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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
JUNE 8, 2020, MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton City Council, taken by me, the undersigned, Laurie Maryl Jonas, a Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, at the North Canton Civic Center, 845 West Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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## 1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

3 Daryl Revoldt, Council Vice President, At Large

4 Doug Foltz, Ward 1

5 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

6 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

7 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

8 Matthew Stroia, At Large

9 Patrick A. DeOrion, Director of Administration

10 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

11 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

12 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

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

14 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

15 Benjamin R. Young, Clerk of Council

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1 MR. PETERS: At this time I'd like to call to  
2 order the North Canton City Council meeting June 8,  
3 2020. The time is 7 p.m.

4 Mark, would you like to lead us in prayer.

5 MR. CERRETA: Sure would. Thank you.

6 Thank you, Lord, for bringing us together  
7 tonight to help us lead our community in the future.  
8 Thank you for this honor. Help us to listen first,  
9 to understand. Help us to make decisions that you  
10 approve and thank you for helping our community  
11 through this pandemic. Help us lead as you see fit  
12 as we try to get back to a world that -- that  
13 would -- you would like us to live in.

14 In God's name we pray, Amen.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mark.

16 At this time if you join me in the Pledge of  
17 Allegiance.

18 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

19 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you all.

20 All right. At this time, Ben, would you  
21 please call the roll.

22 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Present.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz?

25 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

1 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

2 MR. CERRETA: Here.

3 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

4 MR. STROIA: Here.

5 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

6 MRS. WERREN: Here.

7 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

8 MR. FONTE: Here.

9 MR. YOUNG: And President Peters?

10 MR. PETERS: Here.

11 MR. YOUNG: Seven present.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, sir.

13 And for your consideration, I need a motion  
14 and a second to approve as presented minutes from  
15 May 18, 2020, committee of the whole, and minutes  
16 May 18, 2020, special council.

17 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

18 MR. FOLTZ: Second. Foltz.

19 MRS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

20 MR. PETERS: Second. All in favor, say

21 "aye."

22 ("Aye" in unison.)

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

25 All right. At this time we have recognition

1 of visitors. We have three speakers. Just a quick  
2 reminder before I turn it over to Ben. The time  
3 limit is five minutes. He will give me a cue at 30  
4 seconds off screen. I'll let you know if you're --  
5 if you're getting close. And let's move on from  
6 this. So Ben, take it over.

7 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Davis, are you there?

8 MR. DAVIS: I'm ready. Brad Davis. 1678  
9 Meadowlane Drive, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

10 I have a couple of items I'd like to bring to  
11 the attention of council. First is on Section 5(a)  
12 of Ordinance 19-2020. I can understand where council  
13 is trying to influence commercial/industrial  
14 businesses to purchase property within the city. My  
15 position, there's no incentive for the builder of a  
16 single-family home that wants to purchase property in  
17 order to receive a tax break. When the document was  
18 in committee, there was a provision for demolition  
19 which would reduce the \$250,000. That was struck  
20 down by Mr. Revoldt and agreed by the rest of  
21 council. So the way I read Section 5(a), council is  
22 throwing a bone with no meat attached to someone that  
23 would like to build on a parcel with an older home.

24 The real mission of this ordinance is C & D.  
25 There are people out there who would like to take

1 advantage of the proposed CRA, but council has made  
2 it so restrictive that it's out of the picture. If  
3 you made it 225,000 plus the demo with -- including  
4 the demolition cost, that might put a little meat on  
5 the bone.

6 Item No. 2, green waste. We have a beautiful  
7 city that's been noted many times by this council.  
8 Where are the residents supposed to get rid of green  
9 waste: Tree limbs, leaves, grass clippings, shrubs,  
10 et cetera. I know Kimble will take them if you bag  
11 them. Some of these properties around here are over  
12 an acre. Many, many truckloads instead of bags. The  
13 mayor has personally tried to get involved and he  
14 checked with the community -- near around  
15 communities. And Plain Township says absolutely no.  
16 Well, that was before we bought property. So now we  
17 have property with large parking lots. So summer's  
18 here and there needs to be a location where we can  
19 keep this city looking good.

20 Thank you for your time.

21 MR. PETERS: Thanks, Brad.

22 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

23 MR. YOUNG: Sorry. I had myself muted.

24 Mr. Osborne, you're up next.

25 MR. OSBORNE: Okay. I am here.

1 Chuck Osborne --

2 MR. YOUNG: Whenever you are ready.

3 MR. OSBORNE: Chuck Osborne. 307 Fairview  
4 Street, Southeast, North Canton, Ohio.

5 I am addressing the second reading of  
6 Ordinance No. 19-2020 which proposes to resurrect the  
7 city's CRA program. North Canton's on again/off  
8 again CRA program over the years has provided nothing  
9 more than corporate charity for local  
10 multi-millionaire developers. Any thoughts of  
11 resurrecting a CRA program would certainly be a  
12 failure for your North Canton city schools, as the  
13 program gives away property tax money desperately  
14 needed to fund the North Canton city school district  
15 and siphons tax dollars away from the North Canton  
16 city library, the city's four levies, which are the  
17 street levy, the EMS levy, storm sewer levy, and fire  
18 levy.

19 As we all know, funding the city's levies  
20 through property taxes has allowed the city to  
21 maintain its artificially low income tax rate. In  
22 2016 when there was legislation to restart a CIR --  
23 CRA program, North Canton City Schools Superintendent  
24 Jeff Wendorf spoke in opposition to the proposed CRA  
25 program, as did numerous city residents. Mr. Wendorf

1 also left a letter addressed to then-mayor David Held  
2 and city council. In a September 26, 2016, council  
3 meeting, following overwhelming opposition to  
4 restarting the CRA, it was announced that the  
5 legislation would be tabled, where it has remained.  
6 Why, under our newly elected mayor, Stephan Wilder,  
7 is there a desire to restart a program which diverts  
8 tax dollars from our city schools, our city library  
9 and four city levies.

10 A May 20, 2020, Repository story reports that  
11 Ohio's department of education has a budget shortfall  
12 and that the North Canton city school district will  
13 be receiving \$896,000 less in state funding this  
14 year. Additional cuts for 2021 will result in a  
15 \$1.6-million reduction in state funding for next  
16 year. The city's school district can also expect a  
17 40 percent reduction in casino money.

18 The Louisville city schools are dealing with  
19 extreme financial shortfalls. In a May 29, 2020,  
20 news story in the Repository it is reported that they  
21 are cutting 32 employees, including nine teachers.  
22 Do both the council and North Canton's newly elected  
23 mayor want to divert school dollars away from our  
24 city schools given the financial hits they are taking  
25 and see similar employee cuts in the headlines for

1 North Canton city schools?

2 Mayor Wilder, was this one of the planks in  
3 your platform for North Canton mayor when you were on  
4 the ballot last November? It appears former Mayor  
5 Held listened to the overwhelming opposition four  
6 years ago and shelved any plans for a CRA corporate  
7 charity program. Are you listening now? North  
8 Canton is no longer home to a Fortune 500 company,  
9 but it is home to a top-ranked school system.  
10 Hopefully you want our city schools to remain strong  
11 academically as well as financially. Restarting the  
12 CRA program only adds to the financial hits the  
13 school district is facing. As former mayor David  
14 Held led on this issue four years ago to the benefit  
15 of our city schools, surely you, Mayor Wilder, can do  
16 the same and put an end to this CRA legislation.

17 On another issue, I want to briefly just talk  
18 about the proposed amphitheater in Bitzer Park.  
19 Desires for an amphitheater would pan out much, much  
20 better if the amphitheater was put in either Price  
21 Park or Dogwood Park. I just continually do not  
22 understand why you continue to try and load up poor  
23 little Bitzer Park. It's not even that much more of  
24 a park anymore. So we do not need to be adding an  
25 amphitheater to the already oversized memorial in

1 Bitzer Park. I will have more to say on this in the  
2 future.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. FONTE: Thank you. Thanks, Chuck.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE VOICE: Hello?

6 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Blubaugh, are you there?

7 MR. BLUBAUGH: Yes, I'm here.

8 MR. YOUNG: When you're ready.

9 MR. BLUBAUGH: Okay. Good evening. This is  
10 Joseph Blubaugh. 256 Glenwood Street, Southwest,  
11 North Canton, Ohio.

12 I'm here to talk about two proposed  
13 ordinances, 31-2020, the Bitzer Park improvements,  
14 and, if I have time, 19-2020, the CRA, and hopefully  
15 I'll be able to tie those two together.

16 First of all, the Bitzer Park improvement.  
17 The idea of building an outdoor bandstand at Bitzer  
18 Park is a good idea but must be done correctly. This  
19 should not be declared an emergency; we need to  
20 analyze this thoroughly. There's no reason to rush.

21 My concern is that there's no consideration  
22 for the existing trees in the park. The design  
23 should be done with a priority of utilizing the  
24 many existing -- as many existing trees as possible.  
25 Looking at the detailed design, there's currently 33

1 large trees and 12 small ones in the park and the  
2 plan is to destroy all of those trees except seven of  
3 the large ones, and five of those seven are actually  
4 right up against the Y parking lot and I think  
5 they're actually on Y property. So only two large  
6 trees in the entire Bitzer Park would survive the  
7 plan the way it is. And of that, only one of those  
8 larger trees are currently where the building would  
9 be, where the bandstand building would be, so  
10 theoretically you could build that bandstand and only  
11 remove one large tree instead of the 26 large trees  
12 they are planning to be removed.

13 Also, there's no specification of how many  
14 and how large any new trees that will be planted,  
15 even though last week in the council meeting it was  
16 mentioned that new trees will be planted, but I don't  
17 see that in the plan. But even if there are some  
18 small trees planted, it would look like -- a lot like  
19 the current city hall plaza, which, to me, looks  
20 barren. It's just a bunch of concrete and a bunch of  
21 small trees. I don't think anybody really wants to  
22 sit on the benches there because the trees don't  
23 provide any shade. I'd really hate if Bitzer Park  
24 just becomes a larger version of the city hall plaza.

25 Last week it was mentioned that some old

1 trees that are past their useful life would be  
2 removed and new ones planted for the enjoyment of  
3 future generations. But has an analysis been made of  
4 which trees are really past their useful life? Maybe  
5 the ones there would still live for 50 more years and  
6 are already beautiful and providing shade. A few new  
7 ones will take many years to be beautiful and provide  
8 any shade.

9 There's also a mention that community groups  
10 were consulted about the plan, but it looks like all  
11 the groups that are consulted are just groups that  
12 plan to use the amphitheater, not citizen groups that  
13 might be concerned about the actual look of the park.

14 Finally, I want to mention that the State of  
15 Ohio Department of Natural Resources has a program in  
16 urban forestry and there's an urban forester that is  
17 assigned to -- who has an area of the state that  
18 includes Stark County and her whole job is to give  
19 communities advice about trees free of charge. Her  
20 name is Lola Lewis, and I request the city ask her to  
21 review the current plan and make suggestions about  
22 how they could be modified and achieve the goal of a  
23 outdoor bandstand while prioritizing, utilizing as  
24 many existing trees as possible.

25 I talked to her, and she knows and has worked

1 with Brian Hill in the past on previous projects.  
2 This would make the project much less expensive,  
3 avoiding costs of removing large trees and planting  
4 new ones and it would make the finished project much  
5 more enjoyable.

6 Concerning the CRA ordinance, I wrote an  
7 e-mail to the city council so I won't reiterate  
8 everything I put in the e-mail, but the three main  
9 points are that it needs to be better analyzed if  
10 we're going to do it at all. It seems to be just a  
11 tax break to a few wealthy individuals that would  
12 benefit from it at the expense of all the citizens of  
13 the city.

14 One inconsistency in the report that I saw,  
15 it talks about in the population section that the  
16 city needs to increase housing values to attract  
17 younger residents. That doesn't make sense, because  
18 younger residents typically have less money until  
19 they get older in their careers. But then in the  
20 value owner-occupied section, it mentions that the  
21 number of entry-level housing units valued under  
22 100,000 is significantly less than in Stark County,  
23 which puts the city in a disadvantage of attracting  
24 younger residents. That statement I do agree with,  
25 but it's in opposition to the statement about the

1 younger population section.

2 So in general, all the analysis with CRA, the  
3 way I read it, North Canton is pretty similar to  
4 Stark County and Ohio in the age of our houses and in  
5 the age of our population. What distinguishes us is  
6 we have a much wealthier median income than Ohio or  
7 Stark County, so once again, why -- why do we have to  
8 come up with tax break schemes.

9 And then finally, my suggestion is if we want  
10 to attract more residents, we should make downtown  
11 more enjoyable to the residents. It should be more  
12 bike friendly and pedestrian friendly and nature  
13 friendly, which brings me back to the Bitzer Park  
14 issue. If we make Bitzer Park more nature friendly  
15 and make downtown more bike friendly and more  
16 pedestrian friendly we'll get those residents that we  
17 need without any CRA schemes.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. FONTE: Thanks, Joe.

20 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Joe.

21 MR. YOUNG: That's everyone for public  
22 speaks, Mr. President.

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

24 Okay. Next up, we have the presentation on  
25 the proposed CRA legislation. Vice President Revoldt

1 will be leading that.

2 Daryl, the floor is yours.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Peters, can you hear me?

4 MR. PETERS: I sure can.

5 MR. FONTE: You guys, remove me and Stroia,  
6 please.

7 MR. PETERS: Oh, yes. Let the record reflect  
8 Members Stroia and Fonte will be abstaining from this  
9 discussion -- or presentation.

10 MR. REVOLDT: And the subsequent vote.

11 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

12 MR. REVOLDT: All right. As we all know,  
13 CRAs basically have two components. The first is the  
14 commercial and industrial development, and then a  
15 second component is the residential. And I'd like to  
16 focus on the residential tonight because that's where  
17 a great deal of the discussion has come regarding its  
18 deployment.

19 As we all know, the Ohio Revised Code allows  
20 municipalities to abate 100 percent of the added  
21 value on a property up to 12 years on the residential  
22 side. Our ordinance, by contrast, contains  
23 provisions for residential abatement but it's  
24 contingent upon meeting two criteria.

25 The first is, the home has to be torn down

1 and replaced with a structure that has a value of  
2 \$250,000 or more. I hope those who spoke at the  
3 council meeting tonight listen to what I'm going to  
4 say next very, very carefully. We have a housing  
5 challenge in this city. 55 percent of the houses  
6 predate 1969. Overall valuations of real property in  
7 the city of North Canton in the school district is  
8 stagnant. It grew over the last decade by just  
9 2.6 percent. That is a terrible investment. For  
10 those who want to support the schools, they must  
11 understand that it becomes ever more difficult for  
12 the school to meet its operating and its capital  
13 costs when the tax base, the valuation does not grow.

14 The fact of the matter is, in a little  
15 snapshot study that I did looking at 12 properties  
16 randomly selected in town, 25 percent of that housing  
17 stock declined over the last decade in value. Land  
18 value in some instances are now climbing to reach  
19 40 percent of the tax value. The land is getting to  
20 be worth more than the house, and that should concern  
21 all of us for what that means in terms of our  
22 community.

23 If we can, Ben, let's -- let's move to the  
24 slides.

25 But before we do, I want to say one thing

1 that what I heard tonight. I want to change our  
2 focus just a little bit. We heard this is a  
3 takeaway, this is a takeaway. I want people -- and  
4 we're going to present some information tonight that  
5 suggests it's just the opposite. That a good  
6 residential CR program, in fact, can be a very  
7 handsome investment for our community.

8 I'd like to shift the conversation from what  
9 you heard tonight in the public speaks, which is what  
10 I call policy theory, to let's talk about policy  
11 fact, if we can.

12 All right, Ben. Let's go.

13 All right. Here are our goals on this CRA.  
14 The first is we want to create a healthy housing  
15 stock that encourages replacement of aging and  
16 dilapidated structures. Importantly, we recognize  
17 the contribution that a healthy valuation contributes  
18 to our school system. It is absolutely essential.  
19 But as I said, in the last decade, using the  
20 auditor's own numbers, that valuation has not grown  
21 significantly in the last decade. I might insert  
22 parenthetically it's why the school's recent capital  
23 project has a 36-year run. That's astonishing, but  
24 it speaks to the issue at hand. We want to improve  
25 property valuation in the homeowner's favor. We want

1 to raise property values, we want to increase resale  
2 values. And higher valuations ultimately equal lower  
3 millage rates.

4 Next slide, Ben.

5 Okay. So what we did was, I had Ben and the  
6 team look at four properties from around North  
7 Canton, really one from each ward. Each of these  
8 properties met the criteria that would make it a  
9 target candidate for a CRA abatement. And what we  
10 did was we compared the current assessed values with  
11 a theoretical post-abatement tax values. So we used  
12 real numbers at the front end and looked at them at  
13 the back end.

14 Next slide, Ben.

15 Okay. Just real quick, here are four  
16 properties that we used. We didn't identify any  
17 property, but what I want to call your attention to  
18 is the relationship between the land values and the  
19 structural values. Notice the green column. A  
20 healthy area has about a 22 to 28 percent land value  
21 in the tax bill. But you can see right now these are  
22 running between 32 and 44 percent. That is -- that  
23 is unhealthy in our local economy.

24 Go ahead, Ben.

25 Okay. So here we've got one property. We

1 took this up in Ward 1. No, it is not Doug Foltz's  
2 house, but it's located on Hillcrest. Note that the  
3 land value is thirty-five five. The structural value  
4 on the thing is forty-seven two, so the total value,  
5 assessed value, is seventy-nine seven. The annual --  
6 and this is really important. The annual tax rate is  
7 a modest \$1,600. And if we were to abate that -- in  
8 other words, when you demolish something the value of  
9 the land remains, the value of the structure goes  
10 away. Note here that that land is valued at  
11 41 percent of the overall assessed value. Again,  
12 that should concern everyone in this town.

13 Next slide, please.

14 Okay. So here's how it works. You'll see on  
15 the left there's no abatement. So we're going to  
16 start with \$1,600. Over the first 12 years that  
17 \$1,600 translates into 23 -- basically 24,000, and  
18 then in years 13 through 36 it climbs to 77,000. If  
19 we abated this, the school continues to get the other  
20 taxpayers, including the city, receives \$658 a year,  
21 and over 12 years it reflects a gain of \$9,235. In  
22 year 13, however, the structure comes on to the  
23 rolls. And if you notice in the footnote to the  
24 lower left, we've slightly adjusted this 2.8 percent  
25 considered growth. That figure grows to \$8,900. Now

1 compare that starting annual on the far left to the  
2 starting annual on the right. Compare the column  
3 that says "Over Next 24 Years." 77,000 to 294,000.

4 Which of these scenarios helps our school  
5 system the most? If I was investing money, I can  
6 tell you this: I would not choose the column on the  
7 left. I would be more than happy to defer  
8 gratification to year 13.

9 Look carefully at this. What we're telling  
10 people, and I will tell this to anyone who will  
11 listen, is that the foregone revenue is recovered in  
12 the first 36 months once the property comes back on  
13 the tax rolls. You're whole in 36 months. And the  
14 net out is 77,000 versus \$294,731. Pretty good  
15 investment.

16 Ben, next slide.

17 Okay. So what do we get? A total investment  
18 is basically a deferred money. It's about 14 grand.  
19 But the total gained is 203. Look at the return on  
20 that in Column -- in Column 3. We talk about this as  
21 some sort of permanent loss. The fact of the matter  
22 is, it's a fairly handsome investment. Imagine for a  
23 second if we could get a number of investors to  
24 engage in this demolition project. Where we would  
25 be.

1 Ben.

2 I think this, these numbers, and we've got a  
3 whole series of other slides that we didn't include  
4 tonight for the interests of conversation, but the  
5 numbers don't lie. You can plug in some variables.  
6 In this case, Ben has added a small amount of growth,  
7 calculated a small amount of growth, but even if the  
8 number's static the investment is still very, very,  
9 very attractive.

10 What I heard tonight, and I'm going to be  
11 directly -- direct with Mr. Osborne and Mr. Blubaugh.  
12 I find no acknowledgment that either the school or  
13 the city has a problem. None. Moreover, I don't  
14 find any solution in your comments. The numbers tell  
15 us the valuations by the county auditor and in the  
16 housing study explain that we have a challenge. And  
17 as I've told people before, we're headed to a place  
18 as a first-ranked suburban community that we may not  
19 want to go unless we can figure out a way to get a  
20 handle on this.

21 This is an experiment. We know that the  
22 previous CRA was not particularly successful on the  
23 residential side. Will this help us? Perhaps it  
24 might. It will require the community, it will  
25 require the council, it will require the

1 administration to monitor this and amend it as  
2 circumstances require.

3 I've been around this town for 50 years.  
4 This is not the town I moved to 50 years ago. I've  
5 used this period of quarantine to walk the city  
6 streets. And I can tell you that what I see scares  
7 the hell out of me. And we have two options. We can  
8 take no action and leave these declining properties  
9 in place. Do nothing. And those values, those  
10 declining values, will place a greater and greater  
11 strain on our school system. Or we can utilize an  
12 investment strategy that produces a significant  
13 return and pumps value, real value, long term into  
14 the city and the tax base. And the school.

15 All right. Mr. Peters, that concludes my  
16 remarks.

17 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

18 MR. REVOLDT: That's what we're voting for.

19 MR. PETERS: I appreciate it.

20 MR. REVOLDT: I'll entertain any questions if  
21 any council has any.

22 Pat, did I -- do you need to add anything?  
23 Or the mayor?

24 MRS. WERREN: Hey, Daryl. I have a -- I have  
25 a question.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

2 MRS. WERREN: Or even a comment. Thank you.  
3 Those slides were great.

4 And I think for so many years we have been  
5 talking about how nothing on nothing is nothing and  
6 how these slides just show the different. And we  
7 have so many models in front of us where it has  
8 worked throughout the whole state.

9 So one question I have, though, is, is there  
10 anything that we could do that would be put in place  
11 for some of that demolition? I think Brad and  
12 Mr. Osborne bring up, you know, good points about  
13 that.

14 MR. REVOLDT: They did.

15 MRS. WERREN: And that's something that is a  
16 concern. Like, how do you build a 250,000 house but  
17 then demolition is X amount. Does that make sense?  
18 And I don't know.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Stephanie, the answer to your  
20 question is, yes. We should. And Pat and I and Ben  
21 and Jeff have had some conversations about creating a  
22 small demolition fund. I do not expect that we are  
23 going to be overwhelmed with projects.

24 MRS. WERREN: I don't either.

25 MR. REVOLDT: But we would create a fund, and

1 I talked -- matter of fact, I talked to Alex Zumbar  
2 today. Alex has some money that can help us match on  
3 the demo side.

4 MRS. WERREN: Wow.

5 MR. REVOLDT: So I think we've got some ways  
6 to help on the incentive end to get this down.

7 MRS. WERREN: Well, and Mr. Osborne, and I  
8 will give him credit and I think he mentioned this  
9 idea before about a \$5 per house that he was kind of  
10 looking at what the Muskingum Watershed has done and  
11 how they have been able to fund so many projects and  
12 they have so much money where they actually, I think  
13 last year or a couple years ago we all got \$12 back.  
14 But is it something as simple as that where you could  
15 have an assessment like that that starts to kind of  
16 develop into this almost reserve account for those  
17 needs.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Well, Stephanie, that would  
19 probably be some sort of tax or some sort of fee and  
20 I would leave that to the council if it wants to go  
21 that route.

22 MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

23 MR. REVOLDT: We can. You know, clearly  
24 again, I think we're going to have to have a little  
25 bit of help on the demo side. We know that a demo is

1           worth somewhere between 15 and 20 grand. So could we  
2           help? The answer is, yes.

3                   MRS. WERREN: Okay.

4                   MR. REVOLDT: And that would be an additional  
5           incentive to come in and knock some of these houses  
6           down.

7                   MRS. WERREN: Right. Right. (inaudible).

8                   MR. REVOLDT: You know, we -- we hear people  
9           say this doesn't work, this doesn't work, but the  
10          reality is, it can work.

11                   MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

12                   MR. REVOLDT: I see on the commercial side  
13          Wooster, Dublin, Columbus all use CRA on the  
14          commercial side for mixed use projects that have  
15          brought hundreds of millions of dollars into the  
16          community.

17                   MRS. WERREN: Yeah.

18                   MR. REVOLDT: I've seen in other communities  
19          where perfectly viable homes get torn down and  
20          replaced by home three times their value. So I'm  
21          not -- I'm not pessimistic. I'm willing to try it.  
22          And I'm willing to help, to your point.

23                   MRS. WERREN: Well, and Daryl, I think it  
24          says a lot that four years ago you were hesitant and  
25          that kind of you relooking and you kind of thinking,

1           hey, maybe there is a way, I think that says a lot.  
2           So thank you.

3                   MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. I just -- you know,  
4           again, I come back to this. We need to move this  
5           discussion, at the end of the day, to real numbers.  
6           And yes, there's a philosophic component to it, do I  
7           support it or don't I, I get that. But when you look  
8           at --

9                   Ben. Bounce back to the earlier slide, if  
10          you can, with the one property up in Ward 1.

11                   You know, when you --

12                   Would you do one more, please. Go down one  
13          more. It shows abatement values. I'm sorry.  
14          Before. There we go.

15                   I mean, I look at that -- I look at that, the  
16          net is \$249,000 and say why -- what is it here? You  
17          know, we can do nothing but you're going to have  
18          \$77,000. That's it.

19                   MR. FOLTZ: Hey, Daryl. It's Doug Foltz.

20                   MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. No, Doug, this is not  
21          your house. I just want to reassure you.

22                   MR. FOLTZ: No, I already built the family  
23          room on so I'm not eligible.

24                   But I think, when I'm looking at these  
25          numbers, we have to -- and we have to show this in a

1 way that if you pick a property out, I don't want to,  
2 you know, pick somebody's house out, but if you pick  
3 a R50 lot somewhere in the city that you spend, say,  
4 \$120,000 on the house, and, you know, the lot's worth  
5 so much. Then you're going to have to tear it down,  
6 and as you indicated, it's going to be around 15  
7 grand, then you're going to put up a \$250,000  
8 structure so you're going to have to get loans for  
9 all that, including whatever your mortgage is on the  
10 \$120,000 house you purchased. So I think we need to  
11 break this down in a way that shows people, you know,  
12 why this makes sense for you to do this, and not so  
13 much one -- one house in a neighborhood but how you  
14 have to uplift maybe an entire street to make sense.  
15 Because you can't -- you know, the starting point, I  
16 understand, is to pick and choose whoever -- whoever  
17 wants to do it, whoever is responsive to this, these  
18 options. But the real win is if somebody does their  
19 house this way that some of the other neighbors buy  
20 into this too.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah.

22 MR. FOLTZ: To make it all work. Or a  
23 certain neighborhood. You know what I'm after? It's  
24 not just that easy in the city.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, yeah. Doug, we've got a

1 slide that does that, actually.

2 Ben, do you have access to that slide?

3 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

4 MR. FOLTZ: I think it's worth going through,  
5 Daryl.

6 MR. REVOLDT: We took a whole -- we took a  
7 whole block and did it.

8 MR. FOLTZ: So people really understand what  
9 the, you know, availability, what the win is to do  
10 this.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. And the other thing,  
12 Doug, is this: You know, Pat's going to come back to  
13 us with some changes in the zoning ordinance as well.

14 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah.

15 MR. REVOLDT: One of the things I'm hoping  
16 we'll do is we'll look at how we -- we zone R50s and  
17 we address setbacks, et cetera. So you can stick a  
18 little bit larger house maybe on the property.

19 MR. FOLTZ: Okay.

20 MR. REVOLDT: You know, so to your point is  
21 yeah, we can't.

22 There we go. He's going to show you Slide  
23 No. 2 here on this deck.

24 You know, while we're talking here waiting  
25 for Ben to tee this up, Ben has done a huge amount of

1 work on this. So has Mark Cerreta, Pat.

2 There we go.

3 MR. FOLTZ: Okay.

4 MR. REVOLDT: There you go. Okay. So  
5 there's original block. We got 12 R50s.

6 MR. FOLTZ: Okay.

7 MR. REVOLDT: We consolidate them down to six  
8 properties. There you go.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Okay.

10 MR. REVOLDT: We didn't run the numbers on it  
11 but we thought it was too much. But it gives us an  
12 idea to -- your point is where we're headed with  
13 this.

14 MR. YOUNG: I have some numbers, if you like,  
15 Daryl.

16 MR. REVOLDT: You go ahead.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Daryl, I have a question, if you  
18 don't mind.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, go ahead.

20 MR. PETERS: Ben, if you could go back to  
21 Slide No. 5.

22 MR. YOUNG: On the original one?

23 MR. PETERS: Yeah. On the deck we just went  
24 through, Slide 5. Yes. No. Yeah. That one right  
25 there.

1 All right. Daryl. Worst-case scenario. Say  
2 the school board and Superintendent Wendorf comes  
3 back after reviewing this presentation and says, you  
4 know, you know, I see what you put here, we  
5 understand it, however, we want to be made whole from  
6 year 1.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

8 MR. PETERS: What -- what would be your  
9 suggestion?

10 MR. REVOLDT: Here's what I would recommend  
11 we do. I'll buy them out. Years 1 through 12. I'll  
12 buy them out. But -- but I get the difference. So  
13 they get 1,600 bucks for the next 36 years or  
14 whatever the valuation is. But any growth in that  
15 amount, that's -- I get it. That's the result of the  
16 property investment. The city gets it. I don't  
17 think you can have -- they can have it both ways.  
18 They can't oppose it and they can't expect to have --  
19 to enjoy the benefits of the investment.

20 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. That would be fair.

21 MR. REVOLDT: I'll just be perfectly honest  
22 with you.

23 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. Daryl --

24 MR. CERRETA: There are several ways we can  
25 do that. We can do that, what Daryl said, we can

1 take the average of the last ten years and give that  
2 to them or split it right down the middle for 32  
3 years or 36 years, but either way, they're going to  
4 get a lot more if nothing was done.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Here's a point is this: Nobody  
6 is going to get something without any -- if we're  
7 going to write a check, we're going to derive the  
8 benefit from that check writing.

9 MR. PETERS: Yeah. I think that's fair. And  
10 that's the one -- that's the -- the continual theme I  
11 keep hearing --

12 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. Now, let me --

13 MR. PETERS: -- from board members.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Let me just add one other  
15 philosophic point is this: All right? And many of  
16 you heard me say this privately; all right? All of  
17 us are elected to serve the city of North Canton and  
18 its residents. You have a board where two members  
19 don't even live in the city. Nor does the  
20 superintendent. What authority should we grant them  
21 over our future? I'll leave that question for you  
22 all to ponder.

23 MRS. WERREN: Why, thank you, Daryl.

24 MR. CERRETA: With that in mind, Daryl, there  
25 is a tax incentive review council involved with all

1 this and they do have a board of education member on  
2 that. So as this whole abatement thing goes through,  
3 there's a --

4 MR. REVOLDT: Here's -- here's -- here's the  
5 other thing is this: Let's look at the real numbers  
6 here; all right? And again, I want to come back to  
7 this. We're asking these guys to surrender a  
8 thousand dollars. What does the community get by  
9 having a new quarter-million-dollar house in contrast  
10 to a house that's collapsing in value? I don't want  
11 to get into a large sociological urban planning  
12 conversation. But I can tell you this: If our  
13 housing stock isn't sound and isn't good, it takes us  
14 to places we don't want to go as a community.

15 MR. PETERS: Well, Daryl, tonight is the  
16 second reading of 19-20. Over the course of the next  
17 couple of weeks, can we -- to Brad Davis' point, can  
18 we tighten up the language in there that gives them  
19 some leeway in demolition costs?

20 MR. REVOLDT: I'll tell you what you can do.  
21 We ought to do right now, because I don't think we're  
22 going to have any takers, but I would support a piece  
23 of legislation right now that creates a line item  
24 that has a small amount of money in it for  
25 demolition. Put \$25,000 in right now.

1 MR. PETERS: Do we know what the average cost  
2 is to demo a house?

3 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. It's about 15. Or  
4 close.

5 MR. PETERS: But with all the stuff you would  
6 take out and get paid back in scrap, copper and all  
7 that?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Demolition costs are about  
9 15,000 bucks.

10 MR. PETERS: Okay.

11 MR. REVOLDT: So if you -- if you want to  
12 create a line item and appropriate 50,000, I'm sure  
13 that would more than cover it for a while.

14 MR. PETERS: Okay.

15 MR. REVOLDT: A long while.

16 MR. FOLTZ: Well, Daryl, you could do that  
17 and say we would pay half and see how that goes. At  
18 least it --

19 MR. REVOLDT: Absolutely. I mean, we can --  
20 we can set up the fund and --

21 MR. FOLTZ: We'll match you, we'll pay 7,500,  
22 the owner pays 75 and see if we get any takers.

23 MR. REVOLDT: And remember, Alex is willing  
24 -- Alex has money, too. Zumbar has got money.

25 MR. FOLTZ: True. Yeah. Right. We can roll

1           that in.

2                   MR. REVOLDT: But again, you know, but we can  
3           create a line item to do it and that's what I would  
4           do.

5                   MR. PETERS: A couple of things, Daryl. I  
6           think it's the incentive, it's wanting to be here,  
7           it's wanting to make something happen for your  
8           community. These are all good points so, but, you  
9           know, we have to look towards the future here. We  
10          really do. I appreciate your work on this.

11                   MR. CERRETA: I'm going to give Daryl a lot  
12          of kudos on this also. He put a lot of work into  
13          this. But we have it available. If a developer  
14          wants to take an investment in our neighborhoods,  
15          this is there for him.

16                   MR. REVOLDT: Here is -- this is the thing  
17          that I keep coming back to me and I sound like a  
18          broken record on this. We're not carving things in  
19          stone tablets here. We are experimenting. We see a  
20          problem, we have identified a potential solution, we  
21          want to try it. It doesn't work, we're going to have  
22          to go to Plan B, whatever that is. But again, I come  
23          back -- I come back to where this conversation  
24          started during the public speaks. Do nothing and  
25          there are very, very real consequences that take this

1 community to very unhappy places.

2 MR. PETERS: Was there somebody else there?

3 MAYOR WILDER: Mayor Wilder.

4 MR. PETERS: Oh, yes. Mayor.

5 MAYOR WILDER: Just a comment. I appreciate  
6 the dialogue tonight from our visitors and appreciate  
7 the dialogue from council and the leadership that  
8 Daryl has given to this project. You know, brought  
9 up good points tonight. Again, the zoning analysis,  
10 demolition funding. But also, we need a -- something  
11 else in our toolbox, and I think this was just one  
12 way that helps us in transforming our community and  
13 also bringing a community development. Just not  
14 economic vitality or development, but it's a  
15 community development. And I think we're approaching  
16 a transformation phase for our city for the future.

17 And I know we'll have dialogue with our --  
18 our school system, and just please remember that one  
19 of my points of coming into office was to improve our  
20 working relationship with our educational  
21 communities, and I believe I was very strong in my  
22 support of the school levy this year, which I'm very  
23 thankful for the voters to help our schools advance.  
24 I'm just looking at a CRA as something else that we  
25 have in our toolbox that we can use hopefully for the

1 greater good, I think as Mark or somebody else just  
2 said. We may not use it for a year or two, but it  
3 has something available for us. And I just think  
4 it's something else that we have that makes us  
5 more -- I don't know what the word is. More --

6 MR. CERRETA: More enticing. More enticing.

7 MR. REVOLDT: You know, Mayor -- this is  
8 Daryl again.

9 If you go down to Dublin right now on the  
10 east side of the Olentangy River, Dublin has  
11 experienced an absolutely phenomenal  
12 multi-multi-million-dollar investment that has been  
13 put into place in part through a CRA. If we could  
14 get 20 percent of that in this community, it would be  
15 a game changer for the city of North Canton and a  
16 game changer for the school system.

17 You know, one of the things, when we pass  
18 these ordinances, there's one thing that we can't --  
19 there's nothing that we can do as we write into the  
20 ordinance, and that is, we can't instill it with  
21 infinite wisdom. It's got to be deployed wisely and  
22 not frivolously. That's part of the challenge before  
23 us is that when you put this stuff in place, you  
24 don't want to do stupid things with it. But people  
25 have to recognize that the city competes for capital.

1 And I'm talking about the commercial side now. We  
2 compete for investment. And to pretend that we will  
3 do nothing is to really limit our future.

4 MAYOR WILDER: I would agree with that.

5 MR. REVOLDT: You know, it's just the way it  
6 is.

7 MAYOR WILDER: Yeah.

8 MR. REVOLDT: We can rant and we can rave  
9 about this or that, but the reality is, if you want  
10 big projects or you want projects that add lasting  
11 value, this is a path you've got to go -- go down.  
12 But you need to use it very, very, very wisely.

13 MAYOR WILDER: Thank you.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Daryl.

15 Anyone else have a question, comment? Okay.  
16 Seeing none, let the record reflect we're going to  
17 keep Stroia and Fonte out for this next piece of  
18 legislation. We'll bring them back for 27-20. Okay.

19 MR. REVOLDT: I'd like to -- oh, go ahead.

20 MR. PETERS: Go ahead.

21 MR. REVOLDT: I'd like to make a motion we  
22 adopt the first -- or the second reading of Ordinance  
23 19-2020.

24 MR. PETERS: Well, we probably should read it  
25 first.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Excuse me. Motion to read it.  
2 I'm sorry.

3 MR. PETERS: Yeah, okay.

4 MR. REVOLDT: Senior moment. Motion to read.

5 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta will second.

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

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

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

10 Tim? Did we lose him? Hold on.

11 MR. REVOLDT: I'll read it if you want.

12 MR. PETERS: Hold on. No, Tim's -- Tim,  
13 you're on.

14 MR. FOX: I have it. There we go.

15 An ordinance implementing Sections 3735.65  
16 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code,  
17 establishing and describing the boundaries of a  
18 community reinvestment area in the City of North  
19 Canton, designating a housing officer to administer  
20 the program, creating a community reinvestment area  
21 housing council and a tax incentive review council.

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Daryl.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Well, I think we've  
24 discussed this. We've beaten this to dead. I do  
25 want to advise council that we may have a minor

1 technical amendment that is going to be coming as a  
2 result of the conversation with the Ohio Department  
3 of Administrative Services. I'll have that language  
4 and activity for us at our third and final vote.

5 MR. PETERS: Sounds good.

6 All right. Is there a motion and a second to  
7 adopt the second reading?

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve. Second.  
10 Foltz.

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

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
14 carries, 5-0.

15 All right. Ben, at this time can you bring  
16 Members Stroia and Fonte back into the fold?

17 MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir.

18 COURT REPORTER: Excuse me. Can you tell who  
19 made the motion, please. Thank you.

20 MR. PETERS: Daryl.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Daryl moved to adopt.

22 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconded. I believe.

23 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. We've got Dominic and  
25 Matt?

1 MR. STROIA: I'm here. This is Stroia.

2 MR. FONTE: I'm here. Dom.

3 MR. PETERS: All right, gentlemen, welcome  
4 back.

5 All right. Moving on. May I have a motion  
6 and a second to read by title only Ordinance 27-20?

7 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Second.

9 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."  
10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.  
12 Tim?

13 MR. FOX: An ordinance to amend Chapter 111  
14 of the codified ordinance of the City of North  
15 Canton, specifically Section 111.12, Salaries and  
16 Bonds, in order to establish amounts for public  
17 officials' surety bonds.

18 MR. PETERS: All right.

19 MR. REVOLDT: This is -- this is Revoldt.  
20 The question is, is this the appropriate committee  
21 for this?

22 MR. PETERS: Yeah. No, I just realized this  
23 is Personnel and Safety.

24 MR. REVOLDT: That is correct.

25 MR. YOUNG: There is a minor typo. It should

1 be Personnel and Safety.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Let the record -- let the  
3 record reflect that, and yeah, you know, we discussed  
4 this a couple weeks ago. Jina and Patrick gave us  
5 their thoughts on this. Are there any questions?  
6 All right. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion and  
7 a second to adopt the second reading, Ordinance  
8 27-20.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

10 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

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

12 ("Aye" in unison.)

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
14 carries.

15 Moving on, may I have a motion and a second  
16 to read by title only Ordinance 23-20.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

18 MRS. WERREN: Werren. Second.

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

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

22 Tim?

23 MR. FOX: An ordinance to amend Chapter 1133  
24 Single-Family and Two-Family Residential Districts of  
25 the codified ordinances of the City of North Canton,

1 specifically Section 1133.08(e), Fences and Walls, as  
2 described below.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

4 Chairman Revoldt.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. As we discussed at the  
6 public hearing, this is a more comprehensive rewrite  
7 of the zoning ordinance that deals with fences and  
8 walls. Marty did a -- did a huge lift addressing a  
9 broad range of issues and provided some regulation,  
10 frankly, where we didn't have any. So we had the  
11 public hearing, we've heard no comments either for or  
12 against, and if there are any questions -- if there  
13 aren't any questions, I would move we adopt the third  
14 reading of the Ordinance 23-2020.

15 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

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

18 ("Aye" in unison.)

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank  
20 you.

21 May I have a motion and a second to read by  
22 title only Ordinance 29-20?

23 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

24 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

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

1 ("Aye" in unison.)  
2 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.  
3 Tim?  
4 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the mayor  
5 of the City of North Canton, through the board of  
6 control, to enter into an agreement for the purchase  
7 of the real property located at 1136 North Main  
8 Street in the City of North Canton, Stark County,  
9 Ohio, permanent parcel number 10002312, at a cost not  
10 to exceed 230,000, and it declaring the same to be an  
11 emergency.  
12 MR. PETERS: Thank you.  
13 Chairman Revoldt.  
14 MR. REVOLDT: This is one of four purchases  
15 of real estate that will be land banked for the  
16 eventual site, or the proposed site, for a safety  
17 building.  
18 Are there any other questions?  
19 MR. PETERS: No, sir.  
20 MR. REVOLDT: If none, then I would move we  
21 adopt the first reading of Ordinance 29-2020.  
22 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?  
23 MR. FOLTZ: Second. Foltz.  
24 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."  
25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
3 the rules of council requiring three readings?

4 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

5 MRS. WERREN: Werren moves.

6 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

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

8 ("Aye" in unison.)

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt  
11 under suspension of the rules.

12 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

14 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

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

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 Okay. May I have a motion and a second to  
19 read by title only Ordinance 30-20?

20 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

21 MR. STROIA: Motion. Stroia.

22 MRS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

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

24 ("Aye" in unison.)

25 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

1 Tim?

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

7 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

8 Chairwoman Werren.

9 MRS. WERREN: We had a good discussion last  
10 week and we discussed what these funds were for from  
11 the golf course to income tax, professional services,  
12 the farmers market, Main Street carryover with the  
13 flags, and then some different retirements, and that  
14 amounted to about 321,000. If there are any other  
15 questions, Jina can take over.

16 MR. DEORIO: This is Patrick. Just inquiring  
17 about do we need to amend this? I had talked with --

18 MRS. WERREN: Oh, we did put something.

19 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. There were some  
20 additional expenses that have arisen as a result of  
21 some mechanical failures of equipment at Arrowhead.

22 MRS. WERREN: Right.

23 MR. DEORIO: Brian Hill has been on this and  
24 making sure things are being handled, but in the  
25 event that these other things need to be addressed

1 before the summer hits, I thought that since this was  
2 already up there if council would not object to  
3 increasing the appropriate line item that Jina would  
4 direct by an additional \$45,000 to effect these  
5 mechanical repairs.

6 MRS. WERREN: And, Jina, you had mentioned  
7 that so I apologize for not including that.

8 MS. ALABACK: Yes. That actually has been  
9 included in the actual Ordinance 30. I know we're  
10 not seeing it here, but it should be in your packet.  
11 We did amend for the 45,000 (inaudible) for the  
12 general fund for the golf course was 76,100.

13 MR. DEORIO: I just wanted to put that out  
14 there to make it more transparent.

15 MR. PETERS: Okay. What we'll do, what would  
16 the final tally be then on that, Steph?

17 MRS. WERREN: It's 321,200. She had already  
18 put that in with the golf course at seventy-six one.

19 MR. PETERS: Got it. Okay.

20 All right. So let me ask, do I need a --  
21 Daryl, should I motion to amend this and include  
22 that?

23 MR. REVOLDT: Yes. We're going to need a  
24 motion for an amendment.

25 MR. YOUNG: Under Roberts Rules of Order you

1 don't need a motion to amend. You haven't adopted a  
2 reading yet so there is no official text until you  
3 have adopted that first reading.

4 MR. PETERS: All right.

5 MR. REVOLDT: You will need a motion to amend  
6 after you would read it.

7 MR. PETERS: Yeah. We did just read it.

8 MS. ALABACK: For a point of clarity, in the  
9 description that's on the screen right now it says  
10 appropriated from unappropriated resources of the  
11 general fund, but these are actually multiple funds;  
12 it's not all coming from the general fund. I just  
13 don't know if can you strike the "general fund"  
14 description in that? Do you see where I'm seeing  
15 that on the screen?

16 MR. PETERS: Yeah, I am seeing that. Yeah,  
17 you know what? Let's do that. Let me -- yeah. If  
18 they're coming from multiple funds, we need to strike  
19 that.

20 So may I have a motion and a second to strike  
21 "general fund" from the title of this ordinance?

22 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

24 MRS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

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

1 ("Aye" in unison.)

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

3 MR. CERRETA: Abstain. Cerreta.

4 MR. PETERS: Cerreta abstains. Passes 6-0.

5 All right. So that cleans that up. And I  
6 guess we'll go with --

7 MR. REVOLDT: Should adopt it as amended?

8 MR. PETERS: Yeah. Adopted -- yeah. May I  
9 have a motion and a second to adopt Ordinance 30-20  
10 as amended, first reading.

11 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

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

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

16 MR. CERRETA: Abstain. Cerreta.

17 MR. PETERS: Cerreta abstains. Motion passes  
18 6-0. All right.

19 And I kind of lost myself. We're good there,  
20 Ben, moving on to 31-20?

21 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

22 MR. PETERS: Okay. Okay. May I have a  
23 motion and a second to read by title only Ordinance  
24 31-20?

25 MR. FOLTZ: So moved. Foltz.

1 MRS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

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

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

5 Tim?

6 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the  
7 director of administration of the City of North  
8 Canton to advertise and receive bids, according to  
9 the specifications now on file in the director's  
10 office, and authorizing the mayor, upon board of  
11 control approval, to enter into a contract for the  
12 Bitzer Park expansion project at a total cost not to  
13 exceed 450,000, and declaring the same to be an  
14 emergency.

15 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

16 Chairman Foltz.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Thank you.

18 As we discussed in committee last week, this  
19 is a great project for Bitzer Park. Pat, I don't  
20 know if you've had a chance to send copies to  
21 everybody or we could view this, it's a brand --

22 MR. DEORIO: I did send to everyone what you  
23 have.

24 MR. FOLTZ: Great. It's a brick structure,  
25 columns, pillars with a nice wooden -- it's like an

1 (inaudible) wood structure that's natural wood that  
2 you see. It's very beautiful with concrete, and then  
3 additional pathways, obviously, if you guys have  
4 reviewed those. I think it's been talked about for  
5 many years. I don't have a problem waiting to have a  
6 second reading. Just look at the trees a little  
7 closer to see if there is any wiggle room to save a  
8 few more.

9 I am something of a tree hugger myself. I  
10 don't think -- we obviously don't want to cut down  
11 trees we don't have to, but that said, I understand  
12 once you do construct something and put in new  
13 sidewalks and just -- just put in footers and dig up  
14 ground you're going to affect root structures that  
15 are already there, so you don't want to weaken that  
16 tree just to try to save it and that unfortunately  
17 might fall down later.

18 I do -- I do appreciate the comments by  
19 Mr. Blubaugh and some of the other public speakers  
20 about this, so, Pat, if you have anything else to  
21 add, obviously, does it have to be on emergency? If  
22 we wait two weeks --

23 MR. DEORIO: No, we can't wait.

24 MR. FOLTZ: -- does that get a little closer?

25 MR. DEORIO: No. Here's why. We are

1 advertising and receiving bids. All these issues can  
2 be addressed all along the way, but we need to get it  
3 out and advertise it so we can get bids back in and  
4 we can enter into a construction time in order to get  
5 this done this year. So I don't see value, when  
6 nothing is committed other than giving a contractor  
7 an opportunity to tell us how much something costs.  
8 We may find out this project, once bid out, maybe  
9 it's 600,000. We may not -- we may not do the  
10 project. We've had these things happen before. So I  
11 think it bears some significant weight that we get  
12 out there as soon as possible to see what is the  
13 construction market looking like given this COVID  
14 environment. We're finding, with some of our other  
15 projects, that some -- the contractor's becoming very  
16 stretched in time, is not available. Time is  
17 available if you want to pay double the premium. So  
18 it's important that we get this out there to bid.

19 Now as regarding, you know, the trees, some  
20 of the, you know, comments from earlier, the pine  
21 trees that would be to the rear of this park, for  
22 many years people thought they were part of the IRG  
23 property or part of the Y property. Well, we had  
24 them surveyed. 22 of the 24 trees are on city  
25 property. They're pine trees that, you know, for all

1 intents and purposes, the bottom two-thirds are dead.  
2 I don't know what more to say. With putting a -- you  
3 know, a structure there that these trees will fall  
4 on. At some point these are perfect candidates to be  
5 uprooted because they're so old and they're in a  
6 weakened condition already.

7 And regarding, you know, the other trees that  
8 are around the periphery and around the walkways, I  
9 mean, if we actually spent time in Bitzer Park and  
10 you would see the tree roots have uprooted  
11 significant amounts of the brick, creating trip  
12 hazards, and we all know that the only way to  
13 properly set the bricks was not the way that it was  
14 done decades ago. But there was no cement base put  
15 down to allow the bricks to rest, like we did over in  
16 front of city hall, so that we would never have these  
17 things happen.

18 But this is the perfect time to address all  
19 these things. We appreciate the -- the comments.  
20 You know, the people that are likely to utilize the  
21 park, yes, they were consulted. School system, the  
22 high school, the grade schools, the orchestras, the  
23 library. I mean, you know, for all intents and  
24 purposes, it's a park that's not being utilized right  
25 now and this is an opportunity to increase its

1 utilization and make it a signature location for  
2 downtown and be a hub of something someday that will  
3 be there if we are able to get things going over at  
4 101 East Maple and some residential development and  
5 the like.

6 So the opportunity to do this while we have  
7 funds from the State of Ohio, you know, should not be  
8 lost upon us at this time. You know, we certainly  
9 want, you know, the park to have ample foliage and  
10 whatnot and we will be working with Rice's Nursery on  
11 that to properly do it.

12 I don't agree with the assessment as it  
13 relates to city hall. Can't tell you the number of  
14 comments we received positively over the years since  
15 we've done that project and how beautiful that makes  
16 the Huntington and city hall and that corner look.  
17 So, and it will only get better as time goes on as  
18 those trees start to grow. But someday, 30 years  
19 from now, 40 years ago from now, when I'm a hundred  
20 and assuming I'm not the director of administration  
21 at that time, those trees will be too old and too  
22 big. And they will -- they will repeat the cycle,  
23 but for another generation or two to have to deal  
24 with. So that's where we're at today.

25 MR. PETERS: Right.

1 MR. DEORIO: We wouldn't allow those trees  
2 today to be planted so close to the street. And over  
3 the years we've had to do multiple, you know,  
4 trimmings to those trees because the branches were  
5 interfering with, you know, tractor-trailer traffic  
6 in those intersections. This is just -- this is the  
7 appropriate time to kind of deal with it. A number  
8 of those trees that have dead -- dead branches at the  
9 top, I mean it's -- it's indicating to me that we  
10 should be proactive at this time and create a tree  
11 design for the park that will enhance it.

12 MR. FOLTZ: Pat -- Pat, I concur with most of  
13 your comments. That's not a, you know -- you're  
14 right. That's what I said earlier. Because mature  
15 trees at the end of their life cycle can be in the  
16 way for progress. And we have to think of the next  
17 50 years to replant the next -- we'll call -- I'll  
18 call it an urban forest or urban park area so there  
19 are beautiful trees in the future, because every tree  
20 has a life span. I get all that. I'm guessing if  
21 you're wanting to move forward with this, I'm just  
22 asking down the road, once we get a contractor, if  
23 there is any way to maybe look at one or two more  
24 trees. We can look at that. I don't want to hold it  
25 up.

1 MR. DEORIO: Yeah. We absolutely can  
2 (inaudible).

3 MR. FOLTZ: I'm not saying let's save 20  
4 trees. I'm just saying maybe get Rice's down or Lola  
5 Lewis looks at it, who I know personally also, just  
6 to kind of respect some of the comments from the  
7 public to see if there's something else we could do  
8 to maybe save a few more of the trees. Other than  
9 that, I'm on board. I think we should move forward  
10 with this, and those are my sentiments. So we're in  
11 99 percent agreement here. I'm just looking for a  
12 little wiggle room on the trees. That's all.

13 MR. FONTE: Dominic Fonte agrees with Doug  
14 Foltz.

15 MR. PETERS: Any other comments?

16 MR. FOLTZ: I'll make a motion to approve the  
17 first reading.

18 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta second.

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

20 ("Aye" in unison.)

21 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

22 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
23 the rules of council for three readings?

24 MR. FOLTZ: So moved by Foltz.

25 MR. REVOLDT: Second by Revoldt.

1 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

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

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

5 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt  
6 under suspension of the rules.

7 MR. FOLTZ: So moved by Foltz.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Second. Revoldt.

9 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

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

11 ("Aye" in unison.)

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
13 carries.

14 Moving on. May I have a motion and a second  
15 to read by title only Ordinance 32-20.

16 MR. CERRETA: So moved. Cerreta.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Second. Foltz.

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

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

21 Tim?

22 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the mayor  
23 of the City of North Canton to enter into an  
24 agreement with the Stark County Commissioners for the  
25 reimbursement of costs related to the rehabilitation

1 of Stark County's East Maple vehicular bridge as part  
2 of the city's East Maple Street Enhancement Project,  
3 and declaring the same to be an emergency.

4 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

5 Chairman Fonte.

6 MR. FONTE: Yeah, like Tim said, it's on an  
7 emergency. It's not the walking bridge, it's the  
8 part where the cars drive over so there's going to be  
9 a pretty substantial cost there and we want to make  
10 sure we have an agreement that we get reimbursed for  
11 that full amount. That's it in a nutshell. It's on  
12 an emergency so I move we pass it first reading.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. FOLTZ: Second by Foltz.

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

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
19 the rules of council for three readings?

20 MRS. WERREN: So moved.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz. So moved.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt. Second.

23 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

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

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

1 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

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

4 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Foltz moves.

6 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank  
11 you.

12 All right. May I have a motion and a second  
13 to read by title only Ordinance 33-20.

14 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

15 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

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

17 ("Aye" in unison.)

18 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

19 Tim?

20 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the mayor  
21 of the City of North Canton to enter into an  
22 agreement with the Stark County Commissioners for the  
23 use of Community Development Block Grant funds on the  
24 Pittsburg/Milton/Carosel water line replacement  
25 project, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

2 Chairman Cerreta.

3 MR. CERRETA: Yes. Talked about this last  
4 week. This has been -- this has been budgeted and we  
5 also got this block grant. That's one of the reasons  
6 why it's on emergency, to get some bids going with  
7 that. But this is a water line replacement basically  
8 that's been planned. So I move that we go ahead with  
9 the first reading and, of course, emergency with  
10 this.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay.

12 MR. FOLTZ: Second. Foltz.

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

14 ("Aye" in unison.)

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

16 May I have a motion and a second to suspend  
17 the rules of council for three readings?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

19 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt  
24 under suspension of the rules.

25 MR. DEORIO: Revoldt moves.

1 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

3 ("Aye" in unison.)

4 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

5 Moving on. May I have a motion and a second

6 to read by title only Ordinance 34-20.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

8 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

10 ("Aye" in unison.)

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

12 Tim?

13 MR. FOX: An ordinance amending Part Eleven,  
14 Planning and Zoning, of the codified ordinances of  
15 the City of North Canton, specifically Chapter 1181,  
16 Amendments, as described below.

17 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

18 Chairman Revoldt.

19 MR. REVOLDT: As we discussed last week, we  
20 are trying to make some amendments to the process in  
21 the way we handle zoning issues. And in this  
22 particular ordinance we've got a couple of them which  
23 are the foundation for the ordinance. The first is  
24 that we are going to make the clerk of council the  
25 manager of zoning legislation as it moves -- as it

1 moves through the process.

2 Second, is we want to make sure that, under  
3 initiation of zoning amendments, that the mayor is  
4 included in that process. So we've added in 1181.02,  
5 for example, that the mayor can -- can submit  
6 requests for zoning changes. And these are to -- to  
7 the subdivision regs and the zoning regulations. The  
8 mayor has the authority to request a change or an  
9 amendment. I think the most -- in addition to  
10 placing the clerk as sort of the quarterback, the  
11 other thing that we really want to do, and it's  
12 required down here in 1181.03, is that we want the  
13 individual seeking the amendment to the subdivision  
14 regulations or the zoning regulations, we want them  
15 to meet with the chief building officer first. And  
16 that way any issues or problems can be identified and  
17 addressed before we're into the legislative process.

18 Why is that important? A, it avoids  
19 misunderstanding. B is, it's less costly to the  
20 applicant. So he doesn't have to go out and hire an  
21 attorney, hire surveyors, go through all the  
22 regulatory -- costly regulatory steps. It's that  
23 (inaudible) done first.

24 So, any questions?

25 MR. PETERS: No.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Well, then can I have a motion  
2 to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 34-2020?

3 MR. STROIA: So moved. Stroia.

4 MR. CERRETA: So moved.

5 MR. PETERS: Is there a second?

6 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta then.

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

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

10 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 May I have a motion and a second to read by  
12 title only Resolution No. 3-20?

13 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

14 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

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

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 Tim?

19 MR. FOX: A resolution authorizing the pickup  
20 of employee contributions for the voluntary purchase  
21 of military service credit for the City of North  
22 Canton eligible, full-time employees of the city's  
23 police and fire/EMS departments who are members of  
24 the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund through a  
25 payroll reduction pickup plan.

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

2 And Director of Finance Alaback went over  
3 this last week. Anybody have any questions for her  
4 regarding this? Jina, do you have anything to add?

5 MS. ALABACK: No. This is standard language  
6 required by the police and fire pension fund for the  
7 employee to purchase (inaudible) time that he has.  
8 It would be his own payroll deduct. It just  
9 authorizes us to deduct his payroll to pay for that.

10 MR. PETERS: Okay. Very good.

11 All right. If there are no further  
12 questions, I'll entertain a motion and a second to  
13 adopt the first reading.

14 MR. FOLTZ: So moved. Foltz.

15 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

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

17 ("Aye" in unison.)

18 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
19 carries.

20 All right. Reports. Deputy director of  
21 administration.

22 MS. FARINA: Thank you.

23 This has been a great meeting, and I don't  
24 want to make it longer so I really just have a couple  
25 of operational notes.

1           You know, as we open everything back up and  
2           everybody is getting back to life pre COVID, I just  
3           want to, you know, give kudos to our administrative  
4           staff, specifically Kelly Hart and Tracy Cole have  
5           really been holding it down. We have received an  
6           enormous amount of calls into administration recently  
7           with, you know, weather issues. You know, when it  
8           rains and the flooding, the phones just get  
9           overloaded with calls.

10           As people are, you know, out in the nice  
11           weather starting to build and do things, calls come  
12           in to us that may need to be redirected to the  
13           building department. And probably the number one  
14           question has been around the pool. You know, when's  
15           the pool opening and, you know, the progress with  
16           that. So they have done a great job. They, as  
17           always, keep the wheels on the bus so that the bus  
18           can keep moving forward in the city.

19           And also wanted to just also note the other  
20           members of -- not our team but our extension of our  
21           team, our management staff over at the Y, Ben Wheeler  
22           and his team and everything that they have been  
23           doing, really working hard, you know, to get our  
24           community pool open, Dogwood, so they have been  
25           working real hard on that. And they do have on the

1 YMCA site under Dogwood Pool, they have all the  
2 information. If anybody's asking any questions about  
3 when it's opening, anything about memberships, it's  
4 all out there now. Pool opening date is set for  
5 July 1.

6 And then in another -- what's that?

7 MR. FONTE: Yay.

8 MS. FARINA: Yay. Yes.

9 And the other addition to our management  
10 extension team is over at Arrowhead, and the general  
11 manager there, Adam Thompson, and his team. They  
12 worked really hard to also get the Arrowhead pool  
13 open this weekend and had a great, stellar weekend,  
14 great weather. And they sold an enormous amount of  
15 memberships and they're doing really well out there  
16 and the golf course looks great. So kudos to that  
17 team.

18 And then just one note I put out there, so  
19 just letting everyone know we had a repaving of the  
20 Price Park west parking lot as well as the Glenwood  
21 lot that was scheduled last week, but due to the rain  
22 that had to be rescheduled, so that is happening this  
23 week, June 10. So just everybody plan to park on the  
24 east parking lot. That would be the first parking  
25 lot off of West Maple closest to the pond. Just so

1 we can get that done.

2 And a lot of other operational things that  
3 are happening but I'm not going to go into details  
4 just other than to say that, you know, a lot of good  
5 things are happening and we're just moving it all  
6 forward.

7 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
8 Catherine.

9 Director of administration.

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

11 I would just like to inquire of the council  
12 if on June 22 -- I'm sorry, on June 15, next week,  
13 if, in addition to the committee of the whole,  
14 council would entertain a special regular meeting to  
15 consider Ordinance No. 30-2020. It was given its  
16 first reading tonight. That's on the appropriation.  
17 I know that's not on an emergency, I'm not seeking an  
18 emergency, but if we could have the second reading on  
19 June 15 and then the third reading on June 22, that  
20 would work really well for the administering of these  
21 funds.

22 MR. PETERS: For Ordinance 30-20?

23 MR. DEORIO: Yeah.

24 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. I'll handle  
25 that when we speak about the meeting calendar. Is

1           that okay?

2                   MR. DEORIO: Thank you. That's my report.

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

4                   Director of law.

5                   MR. FOX: Thank you.

6                   I am going a little bit out of order, and the  
7           rationale behind that is I had uncovered some  
8           information that I was researching that's going to  
9           impact a bit for the mayor's comments and I've been  
10          given an opportunity, in fact, it was just moments  
11          before the meeting began that I had found this and  
12          put this together so I asked if I could go first just  
13          to kind of give a little bit of a lean-in.

14                   But late last week I was asked to look at  
15          what we have here in the city is the door-to-door  
16          sales registration program that runs through the  
17          permits office. And, as you well would imagine, you  
18          would think that that program, on a statewide basis,  
19          given the governor's executive order regarding  
20          COVID-19 practices, that door-to-door sales across  
21          the board under -- somewhere under the order would be  
22          suspended, but, in fact, it's not. And that caused  
23          me to research a bit further and I found that perhaps  
24          the largest agency that would offer licenses for  
25          door-to-door solicitation, Public Utilities

1 Commission of Ohio, and has acted on this, but for  
2 itself. It licensed door-to-door sales for those  
3 businesses that, when we talk about electric or gas  
4 aggregation or anyone that purchases gas or electric,  
5 they offer licensing for those programs. And so I  
6 believe you can imagine there's a great deal of those  
7 are involved and affects a great deal of people.

8 And so when, I guess, this came to light that  
9 the door-to-door sales order was not included under  
10 the governor's executive order at the Ohio Consumers  
11 Council, and what that is, is a state agency that  
12 represents Ohio consumers of the -- the -- it's under  
13 the commission for the -- for gas and electric and  
14 the public utilities for the State of Ohio, it urged  
15 the Public Utilities Commission to suspend during the  
16 governor's executive order regarding COVID-19 all  
17 licensing involving door-to-door sales, and indeed  
18 that's what the Public Utilities Commission did. Did  
19 that on March 17, and essentially it said that these  
20 practices are in conflict with the governor's  
21 executive order. Coincidentally, it also came just a  
22 day after a similar suspension in the Pennsylvania  
23 Public Utility Commission and the Illinois Commerce  
24 Commission, so they're essentially the similar  
25 entities in other states.

1           Now, for our own city, we currently don't  
2           have any active licenses for door-to-door sales. And  
3           so what I looked at was our solicitation ordinance,  
4           that's in Section 723, and I was looking for the  
5           ability to suspend that and believing that it was  
6           either going to be our chief building officer or  
7           council to have the ability to suspend this. And,  
8           indeed, it does have a provision in there, 723.07,  
9           the revocation of a certificate, and the chief  
10          building officer can do so, but only after the  
11          applicant has done -- has essentially done something  
12          wrong; that they have misled, or deceptive  
13          information in their application or something along  
14          those lines.

15                 So I stretched out a bit in the section for  
16          business licensing, and saw that in 701.06 that the  
17          mayor has the authority to revoke any license, at any  
18          time, for conditions or considerations which, had  
19          they existed at the time of the issuance, would have  
20          been valid grounds for its denial. And then further  
21          in Section B, as a preliminary to the revocation, the  
22          mayor may issue an order to suspend the license, and  
23          this gives the authority for the applicant to appeal  
24          that suspension, and actually it's an appeal to city  
25          council, but it does give them due process.

1                   In speaking with the mayor just before the  
2 meeting, as I said, he only had a couple of minutes  
3 on this, but I believe we're on the same page that,  
4 having not known that this was available and wasn't  
5 in place, that perhaps we move on this somewhat  
6 quickly and adopt an order that will suspend, for the  
7 period of time of this COVID-19 governor's order, the  
8 ability for someone or business to obtain a  
9 door-to-door solicitation license within the city of  
10 North Canton.

11                   That's all I have.

12                   MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Tim.

13                   All right. Next up, Mayor, the floor is  
14 yours.

15                   MAYOR WILDER: Thank you, Mr. President.  
16 Thanks for researching that, Mr. Fox.

17                   Just in short, we just want to make sure that  
18 such marketing doesn't contribute to the spread of  
19 coronavirus, particularly at our at-risk populations  
20 in the city. So that is something that we'll look at  
21 tomorrow in working up an order that will address  
22 that type of solicitation to protect our community.

23                   Just a couple of things here for Mr. Davis.  
24 Again, I appreciate your patience with us trying to  
25 find the -- a yard waste disposal for green waste.

1 But I did reach out to Lake Township, and Lake  
2 Township recycle facility is open and that facility  
3 is overseen by Stark/Tuscarawas/Wayne Joint Solid  
4 Waste Management District and is open to residents  
5 who live within Stark, Tuscarawas, or Wayne counties  
6 only, and so they do accept grass clippings, leaves,  
7 branches, stumps, shrubs, pine needles and small  
8 ornamental trees. As we talked before, we have very  
9 limited space here in North Canton for us to  
10 accommodate any type of recycling like this. And I  
11 still reached out to Plain Township to see if there's  
12 some type of working partnership in the near future  
13 that we might be able to work together or collaborate  
14 on. So thank you with your patience on that.

15 Recently we had -- we -- our city provided a  
16 safe atmosphere and location for a Black Lives Matter  
17 peaceable assembly. That was last Thursday on June 4  
18 near Bitzer Park, and I do appreciate the leadership  
19 there reaching out, communicating with our city  
20 administration and chief of police so that we were  
21 able to provide a peaceable assembly for them.

22 Also, on Sunday, just to bring council  
23 up-to-date, a peaceful march of Black Lives Matter  
24 occurred on Sunday, June 7, 2020. A group of people  
25 marched from a church in Canton. Our police

1 department provided traffic control at all the  
2 intersections and we also had a station where our  
3 police department passed out water to some of those  
4 in their journey. The big thing was to provide a  
5 safe experience for this group to present and express  
6 their views in a symbol form -- civil form of  
7 communication.

8 If I may, just want to remind council that  
9 the North Canton police department is committed to  
10 providing law enforcement services to the community  
11 with due regard for the racial, cultural or other  
12 differences of those served. It is the policy of the  
13 department to provide law enforcement services and to  
14 enforce the law equally, fairly, objectively, and  
15 without discrimination toward any individual group.  
16 I know there's a lot being said and talked about in  
17 our communities and country and in the world. But I  
18 believe strongly that our community is -- is one that  
19 promotes the rights of our residents and visitors  
20 without discrimination towards any individual or  
21 group. I just wanted to share that comment with you  
22 that I feel very strongly about.

23 And again, I understand the dialogue that was  
24 from our -- our visitors today and I do appreciate  
25 their comments and we'll take many of those under

1 review. And that's all I have tonight, sir.

2 Thank you very much.

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

4 All good stuff.

5 All right. Next up, director of finance.

6 MS. ALABACK: Thank you. We've been keeping  
7 an eye on House Bill 10. It has been amended and it  
8 has passed through the House and the Senate. We're  
9 waiting on the governor's approval now. Once that's  
10 done that will be effective, but that's the fourth  
11 component of the CARES Act, which is the coronavirus  
12 relief fund. Of that, \$4.5 billion is coming to the  
13 state of Ohio; 11 1/2 million of that is coming to  
14 Stark County; 352,000 will be allocated to the City  
15 of North Canton. Those are all estimates. Until  
16 it's final, of course, we won't have the final  
17 numbers. The timeline is quite quick on that, so as  
18 soon as we have all of the guidance and the  
19 provisions released by the state auditor's office  
20 we'll create a fund, we'll track that money. Federal  
21 funds, of course, are not to be supplementing our  
22 budget but they're to supplant. But we have lots of  
23 expenditures that were unanticipated, and that will  
24 be able to apply this towards, and it's only for the  
25 time period for this fiscal year. So once we have

1 all that information, we're going to ask to move that  
2 forward pretty quickly.

3 MR. PETERS: Jina, when do you think you're  
4 going to have that information? Because I was going  
5 to, in the meetings calendar section of the agenda,  
6 set a committee and a council meeting for this  
7 Wednesday to get that handled.

8 MS. ALABACK: I would hope that we would have  
9 that, and I think our steps are very clear. It's  
10 the -- and actually the amount has been revised and  
11 both revisions have been pretty close to each other,  
12 \$352,200, so I think that by Wednesday we'll have all  
13 the necessary information to establish the fund and  
14 approve the appropriation. That would then also  
15 allow us to register on the grant that also has to be  
16 done. There is all these steps for federal funds.  
17 So by Wednesday I would think we would be in good  
18 shape to go ahead with that next step. That would be  
19 great.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. So the committee would  
21 be -- will we be talking about a resolution to accept  
22 and then an ordinance to set up a line item?

23 MS. ALABACK: To establish a fund and the  
24 appropriation, correct.

25 MR. PETERS: The fund and the appropriation.

1 Okay. Very good.

2 MS. ALABACK: Thank you.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Jina. I  
4 appreciate it.

5 All right. Next up, Engineer Graham.

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

7 First off, we had our bid opening this past  
8 Friday, June 5, for the East Maple Street enhancement  
9 project. It went very, very well. We're quite  
10 pleased how that turned out. Our engineer's estimate  
11 for that project was \$1,966,000. And our low bid of  
12 the three bids, our low bid was submitted by  
13 Central-Allied Enterprises and the amount of their  
14 bid was 1,839,705.95. So quite a bit under that  
15 estimate. So we're excited to -- actually board of  
16 control conditionally awarded it this morning and  
17 we're looking to get started hopefully in a month to  
18 six weeks once we get through all the federal  
19 paperwork to get them authorized.

20 Next up, all our projects are really moving  
21 forward quite nicely. You may have noticed today,  
22 maybe you were caught in the traffic, our paving  
23 contractor came back for our Applegrove project and  
24 they're putting on that thin polymer layer of asphalt  
25 today and tomorrow and should button it up Wednesday

1 morning. That was one where we also needed  
2 temperature to cooperate, and after a three-week wait  
3 we're finally there.

4 And also on the paving front, we have our  
5 preconstruction meeting tomorrow morning with the  
6 same contractor, Superior Paving, and also ODOT will  
7 be there, for the Portage repaving project, so I'll  
8 be able to report, you know, pretty quickly on their  
9 start date for that, but I think they want to get  
10 going pretty quick.

11 And that concludes my report, sir.

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

13 MR. GRAHAM: Yep.

14 MR. PETERS: Next up, council clerk. Ben.

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

16 I have two quick items. First off, in  
17 regards to the CRA presentation we saw earlier  
18 tonight, all members of the public who're interested  
19 in having that PowerPoint, midnight tonight a web  
20 page will go live on the North Canton website under  
21 Economic Development that will have more information  
22 about the CRA, as well as the presentation from  
23 tonight.

24 We have also been doing some -- the second  
25 thing, we've also been doing work in response to

1 citizen comments about the difficulty in finding live  
2 streams for city council. We've been doing work on  
3 the city council's web page to make our virtual  
4 meetings more open and accessible, and I would  
5 encourage any interested citizens to go to the city's  
6 website and the council page and explore the new  
7 options available.

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

9 All right. Council. Member Foltz?

10 MR. FOLTZ: No report.

11 MR. PETERS: All right. Member Werren.

12 MRS. WERREN: The only thing I'll say is just  
13 thanks for all conversation and explanation tonight.  
14 Really good reports from everybody from the mayor to  
15 director of operations to engineering, finance. Just  
16 really helpful tonight. Daryl, your overview was  
17 great and just appreciate the conversations.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

20 Member Fonte.

21 MR. FONTE: I appreciate all the comments.

22 I just wanted to say, I wanted to thank the  
23 donators for the flag fund and the Rotary, 2,500;  
24 Lions Club, 2,500; Bob DeHoff, a thousand; Bill  
25 Lemmon, a thousand, and Cutler Real Estate, 2,500,

1 and as you drive down North and South Main you can  
2 see the beautiful flags, so thanks again for the  
3 generous donation.

4 The second thing is that, you know, we had a  
5 big flash flood the other day and the Zimber Ditch  
6 was the deepest and highest I've seen it in years, so  
7 I know there's some areas that are out of the city  
8 that tree stumps are blocking drainage areas and I  
9 would just say that if the city folks, as they drive  
10 around and see they, like, Glenwood and different  
11 streets that have clogged-up drain grates, we want to  
12 make sure we try to keep that clean because that all  
13 goes down in the drain and clogs everything up, so  
14 I'm hoping that we could stay on top of it or at  
15 least direct the correct people to stay on top of it  
16 so we don't have the backing up that happened. All  
17 lot of water, if you guys checked it out, it came all  
18 the way up to the houses, almost, this time. First  
19 time in several years. And thanks for the comments,  
20 everybody. It was very informative.

21 Thank you very much.

22 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dom.

23 Member Revoldt.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

25 To Dom's observation, I believe that the

1 situation where we had a plugged storm outlet on the  
2 Zimber, I think if it hasn't already been rectified  
3 it will be pretty soon.

4 MR. DEORIO: This is DeOrio.

5 Let's make sure that we understand that we  
6 shouldn't be speaking on behalf of other governmental  
7 agencies and make it clear this was not something  
8 that occurred within the city limits of North Canton.  
9 That occurred in Plain Township. Plain Township was  
10 notified. It was determined that the Stark County  
11 Sanitary Engineer's Office was needed to be contacted  
12 in regarding this. Our city engineer has done that  
13 and given them the notice and forwarded those Plain  
14 Township residents' complaints to the appropriate  
15 agencies for help.

16 MR. REVOLDT: Well, I would respectfully --

17 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry?

18 MR. REVOLDT: I would respectfully say that  
19 when that Plain Township drain backs up and it's  
20 clogged, it impacts our residents, as Dom indicated.  
21 And although this was an extraordinary rainfall, we  
22 do have an interest in protecting our residents from  
23 downstream flooding.

24 Having said that, I want to thank Ben for  
25 putting this thing, putting our presentation live

1           tonight, it's going on at midnight because he assures  
2           me it's nothing more than voodoo economics.

3           Thank you.

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

6           MR. CERRETA: Yeah. A couple things here.

7           First of all, I'm going to state, Rob, I'm  
8           going to go after Rob on East Maple. He knows what  
9           I'm going to say. I'm surprised he didn't put it in  
10          his report here. We came under budget. What -- can  
11          we add that to my bridge out there, the Game of  
12          Thrones bridge? So just going to throw that out  
13          there a little bit there.

14          MR. FONTE: How about Glenwood? Glenwood  
15          needs it, buddy.

16          MR. CERRETA: Okay. So moving on from that,  
17          I was approached this week from community members who  
18          are stating that their community has so many nice  
19          improvements to their homes that you notice. People  
20          are out, and maybe it's the COVID thing, maybe a lot  
21          of people are at home, it's springtime, there's so  
22          many homes that look so nice. And a lot of times we  
23          put a lot of time into, you know, talking about some  
24          of these homes that have issues and so on, and I just  
25          wanted to remind everybody, because I did talk to

1 Mayor Steve and Pat today, that we do have a program  
2 online that, if you want to, you know, make or just  
3 kind of recognize something that has been -- looks  
4 nice, maybe somebody added something and it really  
5 looks nice, we do have online certificates of  
6 beautification that the mayor will give out. People  
7 just got to get online, it's on our website, and  
8 recognize folks. Because we do have a wonderful city  
9 and we continue to try to make it better with the  
10 areas that may not be as up to par that we'd like,  
11 but we do have so many and this is a beautiful time  
12 of the year that people are out there working and we  
13 have a lot of pride in that. So I want to remind you  
14 on that to keep up the wonderful pride.

15 So my next comments are directed toward  
16 Councilman Daryl Revoldt. You know, as a fellow  
17 alumni of Hoover High School, as many of you are, I  
18 want to recognize him and congratulate Daryl for  
19 being elected into the Hoover's Hall of Distinction  
20 for the community accomplishments that he's had over  
21 the years. And I don't think anybody would argue  
22 that. So, Daryl, congratulations. We know how much  
23 you put your heart and soul and a lot of care into  
24 this city, so I want to recognize you at this meeting  
25 for that from all of us.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you, Mark.

3 MR. CERRETA: You bet. You bet. And that's  
4 my report for the evening.

5 MR. PETERS: Wow. Good stuff. Thank you,  
6 Mark.

7 Member Stroia?

8 MR. STROIA: Hey, everybody. Just want to  
9 say thanks to Brad, Chuck, and Joseph.

10 Thank you to the mayor for your comments  
11 regarding the protests.

12 Congratulations, Daryl. I don't know how  
13 that slipped by us but that's fantastic news.

14 I hope everybody's staying safe --

15 MR. REVOLDT: That was a COVID emergency.  
16 They had a fever.

17 MR. CERRETA: COVID operation.

18 MR. STROIA: That's good.

19 I think that's it. Just want to say support  
20 your local businesses. They need us now more than  
21 ever, so, you know, try to make sure your effort is  
22 going toward something local. And that's it.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you very much.

25 And I guess I'll finish up here just kind of

1 piggybacking off the mayor's comments.

2 So I wanted to thank Police Chief Kemp and  
3 his -- and his staff for the great work he did for  
4 the two walks that came through town. They did an  
5 excellent job and it went without a hitch.

6 So, okay. Final call for new business to  
7 council?

8 Seeing none, we'll get into the meetings  
9 calendar. We have a committee of the whole scheduled  
10 next Monday, June 15. June 22, regular council  
11 meeting. And June 29, committee of the whole. These  
12 are all virtual via Zoom.

13 I need a motion and a second to add a special  
14 council meeting to June 15 following the committee of  
15 the whole for Ordinance 30-20.

16 MR. STROIA: So moved. Stroia.

17 MR. FOLTZ: Second. Foltz.

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

19 ("Aye" in unison.)

20 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion  
21 carries.

22 And finally, I need a motion and a second to  
23 set a special committee of the whole and -- followed  
24 by a council meeting for this Wednesday, June 10.  
25 And I'll open it up to council, can we do 5 p.m.?

1 Would that be okay with everybody?

2 MR. CERRETA: June 10.

3 MR. PETERS: That's this Wednesday.

4 MR. REVOLDT: At what time?

5 MR. PETERS: At 5 p.m.

6 MR. REVOLDT: I can do it.

7 MRS. WERREN: That works.

8 Ben, you'll send a reminder?

9 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

10 MR. PETERS: Yes. Ben has to send out a  
11 notice, so he'll copy all of us on the notice.  
12 Obviously it's a public notice. So we're all good.  
13 So --

14 MR. STROIA: That's good.

15 MR. PETERS: All right. So a motion and a  
16 second for a committee and council meeting this  
17 Wednesday, June 10, 5 p.m. And the topic is to  
18 address the COVID funds that we're going to be  
19 receiving from the state.

20 MR. FOX: There you go.

21 MR. PETERS: Do I have a motion and a second?

22 MR. REVOLDT: You've got a motion.

23 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

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

25 ("Aye" in unison.)

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MR. PETERS: Opposed? Okay. Motion carries.

Ben, do you have that? You're all set?

MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir.

MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

Well, that concludes our agenda. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta.

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

("Aye" in unison.)

MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

We are adjourned. Have a great evening, everyone.

MR. CERRETA: Thanks, everyone.

MR. STROIA: Thanks, everybody.

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(Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.)

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Attest:

  
Benjamin R. Young  
Clerk of Council

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City Council President

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