 And, actually, that's why I mentioned the
16 Stealth Stat, because that -- I mean, that
17 really is a great tool for Chief Kemp to
18 deploy his -- his folks properly and more
19 efficiently, you know, by gathering that
20 data. So good stuff.

21 Okay. Okay. Final call for new business
22 to Council.

23 MR. WILDER: Just one point of order.
24 Could I, Jeff?

25 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir. Absolutely.

1 MR. WILDER: You know, Director of Law,
2 Tim Fox, did note about this; this is the
3 beginning of police week. On the 15th, on
4 Friday, that is always designated nationally
5 as Police Officers Memorial Day. And, again,
6 speaking from my background, what we
7 experience in -- in this pandemic, not only
8 for our fire department personnel and
9 paramedics, but also, again, for the police
10 officers, we are all on the frontline. And
11 I'm pretty sure, nationally, almost 90-plus
12 law enforcement officers have died as a
13 result of contracting COVID-19. I better
14 double-check my -- my numbers, but the last
15 one I saw was about 90.

16 And I just want to thank our public for
17 following the guidelines and standards of the
18 CDC and the Governor, the Ohio Department of
19 Health, to keep themselves safe, and by
20 keeping our first line responders safe,
21 especially, again, our police officers who
22 oftentimes are there before our fire
23 personnel can arrive and give aid.

24 So to all the law -- families who have
25 relatives in law enforcement, my heart and

1 support goes out to them. And when that
2 special day comes around on the 15th, maybe
3 just take a moment and reflect on the good
4 that our law enforcement does, the Ohio law
5 enforcement officers do day in and day out.

6 Thank you, President Peters, for allowing
7 me to make that comment.

8 MR. PETERS: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.
9 Very well said. And I -- and I concur.

10 Okay. Looking at our meeting calendar
11 for the remainder of May and into June, next
12 Monday, we'll have our virtual Committee of
13 the Whole and a Special Council meeting. May
14 25th will be no Council meeting, due to
15 Memorial Day. And then June 1st will be the
16 public meeting on Ordinance 23-20, and a
17 virtual Committee of the Whole meeting.

18 And that rounds out our agenda for the
19 evening. So at this time, I'll entertain a
20 motion to adjourn.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

22 MR. STROIA: Second, Stroia.

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

24 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

25 MR. PETERS: Aye.