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Minutes of COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

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Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held Tuesday
Monday, January 16 7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council Doug Foltz.
2. The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Gary Smith, Zion United Church of Christ.
3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

4. The following members of Council responded to roll call: DeOrio, Foltz, Hines (arrived during Recognition of Visitors), Magel, Repace, and Snyder. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Wise, Director of Law McFarren, Director of Finance Herr, City Engineer Jim Benekos, and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Member Lane and it seems, temporary excuse Member Hines.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. DeOrio moved to excuse Member Lane and temporary excuse Member Hines.

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

No: 0

5. Consideration

Council Meeting: December 11, 2006

Financial Statement: November, 2006

Mayor's Court Receipts: November, 2006 and December, 2006

Mr. Foltz: For consideration of Council, Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2006;

Mrs. Herr: How many times do we have to go...inaudible...

Mr. Foltz: Mayor Court Receipts from November and December 2006; and Financial Statement from November, 2006....

Mr. Wise: Right now...inaudible...thirty – six...inaudible....

Mr. Foltz: Do I have a motion to approve those minutes?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Magel seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voting:

Mr. Wise: He thinks that – he thinks it's...inaudible....

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

No: 0

6. Committee Minutes

Finance & Property Committee: Refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Finance & Property Committee meetings held December 11, 2006 and January 8, 2007.

Ordinance, Rules & Claims Committee: Refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Ordinance, Rules & Claims meeting held January 8, 2007.

Personnel & Safety: Refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Personnel & Safety Committee meetings held December 11, 2006 and January 8, 2007.

Water, Sewer & Rubbish Committee: Refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Water, Sewer & Rubbish meeting held January 8, 2007.

Executive Session – Personnel & Safety: Refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Personnel & Safety Committee meeting held December 11, 2006.

Mr. Foltz: Request approval as presented the following Committee Report Minutes.

Mr. Wise: ...inaudible...down and...inaudible...

Mr. Foltz: Executive Session Personnel & Safety, December 11, 2006; Finance & Property, December 11, 2006 and January 8, 2007;

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Mr. Wise: ...inaudible...there's nothing more...inaudible...in the morning...inaudible...

Mr. Foltz: Ordinance, Rules & Claims, January 8, 2007;

Mr. Wise: until 4 a.m....inaudible

Mrs. Herr: Inaudible...

Mr. Foltz: Personnel & Safety, December 11, 2006 and January 8, 2007; and Water, Sewer & Rubbish, January 8, 2007. Do I have a motion to approve Committee reports as presented?

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

7. Appointment of Tom Rice to Community Improvement Corporation

Mr. Foltz: Appointment, look for approval of appointment of Tom Rice to the Community Improvement Corporation, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Do I have a motion to approve?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Repace seconded to approve the appointment of Tom Rice to the Community Improvement Corporation.

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

No: 0

8. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Foltz: Okay, next, Recognition of Visitors. Anyone would like to address Council this evening please come up to the podium, identify yourself, your name and address and feel free to address Council at this time. Thank you.

Mr. Meeks: Good evening. Thank you, Mr. President. I'm Steven Meeks, President of the Jackson Board of Trustees. Council, Mayor Held, thank you for giving me a little opportunity to speak before you. First time that I have been here...I do appreciate the time. First and foremost, is - all I want to do is open myself up to you all on addressing...what was written in the paper - it was dated January 11th, and I guess from comments from a Mr. Brett Reed, which I do not know, however, three quarters of the way into his article, he makes an accusation stating that, I guess is referring to Mr. Repace, broke Ohio's Open Meeting Law and extended - and exceeded his authority as Councilman by meeting with Jackson Township Trustees to discuss Joint Economic Development. I'm here as the only Trustee that ever met with Mr. Repace, but let me start from the beginning. We entertained...or actually we gave a - an offer, an invitation to Mayor Rice when we started, myself and our Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, started when Mayor Rice was in - in office to meet on how we can better work together. On how we, if - if we were ever to choose a community that is more - most like Jackson Township, it is North Canton. And through all of your woes that we see through the Hoover Company and that, we felt that it was time that we start talking about our futures. We all see fiscal cuts from the state and that, and how are we going to offset that. I know in the Township form of government, it's very difficult for us to have funding...generators to offset these huge cuts. So what better way is to talk to our neighboring community that we can help one another. So that's where we started with Mayor Rice. We were moving right along and the election happened. And the honorable David Held was elected. Nothing happened. Well, the time is ticking and it's time to start talking again, and we contacted Mr. Repace to start those talks once again. And the reason why we selected Mr. Repace is because of knowing Mr. Repace. Number one, Mr. Repace is a man of his word. I respect...Mr. Repace, I respect what he has done, what he stands for. And by doing so, that is, we didn't want to do our talks into the open, because like I said, these are talks that need a - our future growth, if we really are concerned about our economic development and helping one another...we do not need to air those types of talks in the press, so it's okay for me, one board member, and Mr. Repace, and I've talked to Mr. DeOrio. Our legal counsel was...always present, we even had talks that we had...Trustee Lou Giavasis at, because there was some issues in partnering that we thought would help all of us in Plain Township as well. But I'll tell you what, this man is a man of integrity and if, whoever this gentleman is, if he would ever like to come to my board meeting, and one thing that we do not do, and believe me, you've all read things in the paper about Jackson Township. I know what the Sunshine Law is. I know what the Code of Ethics is. I would never put myself in that position, nor a fellow community member. But I'm just here to - to show my support to Mr. Repace because I think, I don't know this man, but I think there are some issues that should be able to be worked out. But if he - if he gets his wish and recalls this man, North Canton will definitely hurt because of that. Thank you.

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Mr. Foltz: Appreciate your clarification...

Mayor Held: Steve.

Mr. Foltz: on that situation and...thank you for your kind words for North Canton and Member Repace. I feel the same way about him also. Anyone else like to address Council?

Mrs. Magel: Could we say that Susie's in attendance?

Mr. Foltz: Yes, before we do that, just for the record Gail, Member Hines has made the meeting.

Mrs. Hines: I apologize.

Mr. Foltz: Got through the treacherous weather, she's now here in attendance with us. Go ahead sir.

Mr. Gonzalez: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I appreciate the opportunity to get to address you tonight. I'd like to...echo what Mr. Meeks said. I think the part in the story that bothered me the most is that...it said Open Sunshine Laws and Open Meeting Laws were violated. There was never two Trustees there, and I understand there may be some in fighting, I mean, it - it's politics and I can understand somewhat of that, but don't drag a community that's trying to work with your community into it and under a bad light, saying that we did something wrong. We're very careful not to do that, and that's why myself and Mr. Meeks did meet with them and we felt the one thing that we came out of those meetings with, with Mr. Repace and Mr. Giavasis was, I think we're facing today is providing the most amount of services for the least amount of taxes. I think that's what we're all trying to do as elected officials and that's what we worked on doing. And we talked about many, many things as Mr. Meeks said, that would have been, could have been shot down just by being in the press. Those discussions we hope would continue, I felt totally comfortable doing those with Mr. Repace and...quite frankly, as Steve said, it was the contact to him when he was elected that I felt was the most appropriate at the time just because of our - our relationship with him. Again, thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Appreciate...for the record, could you state your name and address for the record?

Mr. Gonzalez: Sure, my name is Randy Gonzalez, 6929 Frank. I'm the Fiscal Officer of Jackson Township.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you Randy. Anyone else like to address Council this evening?

Mr. Osborne: My name's Chuck Osborne, 307 Fairview Street S.E., North Canton, Ohio. I think it's fine and dandy to see...friends come up and support their friends and Mr. Meeks, it might have been appropriate to sit down over a beer and just discuss some possibilities but Mr. Repace made it clear in this body on several occasions that he was meeting with the Trustees, that he did not want the Administration or the Mayor or the Economic Development Director or anybody. He proclaimed he was going to be the negotiator for the City and obviously he was the negotiator and in my mind there obviously must have been more individuals involved, because he brought back to this City an agreement that was a - that he attempted to rush through this Council, on emergency and thankfully, there was enough intelligence on this Council that they killed the proposed agreement. And it's quite interesting to learn now that Mr. Giavasis from Plain Township was brought in, in this arrangement. You have the Plain Township and Jackson Township hoping to stave off annexations. Annexations are the only thing that's going to save this City. And unless they are aggressively pursued like the City of Canton and Massillon, the City's going to wither and die. So Mr. Repace, his position in these negotiations, I think, is being...mischaracterized now. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Okay. Anyone else like to address Council?

Ms. Burnett: I'm Suzanne Burnett and I live on Pierce Avenue in North Canton, and the more I listen to the squabbles that are going on in this community over a lot of stuff, the more I deplore or no, the more I worry and wonder how we will ever have peace in the world. We need to get along. We can't spend our time in petty bickering. You have to be able to express your opinion in a Council meeting. You can't be labeled because you say what you think. You have to have freedom of expression, and if there isn't disagreement among you, I'm going to be disappointed. That's why we voted for you. And I just think it's time for everybody to grow up and be adult. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Thank you.

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Mr. Zeigler: I thank you for the opportunity to come and seek the Council today and the Mayor. My name is Gary Zeigler and I'm the...Stark County Treasurer, don't hold that against me, your tax bills just went out.

Mr. Foltz: Just got those in the mail here.

Mrs. Magel: ah-ha.

Mr. Zeigler: I figured. I'm on the spot here.

Mr. Foltz: You might need somebody to help walk you out after...

Mr. Zeigler: But, I was listening what the lady just said, and believe me, I think there's a bigger problem and - and - and the problem here is, we got Hoover's across the street. You got a company across the street. And believe me, that company is so vital, not only to North Canton, but to the County, and the jobs that that County - that that factory has to keep, because if not, and I'm going to speak for Mr. Repace, because you know, I talked to Jim and Jim, you know, he does some things and I'm going to let City Council know what Jimmy does with my office. I can just tell you this, when the jobs were cut over there, that man came to my office in tears. He says, Gary, is there anything we can do to help my workers not lose their homes? And believe me, there was a lot of people that called my office that worked over there, that their taxes were due, they did not know how they were going to pay them, and this man worked with me on - and I said, Jim, anything I can do, put them on a payment plan, if I can help them with their payments, I says, is a contracts, there's a lot of things we could do to help these people, and believe me, and if it happens, Jimmy, you know...and - and you all got such an important job, and it's a very important job. Jim has so much weight on his shoulders right now, do you understand he's got not only people that left that factory but he's got 900 workers over there and his position is to see how he can keep those jobs here in North Canton. Very tough position. And believe me, this guy's got a lot of integrity and he came to my office, and Jim, you know we've been working on it, and I'll tell you something, there's - there's workers, I mean, I know Jim, you want me saying nothing, but I just wanted to say this, that this guy has done so much for his own people over there, and I'm going to tell you something. If we don't do something, and stick together, like this - this...lady just told you, we could lose those jobs over there. And to lose those jobs would be devastating to North Canton in tax revenue and it would be devastating to this County, and you know we've lost thousands of jobs in this County already. And for us to maintain these jobs, we have to stick together locally, county, state officials, Jim's been talking with federal officials, state officials, you know he's had a lot of conversions, and believe me, you know, it's tough to get everybody together, you know, on the same page. But believe me folks, if we don't get on the same page here, and try to help this company across the street, there's 900 people over there, their lives are going to be affected. And I know one thing, if you haven't read in the papers, the State of Ohio is number one in foreclosures. Okay, and that's something not to be proud of. That's something we got to work on to try to get rid of. But all I'm going to tell you is this, that we don't do something, stick together as a community, and a county, even a state, we have to keep these jobs here in the State of Ohio. And Jim, I want to give you credit for what you've done for your workers, with you know, coming and talking to us. And is there anything more we can do, as a County Treasurer for your workers, you contact us. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Thank you. Anyone else like to address Council this evening?

Unidentified (from audience): ...inaudible...

Mr. Giavasis: Lou Giavasis, 5751 Beverly Avenue, Canton, Ohio, President of the Plain Township Board of Trustees. I'm here in support of Mr. Repace also. Yes, Plain Township has been in discussions with the City of North Canton, Jim's been involved as...well as the former Mayor. I recently had one with the current Administrator and several other members of the Administration. The reason why Plain Township is having those discussions is because of the pursuit of Jim Repace coming to us, wanting to cooperate, and that's what this is about really, is the cooperation between the City and the Townships. Mr. Osborne said the City is going to die without annexation. That's not true. The state legislature has put things in the books to help communities cooperate. Not only that, in that bill, it requires the City with an outright annexation to pay the Township back. So it's not free any longer. There's ways to cooperate. And the reason why Plain Township is cooperating with North Canton right now is solely because of Jim Repace. And that's what everybody needs to keep in mind. This man has accomplished so much in the two years in Council, and keep one thing in mind, this is my 15th year as a Trustee. I've gone through four mayors. Several other council people. This is the sole individual that actively pursued cooperation, not only with Plain Township, but also with Jackson. And that's going to benefit the City and like Mr. Zeigler said, that company over there's important to everybody, and I think the individuals circulating this recall ought to be ashamed of themselves. That's all I have to say.

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Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Simon: Hi buddy. I just came up here to...

Mr. Foltz: Would you state your name and address sir?

Mr. Simon: Dave Simon, Burkey N.W. I want to...lend my support to Mr. Repace over here. I know how much the man cares, I known him for thirty-five years, I knew him before he became union president, I knew him before he became a councilman. Before, even before then, he cared. He's tried to keep jobs here, he's fought every way he could. He's - he's given everything he's - he's had for...that...company over there, which these guys know that's very important. He comes down to the level of the worker also. He's come down to me with all the pressure he has, always says, how's your - how's your son? The man - the man cared about North Canton before he was on that Council. It's a shame people can't get along. And it's a shame that there's a lot of back biting that doesn't need to be because the only ones getting hurt is us people. Not you people. You people have your jobs. Maybe if you worked together maybe you might get something done. But Mr. Repace, I do know, has this community and that company in the forefront. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Thank you. Anyone else like to address Council this evening? As a final note, I'd just like to say I - I appreciate...community leaders coming here to this Council chambers and discussing your views and your words of wisdom, 'cause it is very important we all work together. I mean, community development and business interests can be a win for the townships and the cities. And it's time that we sit and start acting like men about this, and women as elected officials, and work for the betterment of our immediate community. That includes city constituents and residents, and township residents. So I appreciate looking out here and they've already addressed Council just the community leaders and the townships, you know, the County Auditor's office, Commissioner's Office, and Trustees for Jackson and...Plain Township. I appreciate you coming here tonight and addressing Council. This is another step towards us maybe sitting down in a more informal fashion and - and working out some of these CEDA and JED agreements that it's a win for everybody involved. So thank you very much for coming tonight, and expressing your views. Appreciate that very much.

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, if I might...

Mr. Foltz: yes.

Mr. DeOrio: Just kinda comment on...

Mr. Foltz: Member DeOrio go ahead.

Mr. DeOrio: some of the things that were - some of the things that were said here, particularly from Mrs. Burnett and Mr. Simon. And what both of them have said is...Mrs. Burnett probably more directly, about the ability to express your opinion. And that is critical when you're trying to do a job. We're not - we all know that we're not going to agree on the different approaches that we may take the government. I've been fortunate enough to...be talking with...Administrator Wise and other department heads about budget and there are some issues that we just don't see eye to eye on. But that's okay. That's how we end up...trying to find the common ground. What - what we have today before us...is really a - a - a repeat from what has happened just a couple years ago in this City. And it's the reason why I ran for Council. Because the City is being torn apart. Torn apart because people can't express their opinion. Because their opinion is different. And somehow, because it is different it's criminal. It's wrong. You should be run out of town. You should be removed from office. Whatever it takes, no price is too big to pay. If it drags the city down, if it drags our contiguous neighbors down, so be it. All to fulfill a political agenda. That is definitely not something that I want to be a party to again. And whatever it takes, if we want to engage and go door to door, house to house, count me in. I'll take that challenge. I'll stand up for this community. 'Cause I believe in this community. I petitioned to get into this community. I lived in Plain Township, no disrespect. And we felt our needs would be better served in North Canton. And we petitioned to become part of North Canton. And...I don't think that we should let this happen again. I've talked to - in just my brief time that I've been here - talked to members of council, Jon Snyder, Doug Lane, all that were around before, all that - express regret of being dragged into something...and watching this community be torn asunder. Now you see that the process starts over with a recall petition for stuff that is completely bogus. Made up. We've talked about...Open Meetings laws, we've sought opinions from law directors and yet this stuff still continues to be bandied about to this day. Unfortunately...as it - recall roles go, it doesn't have to be the truth. It can be whatever it is. We can make stuff up. All's we need is so many signatures and it gets put on the ballot. Put on the ballot, at a time when we are in an election. If anybody has done something that is so wrong, the voters will rectify that. They did the last time, they'll do it again. But at a time when we're trying to watch our spending, and trying to get the - as some of these other elected officials have said - try to get the most bang for the

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buck. Get the taxpayers the most for their – their monies a - a special election for this issue will cost somewhere between 15 and 30 thousand dollars. Fifteen to thirty thousand dollars that is very hard to come by in these budgets. And I'm gonna tell you, that's a lot of money for us at this time and 'til the petitions are circulated and the...and the signatures gathered and they're verified and we go through all this, I know I was – I served on the Board of Elections. I know the process, it takes a long time and until this body then sets a date prescribed by the Charter, hell, that could be May, June. And then what, were going to turn around and have an election four months later? Do it again? There's nobody else to...share the special election expense with, it would be all us. It would be all these eighteen or twenty or eighteen precincts that we have in North Canton. So I would like to be on the record of publicly opposing this recall. I would urge people not to sign this...I will certainly take my message to the people. I would encourage all other members of Council to do the same. I would encourage the Administration to do the same...to anybody that has influence...with these individuals, I would encourage them to publicly...reconsider their efforts so that this City is not torn asunder again. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Appreciate your comments.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, may I? Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Sure. Member Snyder.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of Council, distinguished guests and members of the audience. As Mr. DeOrio told you, I sat through the...situation with the previous Mayor, and it really is a very dirty feeling. It's not healthy. That was put into our Charter for a particular reason, the same as the recall petitions were put in. But this community unfortunately, not only the individuals that they're targeted suffer, their families, every member of this Council, every member of the Administration suffers along with them. The brush of the electorate is painted very widely upon everybody. But most importantly, to anybody with – they want to open a car wash or a small store or some Chinese organization would like to open a factory across the street, I'm telling you the truth, if I would look at that and read that I have those type of buffoons running the city, I wouldn't locate my city here, if you gave me the city. And unfortunately, that's it. I would believe though that...the people that actively want to do this recall, there's some common ground somewhere, and I would urge those people along Mr. Repace, Mayor Held, and anybody else who would sit down and – and notify the press, sit down – that's worked through this situation whether it be a member that they want to speak here at Council or they want a particular word, that's opening up – we have a very transparent government here. This – this Council does get along contrary to what's printed in the press. We don't always agree with Administration, Administration doesn't agree with us, but we – we don't...we – we seem to have found a way to leave our egos at the door and get the peoples work done and that's what we're here for. And I would like to see everybody step up this particular point, cast no dispersions upon nobody. But it does paint a very wide swathe and I get around – I've been here a long time, I'm 60 years old. I've really done my turn. But I would like to stay and I'd like to finish my work I started, but I'd like to go out with my head held high - to people look at me and said - and say and laughing at me because I sit up here and make a fool out of myself every Monday night. Well ladies and gentlemen, that's not what I want to have as my epitaph, and I'm very encouraged by our local township government, our county, that they want to cooperate because regionalization and cooperation are the two distinct words that will make this county the number one county again. I mean, I'm very bullied by Mr. Repace's friends the - and all his friends here on Council. And let's – let's really dedicate ourself from this time on. Let's kind of push aside, as the same as good ball team would do, push aside your loss, let's...focus on the wins and let's move ahead and I think we could really do it. And again, I thank you gentlemen, ladies and members, my distinct colleagues, I think we can do it. And Mr. President, thank you for...

Mr. Foltz: Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: for those words.

Mr. Foltz: Any other comments from Council?

Mrs. Magel: Yeah, I – I guess, Jon, somehow you and I –

Mr. Snyder: pardon me?

Mrs. Magel: you're – you're always reading my mind somehow. You always take my words...

Mr. Snyder: Well sometimes good minds work alike.

Mrs. Magel: and you're first.

Mr. Snyder: You never know. Or we could be working the opposite way now.

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Mrs. Magel: First of all I feel...privileged tonight, and I feel like I'm in a Who's Who. And I thank you for...the Jackson Township Trustees and the representations, and Plain Township's and the County's. Mr. Zeigler, I will smile when I write my check.

Mr. Snyder: That's the committee to reelect, is that the – is that how you address it?

Mr. Foltz: That's right.

Mrs. Magel: Knowing that you're helping out our constituents, and I appreciate that. Is...as far as the...the both townships, you said one of the reasons why we're working is for Jim Repace, I would ask your...both to please add my name to that. I would like to be cooperative with both of your...townships, respectively, and I respect...all – all who's here. Contrary to...what you may hear or think, as Jon had said, this Council does not bicker. There's seven of us, sure we disagree, as Ms. Burnett has probably witnessed sometimes. We do so respectfully, the – it's about an issue and it's not personal, and we leave probably, mostly Jon and I, with some kind of a joke, to lighten it up after it – after – if it got a little heavy. Now as far as Mr. Repace, I don't think I'm talking out of order here. He has a loud voice. Those of you who say you may know him, for thirty-five years or so, I'm sure you know. He sits right beside me. There is no way he's disruptive or – or I would hear him, he doesn't even need his microphone. He's very respectful to – to the seven of us...we get through issues and – and I don't notice any fighting, and I couldn't miss it. I – I may have some eye problems, I don't have any ear problems. So I – you know, I agree, I think some of these charges are way trumped up. Trumped up. Sometimes you say you make a mountain out of a molehill, I don't even think this was an ant hill. So...I would just like to say, I too...would back up, that I think he's a...honorable man and I would also like to...see this denounced. It seems like this is a déjà vu. The same parties for the same reasons, the same players and hopefully not the same outcome. Alright, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Anyone else on Council?

Mrs. Hines: Well, we're going to make it unanimous, and we're all going to say that a recall for the amount of time, if the – it would do to put someone out of office is just bad publicity for the City. People who are angry, for whatever reason, whether it's against the Council or Administration, I publicly don't believe that a recall, unless someone has done something criminal should – should actually take place. It's what, five to eight hundred dollars per precinct, that will cost the City to do this? It will take time away from everybody's thinking...the papers, sorry Edd, but there will be a lot of attention placed on a recall. We will get a lot of bad publicity and I think the City does not deserve this. People can disagree. I've know I have disagreed with people, but you disagree. Heaven knows that...my husband would be up here, and I'd be in the back saying "no, no". I disagreed with him a lot. I loved him dearly, but you still disagree. It doesn't mean that you're bickering either. We have difference of opinion for a variety of reasons. And being the eldest up here, I feel like the mother sometimes, I think that, you know, we should all get...inaudible....We don't always. But we're not the bickering group, many of us, three of us in particular, ran last year because we didn't like what was going on. And we thought that this kind of waste of time for this City had to be stopped, and that's why we ran together. We are three very different people, we have voted against each other, when we felt the need. We do things very differently because we're three very different people. But I think we need to stand as a government to say, this recall petition is a waste of time and energy and I'm sorry, because Jim has – has worked very hard in his position and everybody may not agree with him, I've not agreed with him at – at times, but I know where his heart is. And his heart is in this community and I'd like to see us all back him.

Mr. Foltz: Thank you Member Hines.

Mrs. Magel: Thanks mom.

Mr. Foltz: Just – just to – just to finish here. I think everyone knows I'm on record against this recall. I was the lone Council Member that voted against – situation with...Mayor Rice at the time and...I was appalled through the whole process. I was appalled. And it tore our City apart, as Member Snyder alluded to. And we don't need a repeat here, and there's no substance here to even look at this for Mr. Repace. He's a very honorable man, he's given his life towards the Hoover Company, and he's done a damn good job on Council too, his first year. And I applaud him for his efforts. And the voter every two years has the opportunities to say whether we've done a good job or not when we run. It should be left at that. It's that simple. And we talk about image, and my role as Council President was try to change our image, there's – we weren't – we didn't have the best image a couple years ago. And I looked at being more on page three than page one on the headlines, but unfortunately there's always some malcontents that aren't happy, and there's nothing we're...ever going to do about that. So what we do is just is – as I said earlier, is work together as a community and it says a lot for North Canton's image I think, to have these county and township officials come up and speak on behalf of Member Repace. It says a lot to our – our City that they want to work with us. So

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hopefully that's a giant step towards the future of our image of North Canton as a Council body, as Administration, as a community, to work together to put this behind us, hopefully I don't see any constituents really supporting this. If they do, I – I'm very disturbed by that, very disappointed in our constituency if that's – that's what they want to do. So I go on record to support this also...inaudible...Council for Member Repace. 'Cause he's done a damn good job for us and I think we need to move forward as a community. Anyone else like to say anything, Administration-wise before we go into the meeting?

Mayor Held: Yes, first off...I'd like to thank our guests for coming...in reference to cooperation...

Mr. Foltz: okay...inaudible...could you...inaudible...

Mayor Held: and...the challenging financial times that we all have, I mean...

Mr. Foltz: want to say something...inaudible...

Mayor Held: obviously we're seeing it now in the City of North Canton. Our income tax revenue's been reduced since the year 2000 by 15%. We collected 7 – 7 million 28 thousand in our income tax collection in 2000 and this year our projected income tax collection is 5.9 million. So we've already seen a significant reduction. We've got the department heads working in cooperation with City Council to...approve a balanced budget, balancing our revenue and expenses this year, which is hopeful to...be completed by the end of this month. And...as far as working with our – our neighbors in Jackson and Plain, I fully support that. I know that – that we have had conversations with...members of Council, with Township Trustees, and we've also had our City Administrator Earle Wise and our Economic Development Director Eric Bowles working with – with both sides in Jackson and Plain Township, but I would encourage that, and I do support that. In reference to the recall petition, I'm sure that the Council members know what my position is on this. I...contacted Councilman Foltz, and I'm – I'm sure that he shared that with you, I talked with Councilman Foltz on Wednesday in reference to my...petition or my position in reference to the petition. I do not support the – the recall petition and I encouraged President Foltz to contact Mr. Reed and to also on behalf of City Council, to discourage Mr. Reed from pursuing the petition. And there's two reasons...and both of which were stated already. Number one, we do have an upcoming election in November and...if people are – are happy with particular elected officials, they can vote them in. If people are unhappy, then they can vote them out, and I don't feel that it is appropriate at this...at this time to...to have a recall petition because there is a cost also for a special election. And – and when we're trying to squeeze every penny that we can...out of our income tax dollars just to operate the City, which...everybody in this room knows how hard that's been so far this year. I don't think that that would be a wise expenditure and...so for two reasons, the timing and the expense to the City and I think that we do have appropriate...mechanisms in place which is the November election if people aren't satisfied with my performance or any member of Council, that's the time that we make the decision. But I do want it noted for the record, I did contact...three of our members of Council, Council President Foltz and Council President or Councilman Magel and Councilman Snyder on this issue and I encouraged all three of them to...to do whatever they need to in order to address this issue and gave them my position. But I thank you all for coming and – and also...in reference to...future regionalization or cooperative agreements, we're – we're open to that. I mean, certainly whatever we can do to help your Townships and also help our City we – we support that. So thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you. Member Repace you wanted to say a few words.

Mr. Repace: I do. First of all, I want to thank all the kind words from everyone, I truly appreciate it. It's – it's – it's...very heartwarming when you – when you have friends that come to your aid in a time of need and – and it'll never be forgotten. Also I'd like to say, I – I'm a – a 35 year employee of the Hoover Company. I've been involved in labor in one capacity or another, most of it in a major leadership role for 23 years. You heard...Mayor Held mention that the tax revenue has dropped. Remember this, there's been – I don't proclaim to be some...inaudible...self proclaimed negotiator, but I have been responsible for negotiating several contracts and as – prior to being President, I was Chief Steward and directly responsible for assisting in negotiating contracts, many of them. This plant has a history of, going back to 1988 of struggles. We, as union leaders, have kept this plant open, the plant is open today, because of good – good union leadership, and making right decisions. You know, everybody that's in any leadership role could – could look back and say, geez, should I have done this different or that different. But I can tell you this, this plant in the last few years has been targeted to close at least on two occasions. It was definitely targeted to close June 5th of 2005, there's no question about that, I think everybody knows that. Because of our efforts in 2003, securing some real strong job security language, we have a contract that is in tact 'til June 29, 2008, a guarantee of 800 job – jobs. Yes, it's less than what we've had, you know, if things go right, you know our goal is always to – to grow again, but this is because of knowing how to negotiate and – and doing – and doing what was right. Otherwise, every one of those

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of 800 people and the 200 salary individuals would be out of a job today and the tax revenue would be done for the City. What we also did, and this is long before I even dreamt of running for City Council, in 2003, when this was put together we made sure that the guaranteed jobs, even if the plant closes, people will be paid, that the tax revenue would still go to the City. That was long before I even dreamt of being on this City Council. So I cared about this community, about what happens in this community long before City Council. I've worked with – with several mayors, I've worked with Mayor Hines, who I had the utmost respect for your husband, and you know that. I've worked with...Mayor Revoldt, I've worked with Mayor Rice, I've worked with City Administration – Administrators Boyajian on I think, two occasions he was – he was Administrator. Mike Sumser, Mike Miller, I've never had a problem. I've been here for a long time. I haven't changed. I'm – I'm me. I don't think I can change. I'm the type of person and I like to dig in, I like to get things done. I don't think it's wrong being Chairman of Economic Development Committee to meet with our neighboring communities, to try and put together agreements. Have we gotten into any negotiations, no we haven't. What we've done is we've...tried to put agreements together that would create the negotiations, some guidelines to then start negotiating JED's or CEDA's. Our Law Director tweaked the language that – that we – that was – was in – in effect prior to – to the recent election, that Tom Rice put in place. There was some things in that language that needed changed, our Law Director changed them, and we're going to communicate back and forth, but once negotiations start, our Law Director's going to be directly involved with that. The talks that I've had with Plain Township, we put something together. I told Lou Giavasis just today, that now this is the time I bring this to the Law Director, because we're narrowing, we're ready to start talking a JED or a CEDA agreement. I don't, you – you know, I – I, again, Mr. Osborne, he got up and he – his – his statements were – were just unfounded. He's called, he's stood up here and he's called me a terrorist, a suicide bomber, a bully, you know, how am I a bully, by trying to do my job? Mr. Reed. I've tried to work with Mr. Reed. I've tried to work with Mr. Osborne. The issue with Mr. Reed carries over from the union. And I don't know why. I've asked Mr. Reed if we could work together, if we could put our differences aside. Shook my hand, said yes it's over. And then I get this, and other things in the plant. You know, I can't stop people from, you know, from liking you or disliking you. But I can tell you this, that I'm going to continue to do my job whether it be union president or it be a city councilmember, I'm going to do the very best I can, for everyone in this community, all our union members, and the salary employees over there, who have a right to earn a living also. I'm going to do everything I can to try and work any agreement I can with the new company, TTI, once we're allowed to talk with them. I've had a lot of support and a lot of help from our County...Commissioner, Todd Bosley. We've had help from Governor Strickland. We've had help from U.S. Senator...Sherrod Brown, or Attorney General Marc Dann, U.S. Senator...George Voinovich, Congressman Ralph Regula, we're all involved in what we can do to help secure a future for the Hoover Company and the City of North Canton. We're all working together. Two parties have come together for a common cause, a common goal, for people. Individuals who want to come up to this microphone and continually criticize any one of us for trying to do the right thing, that's wrong. When you have individuals who come up to the microphone and continually want to create some type of diversion within the City, all the time, that's wrong. These types of petitions are wrong. And I'm not a quitter, I'm a fighter, and I'm going to continue to try and do the right thing for everyone and I thank you all for coming here, listening to me, and...I just appreciate every - every one of you. Thank you very much.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foltz: Thank you, thank you everyone for your comments and with that, we'll move on to old business. Thank you again for everyone who showed up for public speaks.

Mrs. Magel: Thank you.

9. Mr. Foltz: Do I have a motion to read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 132-06?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Magel seconded to read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 132-06. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

Ordinance No. 132-06 – 3rd Reading – Community & Economic Development

Ordinance No. 132-06 amending Ordinance No. 145-04, as amended, Income Tax Ordinance of the City of North Canton, by the addition of SECTION 16, Article XV, Municipal Income Tax Credit Program.

Mr. Foltz: Chairman Repace.

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Mr. Repace: This is the third reading of Ordinance 132-06 amending Ordinance 145-04 by adding a Municipal Income Tax Credit Program, SECTION 16, Article XV to our income tax ordinance to the City of North Canton. I move for adoption of this ordinance.

Mr. Foltz: Do I have a motion then to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 132-06?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Snyder seconded to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 132-06. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Mr. Foltz: New business. Do I have a motion to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 1-07?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Hines seconded to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 1-07. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

Ordinance No. 1-07 – 1st Reading – Personnel & Safety

An ordinance appointing a 2007 Charter Review Commission composed of fifteen electors of the City of North Canton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Foltz: Chairman Snyder.

Mr. Snyder: I think that goes to Chairman Hines.

Mrs. Hines: Thanks.

Mrs. Magel: Hines.

Mr. Foltz: Hines, excuse me.

Mrs. Hines: Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Chairman Hines.

Mr. Snyder: I'm very flattered, but I'll – I'll defer to...

Mrs. Magel: Just take a bow Jon.

Mr. Foltz: I'm – I'm glad you enjoyed your compliment.

Mrs. Hines: This has to do with the Charter Review Commission for 2007. We have the 15 electors...that have been – that we are now wanting to appoint by this ordinance...to start on the Charter review. They will meet Thursday, the 25th at 7:00 in council chambers, it is an open meeting, so at that time they will select the chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. I know Doug, you'll probably be there to open...

Mr. Foltz: Yes, I'll be here to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Hines: and Randy will be at the first meeting...

Mr. McFarren: Which will be?

Mrs. Hines: for the Charter Review. The 25th.

Mr. Foltz: Thursday, January 25th at 7:00.

Mr. McFarren: Yes.

Mrs. Hines: So at that point, I just ask that we...go ahead and do our normal ten year business.

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Mr. Foltz: Very good, do I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 1-07?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Magel seconded to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 1-07. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

Mr. Foltz: May I have a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 1-07?

Mrs. Hines moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 1-7. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

Mr. Foltz: May I have a motion to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 1-07?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Snyder seconded to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 1-07. All members present voting.

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

11. Mr. Foltz: Next, may I have a motion to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 2-07?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Magel seconded to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 2-07. All members present voting.

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

Ordinance No. 2-07 – 1st Reading – Water, Sewer & Rubbish

An ordinance authorizing the Highland Creek Subdivision (Phase 4) Waterline Extension, located in Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the North Canton City Engineer, and accepting any necessary easement associated with said waterline extension, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Foltz: Chairperson Magel.

Mrs. Magel: Yes, as discussed...last week...the developer at his...own cost, would like to extend...the eight inch water line to 23 more residents...and asked that this would be put on an emergency.

Mr. Foltz: Very good. Any additional comments? Then may I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 2-07?

Mrs. Hines moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 2-07. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

Mr. Foltz: May I have a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 2-07?

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 2-07. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

Mr. Foltz: May I have a motion to adopt under the suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 2-07?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Snyder seconded to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 2-07. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

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12. Mr. Foltz: Next, may I have a motion to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 3-07?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Hines seconded to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 3-07. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

Ordinance No. 3-07 – 1st Reading – Water, Sewer & Rubbish

An ordinance amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 26-06, for the construction and inspection services for the Backwash Holding Tank/Generator Project, as authorized per Ordinance No. 87-05, by increasing the amount authorized for the project, in an amount not to exceed \$86,100, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Foltz: Chairperson Magel.

Mrs. Magel: Yes, we also discussed this last week. There's a history behind this...Backwash Holding Tank/Generator Project. Originally it was \$72,000...for the inspection, that was Ordinance 87-05. Earlier this year this Council increased it by 5,000 more to make it 77,000, however, there's still been a delay in the project and needing more...inspections so this particular ordinance is asking for...an extension of \$9,100 above the 77, leading to be 86,100. Now, even though this has an emergency, as we discussed last week, we'd like to have the first reading and then...after further discussion...we'll probably have a second reading on emergency.

Mr. Foltz: Very good. So your wish is then to have a motion to adopt the first reading...

Mrs. Magel: That's correct.

Mr. Foltz: for Ordinance No. 3-07.

Mrs. Magel: At this time.

Mr. Foltz: Is there a motion to do so?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Hines seconded to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 3-07. All members present voting.

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

No: 0

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Mr. Foltz: Okay with that, we'll go to reports. Before that, remind everybody that North Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner is tonight, currently in progress, and I think...the awards portion of that dinner begins at 8:30, so anyone that would like to attend that, you're more than welcome to. We did receive an e-mail, there was a little confusion on when the e-mail arrived to the Council office, but...the Mayor called me last week and their wishes were to try to change the meeting time, but we already had it set at this time...inaudible...Member Lane was going to attend, so we only need six members so, they do a good job for us, the Chamber of Commerce and...hopefully things can be worked out next year that the dinner's not the same night as the Council meeting, so...just to give that information out to everybody, you're more than welcome to attend that at Walsh University. With that, we'll have reports from Director of Law?

Mr. McFarren: Nothing.

Mr. Foltz: Finance Director, Julie?

Mrs. Herr: Just wanted to mention that last month with Randy's assistance, we were able to collect a...past due on a withholding account...and it ended up because of penalty and interest that went back to 2003, we ended up collecting an additional, almost \$6,000. So, I really appreciate Randy's help with that, getting that money in here, and they're all up to date...

Mr. Foltz: Do you – you working on percentage?

Mr. McFarren: I'd be glad to. Be glad to.

Mr. Foltz: That's good news.

Mrs. Magel: Thank you, Randy.

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Mr. Foltz: Every little bit of money in, thank you, our Law Director Randy...

Mr. McFarren: Total was 18.

Mr. Foltz: and Julie.

Mr. McFarren: We collected 12 originally and 6 more makes this 18 on one account.

Mr. Foltz: That's great. Appreciate your hard work and effort towards that. Administrator Wise.

Mr. Wise: Yes, this Saturday, the 20th of January is...April Clevenger, who is a police officer here with the City, has been with the City well over 20 years, is retiring, Saturday is her last day....and I would just - if anyone happens to see her...please wish her well. She will be...it's my understanding, she will be here Saturday. She has indicated that she will be...and I believe, works a - I - I don't know which her day off is, but she should be here this week, and has provided a great deal of good service to the police force of the City of North Canton and we wish her well.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you. Mayor Held.

Mayor Held: Yes, we will have on January 16th, no I'm sorry, that's today...

Mr. Snyder: That's today.

Mayor Held: January 23rd...

Mr. Foltz: We're already here.

Mrs. Magel: Missed it again.

Mayor Held: January 23rd, we will have a CIC annual meeting, Community Improvement...

Mr. Snyder: Corporation.

Unidentified: Write that down Jim.

Mayor Held: The CIC annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. and...after the - the annual meeting we will go into executive session. That's all.

Mrs. Herr: ...inaudible...income tax...inaudible...

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you. Engineer Jim Benekos.

Mr. Benekos: No report.

Mrs. Herr: six thousand...inaudible...interest...inaudible...

Mr. Wise: Interest.

Mr. Foltz: No report? Okay.

Mrs. Kalpac: No report.

Mr. Foltz: Gail? No report?

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Mr. Foltz: Member Snyder?

Mr. Snyder: No report.

Mr. DeOrio: No report.

Mr. Foltz: Member Hines.

Mrs. Hines: Well I'd just like to say there will be a - a Fire Safety Inspector exam on Tuesday, February 6th at 6 p.m. in the council chambers. Registration is Monday, January 22nd at 8:30 in the morning to Friday, February 2nd at 4 p.m., which is the final deadline for any...reservations. That's it.

Mr. Foltz: Okay thank you. Member Repace.

Mr. Repace: No report.

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Mr. Foltz: Member Magel.

Mrs. Magel: I would just like to pat ourselves on the back...this Council, for...once again, being in unity...I think that shows strength...we're - we're sometimes under...some restraints and...I think Mr. Repace, you were represented quite well, I was impressed.

Mr. Repace: Quite - it's quite appreciated.

Mrs. Magel: And I - I also thank Council for all their comments.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you Member Magel. Any call for new business or - from Council or Administration?

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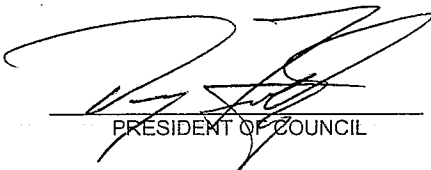
Mr. Foltz: Seeing none, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Repace seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting:

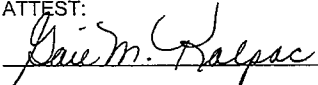
Yes: DeOrio, Foltz, Hines, Magel Repace, Snyder.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


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CALL TO ORDER:

The public hearing was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President of Council Doug Foltz.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Council of the City of North Canton on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at North Canton City Hall.

The hearing is with regard to applications to the Environmental Protection Agency for Two (2) Brownfields Assessment Grants for the purpose of funding community-wide assessments, one for Hazardous Substances Assessment and one for Petroleum Assessment.

If awarded, the grants would provide funding for the City of North Canton to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct cleanup and redevelopment planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites.

Copies of the applications are available for review in the Administrative and Council Offices at North Canton City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Mr. Foltz: This hearing is in regards to applications to the Environmental Protection Agency for two Brownfields Assessment Grants, the purpose of funding community wide assessments, one for hazardous substances assessment and one for petroleum assessment. With that we'll call roll.

The following members of Council were present for the public hearing: Snyder, Hines, Repace (leaves halfway through to answer a phone call – does not return), Magel, Foltz. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Law McFarren, Financial Director Herr and Director Economic Development Bowles. Director of Administration Wise was not in attendance for the public hearing.

Mr. Foltz: With that I'll excuse Member Lane, he will not be able to attend until 7, and Member DeOrio had to go back home and retrieve something for the committee later. So, with that, we'll turn things over to Eric Bowles, our Community and Economic Director. Eric.

Mr. Bowles: Thank you so much. Good evening, good evening to all the Council members and everybody in attendance. I want to thank you for coming tonight. This is a public hearing, this public hearing is not required...by the US EPA for this – for this project unless it's funded. However, we wanted to be proactive and get – hear some – get some community input on these applications. As you know...Council, unanimously authorized the Mayor to submit two applications to the US EPA, one for Petroleum Substance Brownfield Assessment Program Grant and one for Hazardous Substance Brownfield Assessment Program Grant. Both applications were in the amount of \$200,000, and they're both a community-wide and not...site specific. With us here tonight, we have Tom Minnery from Burgess and Niple, and if there's any technical questions as part of the public hearing that I can't answer and there could be quite a few, if you get into details, Tom has the expertise to answer what I can't. Purpose of this public hearing is to get input...from interested residents...Council members, Mayor, everybody that's here, I'd like to give any comment or input on this...on these applications. Once again, the applications...were for...getting grants for assessment funds so that we can identify, or potentially identify sites in the City that may have...petroleum contamination or hazardous material...contamination. Right now, this will let the public meeting go on, if there's anybody here that would like to speak in favor or give their comments about the applications, we'll take public comment at this point in time.

Ms. Dunlap: Good evening everyone.

Mr. Foltz: Good evening.

Ms. Dunlap: I'm Cathy Dunlap, President of the North Canton Chamber of Commerce, and I would like to speak in support of these grants. I think that we all need to be responsible for our properties here in North Canton and...there are a couple properties...especially the one up north of Kmart and – and the car dealership that's closed and maybe perhaps some of our...gas stations and there are properties that need to be checked, and I – I think that the owners of these properties...would, it would behoove them to also want those to be checked before they develop or before they sell. And, like any other community, we need to be responsible for making sure that we don't have toxic wastes or petroleum underneath our ground and so I'm just, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, expressing our support for this, and I hope...it would be well spent money if these grants come through, so...we're here to support that in any way we can to help those grants come through. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, appreciate your comments. Anyone else like to speak?

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Mr. Schilstra: Ken Schilstra. I live at 601 Linwood. I'm also here to speak in support for this. It's something that's, I think, quite important for everything to be done. Has some very laudable goals in here, looking at things like dealing with our green space, maintaining it, compact, smart development, where we deal with keeping surface areas available for water absorption and you know, all the – the trees and all the atmospheric benefits of that...it addresses the issue of flooding, which is going to be a down side unless we address it for the – for the community, and who would want to come here if we have these issues that are problems and we haven't begun to even address them. But as laudable as these goals are, and targets the problem is that it requires discipline, and it requires a good deal of discipline to do this. That means, you know, our zoning people, our building people, have to stay in line and not have deals cut that, you know, take the legs out from underneath something that's you know, great value for both the community as well as the businesses that would want to relocate here. That's – that's my biggest concern about this, and the only other comment I have is, information be collected by drive-by site visits, might want to have to visit the sites actually, instead of just drive-bys, because actually looking at some of the property, and then you know, you're going to research the records and so forth, in respect to infrastructure and buildings...but, it just seems like a – a physical onsite inspection for those that are probably considered to be of questionable concerns would be worthwhile. Other than that, I – I fully support the proposal, green space, retention of like, the mentioned Kmart, retention of the wetland out front which is a way to reduce our issues that we have to deal with phase 2 with EPA with releases for storm water and so forth, so it's a win – win situation for a whole lot of people. Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you for your comments.

Mr. Smith: Good evening. My name's Randy Smith and I sit on the North Canton Chamber's Economic Development Task Force, one of the members there. I just wanted to speak real briefly to the fact that this is a real good opportunity for the City of North Canton to help...assess any environmental issues with our properties. The neat thing about this is that if there is any damaged property or tainted property, by doing these assessments right now...obviously we're able to identify the...the problem, but also come up with a remediation or a solution. So we think this is an excellent way of – of getting the ball rolling on that, helping us to determine if we have clean properties, obviously we hope we do. But this we think is a great initiative, it's something that it's worthy of support, so thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you sir. Anyone else like to publicly speak tonight?

Mr. Nau: Hello. My name is Bob Nau, I'm the Director of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission and I would just express support for the grant proposal. I believe this proactive approach by the City...will certainly put you in position to move quickly as opportunities arise. Also from a planning standpoint, this – the grant proposal is consistent with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's 20-30 Plan, which...quotes...to put to economic use buildings and lands that may currently contain environmental hazards and also...it says to explore and make application for clean up from state and federal sources. So clearly being good stewards of our environment...with economic development in mind is certainly a – a proactive approach and we would you know, support the proposal.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you for your comments. Anyone else here would like to publicly speak on this issue? Okay, Eric.

Mr. Bowles: One – one quick comment, in addition to the Stark Parks support letter, which everybody was provided with, and we have some other comments. We also have an official support letter...from Robert Nau from Regional Planning Commission, so in addition, and we'll be sending those on to the US EPA...as well. Are there any other questions regarding the application?

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Bowles, did – did – my understanding, we've already submitted our grant request, have we not?

Mr. Bowles: Right, yes.

Mr. Snyder: To meet that deadline?

Mr. Bowles: Yep.

Mr. Snyder: And...

Mr. Bowles: We received our...

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Mr. Snyder: and this hearing is subsequent to that. It wasn't necessary unless we receive the grant, that's as you stated...inaudible...

Mr. Bowles: Right, if - if we do receive funding then we will have...

Mr. Snyder: Have another meeting, is that what you intend?

Mr. Bowles: We'll have - we'll have another public hearing then following that, there will be regularly scheduled public meetings, either at council committee meetings, at council meetings, or special meetings, make sure...everybody, all the residents, are informed.

Mr. Snyder: And at the present time, the...land in question here, in question, is actually contaminated to the point where it could not change ownership and be of...

Mr. Bowles: We don't - we don't know that.

Mr. Snyder: oh, we don't know that. We only assume that.

Mr. Bowles: Right. We - basically at this point in time, no sites have been identified 'cause it's in a community-wide basis. But part of the reason for this public hearing and other public hearings, if we do get funded, is to be able to identify those sites and take suggestions from the public and at that point in time we would, before could move forward, we would have to have participating property owners as well.

Mr. Snyder: Well I - I have to say we're bullied by the fact of your office moving towards some way that we will be able to attain some land that possibly could be used in the future for some type of economic development and as I sit on that committee with Mr. Repace and Member Lane, we do appreciate that very much. Thank you.

Mr. Bowles: Thank you so much, I - I think there were a couple of good suggestions here for other sites and certainly if Council has any...suggestions or recommendations...after this meeting, please feel free to get those, 'cause as I said, we're looking for citizen...participation.

Mr. Snyder: Well, I appreciate that. Thank you Mr. President, that's all.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, thank you.

Mrs. Magel: No, I just have a comment, Eric...I would like...to thank you for all your hard work. It appears...comments here are unanimous, from Stark Parks, Regional Planning, Chamber of Economic Development, citizens...Chamber of Commerce, Burgess and Niple, the Council, and...with this unanimous support it's very important for us, and I know you put a lot of hard work into it and thank you. For presenting this to us.

Mr. Bowles: Well, thank you so much, we appreciate that, but at - once again, you know, we're - we're looking for your ideas, so, support, we appreciate very much, but it's good to get ideas on the record, so later on, if we are funded, we can - we can take a look at some of these sites and approach the property owners.

Mr. Foltz: Thank you. I guess that was it, and I'll just make a comment that I appreciate you filling out the grant very thoroughly and we have to access something before we can begin to, I guess, intelligently develop it and through that development process, as Member Magel indicated we got cooperative partners here, I think it's very important that you have partners to do anything in the area. I mean, that's going to hopefully bode for a more successful grant opportunity for the residents of North Canton. When you say the Chamber of Commerce, Stark Development Board, the Jaycees, Stark Parks, the Rotary, people that spoke here tonight, very influential in the...community. I like our chances here and I'd also like to see that we're going to do something with a piece of property and immediate neighborhood that can be a win for the neighbors and for economic and commercial development. I think that's very important 'cause if we don't do these type of things, you know, that land might just stay stagnant and...we're looking at it for another 5 or 10 years. So I think we're being very proactive here and I think that's very important, so, you're right, Eric. We need to get more community...involvement from the residents and people that live in the - in the City that's going to be affected with, you know, where this criteria is going to be looked at, so, appreciate your - your effort on this, so.

Mr. Bowles: One comment is, I did speak with the President of the Rotary and President of the Jaycees, they were going to attempt to be here tonight, but...once again, they - they have expressed their support. We - we don't have support letters but, I believe that they're in the process of putting those together and also the EPA has contacted the Jaycees, we understand...from our application...to get their - their input.

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Mr. Foltz: Okay. Any other comments from anybody here in the audience or Administration or Council?

Mr. Lane: Good job Eric.

Mr. Foltz: I guess that'll end the public speaks part of the meeting, so...

Mr. Bowles: Did everyone get a chance to sign this sign in sheet? Anybody who didn't sign the sign in sheet?

Mr. Snyder: We put your name on twice.

Mr. Bowles: Alright. That might hurt us. Thank you very much.

Mayor Held: Alright, thanks Eric.

Mr. Foltz: I guess we'll...entertain a motion to...end the public speaks meeting.

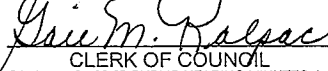
Mr. Snyder moved and Mrs. Hines **seconded to adjourn the meeting**. All members present voting.

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

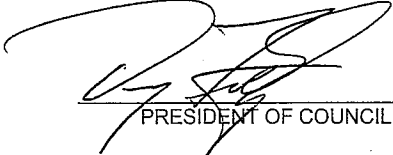
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The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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