

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

ORGANIZATIONAL Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held Saturday, December 3, 2005

1:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER:

1. The organizational meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor David J. Held.

Those present for the hearing were: Council members Foltz, Lane and Snyder, Council elect DeOrio, Hines, Magel and Repace. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Law Pusateri, Director of Finance Herr, City Engineer Benekos, Clerk of Council Kalpac and Assistant Clerk of Council Cousino.

2. Opening prayer by Pastor David Wright, Trinity Baptist Church.
3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Held: Thank you, very much. It is a privilege to be here. It was a long road. We had a long, vigorous and competitive campaign in the Mayor's campaign and also with City Council. And now that's behind us, and today, on December 3, 2005, marks a new beginning for North Canton. As I said, we have new City Council, a new Mayor. We're going to have a new Administrator, and I know that we're all going to show respect towards one another and their ideas; and, at the same time, we're going to have healthy discussion and debate on all the issues so that we can best serve the interests of the people of North Canton. We're going to have a new appointment of our new Administrator, Earle Wise. We had given each Council member the opportunity to meet with Earle and talk with him, and I can assure everyone that we will be operating in an open manner, and we will communicate with City Council. So, I am very excited about this. And to mark this special day in North Canton, today, we have with us Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell, who will be giving the oath of office to the Mayor and also to City Council members. And just a little background, Justice O'Donnell and I – our paths first crossed 34 years ago, when he was teaching eighth grade at St. Brendan's grade school, and I was a first grade student. And so we would pass in the hallways. And then I had followed in his steps as I went to St. Edward High School, where Justice O'Donnell is also an alumni of St. Edward's. And, so, when you look at how life comes around and it's somewhat of a circle, it's exciting; and it's going to be a pleasure to have him here, and it's just an honor to have Justice O'Donnell give the oath of office. And we'll start now with the Mayor.

Justice O'Donnell: Not so fast, your honor. Not so fast. It's my court. Let me, ladies and gentlemen, first of all, extend my appreciation to each one of you for being here. You see, you're here because you have a family member or someone who is very close to you who is seated behind me. But the joy of the moment and the celebration that you feel has to be tempered a bit. Why do I say that? Because you are witnessing a part of history here today, and you need to put this into proper context. You see, seated here in this room is the executive department of government, the legislative department of government and I, here, representing the judicial department of government. And this is an historic moment. I'm so pleased to see that there are some photographers and some news reporters who can really report the events of the day. And it's so great to see the children that are here, because though they may not remember every moment, what they will realize is that this is a transfer of power. Do you realize that we are passing today in an open forum the hands of government – elected by the people – in an orderly fashion. Your money is going to be spent by these individuals; decisions are going to be made that will affect not only your families, but your employment, your children, every aspect of your life. Oh, it's the ordinary thing that you hope City Council will do. It's the leadership you hope you get from the Mayor. But you're witnessing how it is in our society that we really transfer government. And, so, I want to keep in your minds the idea that this is a great day, of course, but also the idea that you're witnessing something. Well, it happens so often that we just pass it by. We know who the Mayor is, or he's our friend. But, really, it's the office that you are here to serve; and it's the office of the legislators that you are here to recognize, because we only occupy these chairs for but a few moments. And it's what we do in the occupancy of those chairs that affects the future generations, and we all pledge that we do the best we can to serve. And, so, it's always an honor for me to come to an event like this and see so many people in the towns come out. And I always like to call to mind, whether we install judges into the state judiciary, or whether we install members to the executive or legislative departments, to let them know what this is and how special this is. Because half a world away, we have men fighting for us, because others don't do that. Imagine the dictatorships that we have in parts of the country, because we just take it for granted. So let's not take it for granted. Let's enjoy the moment, and let's recognize what we're witnessing. Mayor. (Applause). Come up right over here.

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4. Oath of Office – Elected Officials

Justice O'Donnell: Mayor, would you raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Justice O'Donnell and Mayor Held: I, David Held, do solemnly swear that I shall support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton; and that I pledge to execute the duties of the office of Mayor of the City of North Canton, for which I have been elected, to the best of my ability. And this I do as I shall answer to God.

Justice O'Donnell: Congratulations, Mayor. (Applause)

Mayor Held: And I would like – I'd like to again thank Justice O'Donnell for coming here. This is very kind of you. I appreciate it. And, also, I have to thank my wife, Sharon, because she has been – she's been a – for the first time in my life, I'm speechless. But, no, Sharon has been a great support, and I love her dearly and the children also. And if you think it was tough getting everybody up here this morning, you should have seen our house this morning. (Inaudible). Just getting everyone dressed. And anyone who called me this morning can attest to that. But, again, I'd like to thank Sharon and our children also. And, of course, I'm speechless again. My father and mother. As long as I don't look at my parents, I'm okay. But I do appreciate everything that they've done for me, and that's one of the reasons I believe I'm here. So, thank you.

Justice O'Donnell and Council: The new members of Council, I think, are next. You need to each raise your right hands, please, and repeat after me. I....., do solemnly swear that I shall support the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances and Resolutions of the City of North Canton; and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge and perform all of the duties incumbent upon me as an elected member of the City Council of the City of North Canton. And this I do as I shall answer unto God.

Justice O'Donnell: Congratulations. (Applause) That's why it is so special that I am here, and that's what a privilege it is to be able to administer an oath to elected individuals to take oath like that in public forum. Thanks all very much. It's been a pleasure to be here.

5. Election of President of Council

Mayor Held: Our new City Council. (Applause) Next item on the agenda, we will have the vote for President of City Council. Do I have any nominations?

Mrs. Magel: I would like to nominate Doug Foltz for President of Council.

Mayor Held: We have but one nomination; are there any others?

Mr. DeOrio: I will second the nomination.

Mr. Held: We have a motion and a second.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to close the nomination for President of Council.

Mr. Held: Nominations are closed. Can we have a vote?

All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Hines, Lane, Magel, Repace, Snyder.

No: 0

Mayor Held: We have a new City Council President, Doug Foltz. (Applause) Congratulations.

6. Election of Vice President of Council

Mr. Foltz: Next we'll have the election of Vice President of Council. I will make a motion to nominate Kathy Magel for that position.

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Mrs. Hines: I'll second that motion.

Mr. Foltz: Does that close the nomination?

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, I move that you nominate Doug Lane.

Mr. Lane: I'll second.

Mr. Foltz: Okay. I guess we have a voice vote now. First I think we act on the motion –

Mr. Snyder: Close the nominations and then you call the votes per candidate, either by voice or by ballot. But you choose.

Mr. Foltz: Okay. As Mr. Snyder – Councilman Snyder indicated, we'll close the nominations.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Lane seconded to close the nominations. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Hines, Lane, Magel, Repace, Snyder, DeOrio.

No: 0

Mr. Foltz: Okay. Now run a roll call?

Mr. Pusateri: Yes. Just pick each name and just vote for the person.

Mr. Foltz: Okay. Roll call for who ever you prefer to be Vice President of Council.

Hines - Magel; Lane - Lane; Magel - Magel; Repace - Magel; Snyder - Lane; DeOrio - Magel; Foltz - Magel.

Clerk Kalpac: Mr. President, that's five for Magel and two for Lane.

Mr. Foltz: Okay. Very good. So, now our Vice President of Council will be Councilwoman Kathy Magel. (Applause)

Mr. Foltz: Next on the agenda will be the Mayor's appointment for Director of Administration – that's Earle Wise. So, I think we can just take a voice vote on this.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to nominate the appointment by Mayor Held of the Director of Administration, Earle J. Wise. All members present voting:

Yes: Lane, Magel, Repace, Snyder, DeOrio, Foltz, Hines. (Applause)

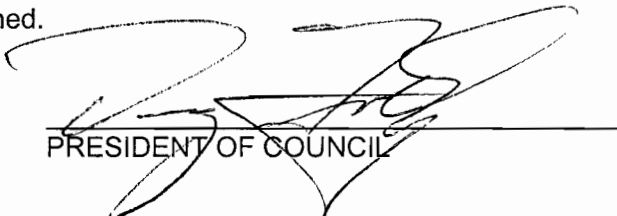
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Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to adjourn. All members present voting:

Yes: Magel, Repace, Snyder, DeOrio, Foltz, Hines, Lane.

No: 0

The organizational meeting adjourned.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:


CLERK OF COUNCIL