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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF
JUNE 10, 2020, MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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1 MR. PETERS: At this time I would like to
2 call to order the special committee of the whole
3 meeting, June 10, 2020, 5 p.m. One item on the
4 agenda. Finance and Property.

5 Chairwoman Werren, the floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE VOICE: Hello.

7 MR. YOUNG: Roll call, sir?

8 MR. PETERS: Steph? You got me?

9 MRS. WERREN: I'm here. Did you want to do
10 roll call?

11 MR. PETERS: Hold on. I'm sorry, yeah. Ben,
12 call the roll. Thank you.

13 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

14 MR. STROIA: Here.

15 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

16 MR. CERRETA: Here.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

18 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

20 MR. FONTE: Yes, I'm here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

22 MRS. WERREN: Here.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE VOICE: Here.

24 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters?

25 MR. PETERS: Here.

1 MR. YOUNG: And Member Foltz is absent.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. May I have a motion
3 and a second to excuse Member Foltz?

4 MR. REVOLDT: So moved. Revoldt.

5 MR. CERRETA: Second. Cerreta. Second.

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

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. We
9 are good.

10 Now the floor is yours, Chairwoman Werren.

11 MRS. WERREN: Okay. Thank you.

12 So we're here to talk about the relief fund
13 for the COVID that we had applied for, and with Jina
14 a little bit earlier today through e-mail -- and let
15 me get my sheet up. Hold on. Because this has to be
16 filed by January -- or by June 15 so that was why the
17 emergency happened, and what is -- we need to create
18 a new special revenue fund, a (inaudible)
19 appropriations, register the grant, and that is for
20 the June 15 deadline and then we need to spend the
21 money by 12/30. And so the resolution will take care
22 of the first three steps tonight, and then Patrick
23 and Jina and maybe a few others are going to discuss
24 how to spend that approximately 352,000 to mitigate
25 the COVID issues in our city.

1 Jina, anything else? And thank you for
2 helping me with that and understanding and all that.
3 Anything else you want to comment on?

4 MS. ALABACK: No. The timeline has been
5 really very tight.

6 MRS. WERREN: Very.

7 MS. ALABACK: And so we received the first
8 note around four o'clock on Monday of last week, and
9 then Tuesday we got a little bit more information
10 that says hold on, it's coming. And Thursday we got
11 a little bit more information. So we are processing
12 it as fast as we can. And I know this is federal
13 funds, but they're filtering down through the state,
14 then to the counties, and then distributed -- on a
15 percentage local government funds are distributed.
16 So the timelines are tight, I know, but we're on the
17 fourth round of the federal relief monies coming out
18 of the federal government for COVID.

19 MRS. WERREN: Thank you.

20 And I think this is another great way of
21 flexibility and we're all able to meet and move this
22 forward. Monies we definitely want.

23 Anybody else have any other questions?

24 MR. FONTE: No.

25 MRS. WERREN: Great. If not, then we'll move

1 this to the agenda for Monday or it will have to be
2 on an emergency, correct, Jina?

3 MR. PETERS: Today.

4 MRS. WERREN: Today. Sorry about that.
5 Today.

6 MR. PETERS: We're doing this immediately
7 following the committee meeting.

8 MRS. WERREN: You're right. I'm sorry.

9 MR. PETERS: So are there any other questions
10 for Jina or --

11 And I'll entertain a motion and a second to
12 adjourn our committee meeting.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

14 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

16 ("Aye" in unison.)

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

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19 (Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.)

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22 Attest:

23 *Benjamin R. Young*
24 Benjamin R. Young
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Daniel Jeff Peters
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1 MR. PETERS: All right. Now, I would like to
2 call to order the North Canton special city council
3 meeting June 10, 2020. Time is 5:05.

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

5 MR. CERRETA: Sure. Sure.

6 MR. FONTE: I'd like to do the prayer once in
7 a while.

8 MR. CERRETA: Well, Dom, why don't you, Dom.

9 MRS. WERREN: (inaudible) Dom.

10 MR. CERRETA: Way to step it up there, Dom.

11 MR. FONTE: Well, I just -- he always goes
12 right to you and I feel kind of left out. Every once
13 in a while I'd like to say something.

14 MR. CERRETA: I'm happy that you put your
15 foot forward.

16 MRS. WERREN: I like that, Dom. I want to
17 hear what you say.

18 MR. FONTE: I figure I'm in the arena, I
19 might as well try.

20 MR. CERRETA: Go for it.

21 MR. FONTE: All right. Ready, everybody?
22 Bow your heads.

23 Lord, thank you for the opportunity to let us
24 serve the people of our community. Lord, let us make
25 the wise choice that would benefit the majority of

1 the people. With your guidance and patience and
2 love, let us do the right thing always. Come, Lord
3 Jesus, be your guest. Let thy gifts to us be
4 blessed. Amen.

5 MR. CERRETA: All right. Nicely done.

6 MR. PETERS: Nice job, Dom.

7 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

8 MR. PETERS: All right. At this time, would
9 everyone please follow Dominic's lead in the Pledge
10 of Allegiance.

11 (The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

12 MR. PETERS: Outstanding, Dominic. Thank you
13 so much.

14 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

15 MR. PETERS: Okay. At this time, Ben, would
16 you please call the roll.

17 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia?

18 MR. STROIA: Here.

19 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta?

20 MR. CERRETA: Here.

21 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

23 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte?

24 MR. FONTE: Here.

25 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren?

1 MRS. WERREN: Here.

2 MR. YOUNG: Member Peters?

3 MR. PETERS: Here.

4 MR. YOUNG: And Member Foltz is absent.

5 MR. PETERS: Revoldt moves to excuse Member
6 Foltz.

7 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

9 ("Aye" in unison.)

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

12 At this time, recognition of visitors. I
13 believe we have one participant, so Ben, I'll let you
14 take it from here.

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

16 MR. BLUBAUGH: Yes, I am.

17 MR. YOUNG: When you're ready, sir. Start
18 with your name and address.

19 MR. BLUBAUGH: Okay. Joseph Blubaugh. 256
20 Glenwood.

21 I'm apologizing, I'm not going to speak about
22 what's on the agenda today but I just want to follow
23 up with what we talked about on Monday because I'm
24 kind of confused. So please bear with me if this
25 isn't the appropriate forum to talk about this. I'll

1 be brief.

2 In last Monday's council meeting after my
3 suggestion that the Bitzer Park plan not be passed as
4 an emergency and the plan be reviewed by the Ohio
5 Department of Natural Resources urban arborist, it
6 was passed as an emergency but it was agreed that the
7 arborist would be consulted and if any changes were
8 agreed to they would be made after the bidding is
9 done. However, it's not clear to me who needs to
10 talk to Lola Lewis, the arborist, whether it's Doug
11 Foltz or Pat DeOrion or Brian Hill. It's not clear
12 who should set up these conversations. Should Lola
13 reach out or would one of them reach out to her or
14 should I set them? And it's not clear when these
15 conversations need to take place, who makes the final
16 decisions, and, you know, things like that. And if
17 it's not done by a certain date will it be too late
18 because the contractor will already be moving
19 forward?

20 And finally, the real issue for me is the
21 large trees that are planned to be taken out along
22 the edge of the park. There's 12 trees along Main
23 Street and Maple Street that are planned to be
24 removed and they're far from where the bandstand will
25 be built. So therefore I would like to suggest that

1 the technical spec be modified to no longer include
2 the renovation of the sidewalks and the removing of
3 the 12 trees along Main Street and Maple Street and
4 that way the bidding can move forward for the actual
5 construction of the bandstand and the seating area
6 and everything related to that and, in the meantime,
7 the issue of how to redo the edges of the park along
8 Main Street and Maple Street can be reviewed by the
9 necessary people and then a separate contract be put
10 out just for that work. By breaking the contract
11 into one large one and one small one, we would not
12 delay the main construction which has been approved
13 as an emergency and we could properly review the
14 removal of the large trees as was agreed would be
15 done.

16 So that's what I wanted to say and suggest.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. FONTE: Thank you, Joe.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. Peters.

20 MR. PETERS: Yes, sir.

21 MR. REVOLDT: This is Revoldt.

22 To answer Joe's question, the appropriate
23 point of contact for the city with the Ohio
24 Department of Natural Resources is the director of
25 administration. So I think the mayor needs to, in

1 Pat's absence, encourage him to get ahold of ODNR to
2 make that contract -- contact.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay.

4 MR. REVOLDT: If the mayor's kind enough to
5 do that.

6 MR. PETERS: Okay. All right. Thank you,
7 Daryl.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Okay.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Now, next on the
10 agenda we have old business, but there are none. So
11 moving on to new business, as allowed in Council Rule
12 111.06(c), I'm going to ask that there's a motion and
13 a second to suspend the requirement for committee
14 report before we start reading these. So --

15 MR. REVOLDT: Mr. President, this is Revoldt.
16 I move that we suspend the rule requiring a committee
17 report/minutes and consider that without the same as
18 we have an affirmative vote to proceed from our
19 committee of the whole.

20 MR. PETERS: And this will be for Resolution
21 4-20 and Ordinance 35-20; correct?

22 MR. REVOLDT: That is correct.

23 MR. PETERS: All right. We have a motion.
24 Is there a second?

25 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor? Oh, do I need a
2 roll call on that?

3 MR. REVOLDT: No. No.

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

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.
7 Thank you, Daryl.

8 Okay. May I have a motion and a second to
9 read by title only Resolution 4-20.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

12 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."
13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.
15 Tim?

16 MR. FOX: Resolution to receive and expend
17 federal funds under Section 5001 of the Coronavirus
18 Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, and declaring
19 the same to be an emergency.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay. Steph, if you don't mind,
21 I'll go ahead and speak for both of these. We just
22 had the committee report. Are there any further
23 questions for Jina?

24 All right. Seeing none -- I'm sorry.

25 MRS. WERREN: That works. No, that works.

1 MR. PETERS: Okay. I'll entertain a motion
2 and a second to adopt the first reading.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

4 MRS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt. Second.

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

7 ("Aye" in unison.)

8 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

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

11 MR. REVOLDT: So moved. Revoldt moves.

12 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

13 MR. STROIA: Stroia. Second.

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

15 ("Aye" in unison.)

16 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

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

19 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

20 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta seconds.

21 MR. STROIA: Stroia. Second.

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

23 (Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

25 All right. Moving on, may I have a motion

1 and a second to read by title only Ordinance 35-20.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

3 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

5 ("Aye" in unison.)

6 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

7 Tim?

8 MR. FOX: An ordinance authorizing the
9 appropriation of funds received under Section 5001
10 for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security
11 Act for current expenses during the fiscal year
12 ending December 31, 2020, creating related funds and
13 declaring the same to be an emergency.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Any further
15 questions for Jina or Chairman Werren on this?

16 All right. Seeing none, I'll entertain a
17 motion and a second to adopt the first reading of
18 Ordinance 35-20.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

20 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

22 ("Aye" in unison.)

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

24 May I have a motion and a second to suspend
25 the rules of council?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

2 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

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

4 ("Aye" in unison.)

5 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

6 And finally, a motion and a second to adopt
7 under suspension of the rules Ordinance 35-20.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MRS. WERREN: Werren. Second.

10 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta. Second.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you, Mark.

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

13 ("Aye" in unison.)

14 MR. PETERS: Opposed? All right. Motion
15 carries. Outstanding, everybody.

16 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn at this
17 time.

18 MR. CERRETA: So moved. Cerreta.

19 MRS. WERREN: Second.

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

21 ("Aye" in unison.)

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 We are adjourned. Have a great day,
24 everybody.

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(Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.)

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Attest:

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