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Transcript of Proceedings held virtually before the North Canton City Council, taken by the undersigned, Susan Petro, a Stenographic Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, via teleconference, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, the 18th day of May 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

- Daniel Jeff Peters, President
- 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
- Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor
- Timothy Fox, Director of Law
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of Administration
- Jina Alaback, Director of Finance
- Robert Graham, PE
- Benjamin R. Young, Council Clerk

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1 MR. PETERS: At this time, I'd like to
2 call to order the North Canton City Council
3 Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday,
4 May 18, 7:00 p.m.

5 Clerk, will you please call the roll?

6 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia. Member
7 Stroia.

8 MR. PETERS: Did we lose Matt?

9 MR. FONTE: Hey, Matt, hit your mute.
10 Unmute.

11 MR. YOUNG: It says he's still on. We'll
12 come back.

13 Member Cerreta.

14 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta is here.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.

18 MR. FONTE: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.

20 MS. WERREN: Here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.

22 MR. PETERS: Here.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.

24 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Last call for Member Stroia.

1 number of years ago the community had a
2 development plan that recommended land
3 banking, and this is the first action upon
4 that recommendation. The rationale is the
5 City would like to control the development,
6 control the reutilization of this parcel for
7 the purposes of creating a higher level of
8 employment, as well as larger capital
9 investment to the site.

10 What we hope to do is to create a campus
11 of some 27 acres. This is the first parcel
12 in that project. This parcel is
13 approximately 13 acres in size.

14 I would also note that, for those who are
15 following us, that land banking is very, very
16 common in other communities across Ohio and
17 is being used with great success in Hamilton
18 County/Cincinnati and Columbus.

19 So that's all of my remarks.

20 Mark, do you have anything?

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia had some
22 technical difficulties, but he should be back
23 in now.

24 MR. CERRETA: Okay. Good. Good.

25 To answer Daryl's -- I think, yeah, as

1 far as land banking is concerned, it's
2 something that we have not taken advantage
3 of, and we have learned some lessons from --
4 oh, from the past here that if we're going to
5 grow and get what we want in this community,
6 we might have to start by getting it going
7 for ourselves. And this is a good first step
8 to do that.

9 This is a great opportunity that has come
10 up, and we don't have that many opportunities
11 because we're landlocked. And when these
12 opportunities come, we have got to be ready
13 and we've got to take that chance. I think
14 this is a good risk for us all.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Is there anyone else on the
16 Council that would like to weigh in on this
17 subject?

18 MR. PETERS: I will weigh in only to say
19 that I support this initiative 100 percent
20 for all the reasons that Daryl and Mark both
21 have illustrated, and I'm looking forward to
22 moving forward.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Mr. Mayor, this is
24 your opportunity to get on the record.

25 MR. WILDER: Thank you. It's been a goal

1 since I've been in office to challenge our
2 Director of Administration to follow up on
3 that initiative that was maybe started, like
4 you said, Daryl, a few years ago. But I
5 think our future is now. And as we prepare
6 for the future, the land acquisitions that
7 we're making, the land banking is going to be
8 all about progress for our city not only for
9 now, for the next 50 years. And this is a
10 good opportunity for us to -- to control our
11 own destiny.

12 So I appreciate Council's support of this
13 initiative as we go forward in making these
14 purchases for the betterment of our
15 community.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. REVOLDT: I think the record should
18 reflect that -- the record should reflect
19 that the Director of Administration played a
20 critical role. This was a very heavy lift to
21 get us to this point tonight, and I think
22 Council's appreciative of that effort.

23 Patrick, do you have anything to add?

24 MR. DEORIO: Yes. Can you hear me?

25 MR. REVOLDT: Yes, sir.

1 MR. DEORIO: Okay. I just wanted to make
2 two technical corrections. This parcel is
3 approximately 7 acres.

4 MR. REVOLDT: I'm sorry.

5 MR. DEORIO: And then I also wanted to
6 just correct some information that has been
7 circulating on social media. We know it's
8 not been known particularly for its accuracy,
9 but -- set the record straight.

10 The purchase price is 3.4 million, as you
11 stated. The word going around on social
12 media was that it was 4.4. And, as you all
13 know, the 4.4 was anticipating two additional
14 parcels to bring it to that total. But this
15 parcel purchase price is 3.4 million today,
16 that's what our purchase offer was back in
17 January. So we've always been consistent
18 with this number.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

21 Okay. Is -- is there anyone that wishes
22 to add anything else?

23 If not, I would assume that we've got
24 four who agree to proceed the legislation.

25 MR. PETERS: Over -- we're going to need

1 more than that. This is an emergency.

2 MR. REVOLDT: I understand that. But
3 I've got to have four to move it out of
4 committee.

5 MR. PETERS: Right on. Got you.

6 MR. FOLTZ: I'm in favor of it,
7 Mr. Revoldt.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

9 MR. PETERS: Yep. Let's roll.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Then I'm finished.
11 Thank you.

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

14 Next up, Personnel and Safety. We have a
15 legislative request from the Finance Director
16 as it relates to voluntary purchase of
17 military service credit.

18 Jina, do you want to touch briefly on why
19 we are pursuing this right now?

20 MS. ALABACK: Sure. So the Council
21 approved -- (inaudible) -- that says that we
22 can do payroll deduct, which means it will be
23 a tax-deferred contribution for this employee
24 to purchase this prior military service time.
25 So we can do that through payroll deduct. It

1 won't cost the City anything; it doesn't
2 affect the pension contributions. We just
3 won't -- we'll set up -- with Police & Fire
4 Pension, we will just process those payments
5 for him through payroll.

6 MR. PETERS: And this is laid out in the
7 Ohio Revised Code, correct?

8 MS. ALABACK: Correct.

9 MR. FOX: As well as the -- that union
10 Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund, they make it
11 a legislative requirement to have a
12 resolution for them to be able to authorize
13 political subdivisions that participate in
14 this. And then the attachment is there so
15 that we don't have to bring this up again
16 should it come up. We included the -- the
17 four bargaining units that would have members
18 available should they incur some military
19 time and want to participate.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. Any questions for
21 Jina or Tim?

22 All right. And seeing none, I'm assuming
23 we're okay to go ahead on this one. So that
24 will be put on our next legislative agenda.

25 Okay. That concludes -- I'm sorry? Did

1 I miss something there? Ben, did you say
2 something?

3 MR. YOUNG: No, that was the last item on
4 the agenda.

5 MR. PETERS: All right. That concludes
6 this -- this meeting. I'll entertain a
7 motion to adjourn our committee of the whole
8 meeting.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MR. FOLTZ: Second.

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: Okay. Motion carries.

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23 (The proceedings were concluded at 7:09 p.m.)

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Susan M. Petro



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