



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

Roll Call: Todd Bergstrom
Don Nicolard
Brenda Hlas
Bill Mowery
Ken Braman
Mike Zita
Scott Pelot

Also Present:
Mayor David Koontz
Rick Ryland-Excused
John Moss
Pete Kostoff (Arrived at 7:36 PM)
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:02 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Scott Pelot, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Mr. Mowery moved to add Res. #84-2011 to the agenda for the Eastern Road study, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom. Mrs. Hlas clarified that this study is completely separate from the Cleveland Massillon Road project.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Hlas, Braman, Zita, Pelot
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Bergstrom noted that Mayor Koontz had already sent to everyone the Summit County Engineers proposal on storm water management and reminded everyone we need to review this and respond back to Mayor Koontz. Mr. Bergstrom stated he wanted this added to the next Committee Work Session to be addressed.

Mr. Pelot questioned the status of the Safe Walks program and Mr. Moss replied the city has made application, but we have not received any feedback on this yet.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Joe Kaisk, 3237 Driftwood Road, Norton, entered into the record the official petition from Brentwood Estates relating to their concerns on road paving and conditions. Mr. Kaisk read aloud the text of the petition which states: “ *At a meeting of Norton City Council on October 28, 2002, a number of Brentwood residents attending, asking the City of Norton not to use in the future any chip/seal on roads with curbs, sidewalks and storm sewers. The Mayor at that time stated “ in the future chip/seal would not be used for a topcoat on any city street. We the undersigned Norton residents of Brentwood Estates are petitioning again that the City Administration not to use this method in the future for any road that has curbs,*

sidewalks and storm sewers. We further petition the Administration to rectify the current road conditions of Driftwood Road and Longwood Road by sweeping the roads until all loose stones are removed and at the earliest possible date to pave each road with asphalt hot mix. We challenge the fact that this method of paving is only being used in the Brentwood neighborhood, as witnessed with last years paving of Greenridge Road in Norton Acres". Mr. Kask stated we are not asking for miracles here. Mr. Kask commented on the new road put in behind the police station and was told by Mr. Moss that the cost for that road was in excess of \$100,000.00. Mr. Kask discussed the large holes in Brookwood and Cherrywood that need addressed. Mr. Kask stated that we would like to see at least one road a year done with fresh hot asphalt mix. Loose stones just dump into yards and storm sewers. . Mr. Pelot stated that their road is not the only road that got the chip and seal process. Mr. Pelot stated that he lives on Fair Oaks and had to deal with the loose stones himself. Mr. Kask stated the Council minutes of October 28, 2002 clearly document that this process of chip and seal would not be used in the future. Mrs. Hlas asked if this road has been swept and Mr. Moss replied yes. Mayor Koontz stated it is due to get swept again but is dependent on the weather.

Mr. Andrew Lehner, 3853 Easton Road, Norton, Ohio also complained about the road conditions and all of the loose gravel. Mr. Lehner congratulated all of the candidates on the recent elections.

Mrs. Jill Miller, 1096 Norton Avenue, Norton, Ohio, commented about the cuts in the Fire and EMS and stated that she for one is not happy with that. Mrs. Miller stated that she would hope that Council would support putting another levy out at their next meeting. Mrs. Miller discussed all the comments recently about the water meters in Brentwood Estates, and the fact that she has already paid for hers. What makes one neighborhood different from any other, and asked when could she expect to see her refund on hers?

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 24 2011 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Koontz read his Press Release regarding the Nash Heights Sewer Task Force (see attached). Mr. Bergstrom questioned this concept, wasn't this after the fact now? Mayor Koontz stated the Task Force is not looking to alter the plans, but to look for other solutions that might be more cost effective. Mr. Bergstrom questioned the experience or knowledge of the members serving on that Task Force when it comes to decision making and spending money, as well as their best use of time and money. Mr. Bergstrom asked if Council has any authority here because he disagrees with this idea. Mr. Pelot questioned the reference to employing a professional engineer and asked where would this money come from? Mayor Koontz replied he intended on using the part-time engineer we currently have on staff. Mayor Koontz stated we are not talking about a large sum of money here, something within the Board of Control limits. Mr. Nicolard asked how far along are we on this current study and Mayor Koontz replied we have only looked at sizing the pump station and currently designing the force mains on Greenwich Road. The internal collection system inside Nash Heights has not been designed yet. Mr. Pelot asked Mr. Moss for an update on the new basketball courts.

Mr. Moss stated the concrete work is complete, and we would not expect to see any landscape done until spring. There also needs to be two (2) large holes drilled for the posts, and barriers need to be installed. Mr. Zita and Mr. Pelot both expressed their concerns with not having boundary markers in place, especially during the winter months.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

RES #84-2011

Mr. Mowery offered Res. #84-2011 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) OR CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) OR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO PERFORM A CORRIDOR STUDY OF EASTERN ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Mowery moved to waive the second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Hlas, Braman, Zita, Pelot
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Mowery moved to adopt Res. #84-2011, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom. Mr. Bergstrom asked what was the City of Norton's share and Mr. Moss replied \$6,000.00. Mr. Bergstrom asked who is the main engineer for this project, and Mr. Moss replied that has not been determined yet. Mayor Koontz stated that there are several communities involved here such as New Franklin, Barberton, Norton, and Doylestown. There are some areas of the road that do not have proper ditches, etc. Mrs. Hlas stated she thought the concept here was all communities pull together and get better grant opportunities and cost sharing. Mr. Braman stated that one of Barberton's main concerns was at the intersection at Taylor Road due to high number of accidents there.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Hlas, Braman, Zita, Pelot
Nays: None

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

RES #82-2011

Mr. Mowery offered Res. #82-2011 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) AND CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO

WIDEN AND RECONSTRUCT CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only. Mr. Bergstrom reminded everyone that the cost breakdown currently could be about \$2,100,000.00. Mr. Pelot questioned the costs and Mr. Moss stated that we already have approximately \$400,000.00 set aside. If we borrow approximately \$1,600,000.00 for over ten (10) years it could cost is somewhere between \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00 annually plus the interest.

RES #83-2011

Mr. Zita offered Res. #83-2011 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND PROMOTING A TREE PLANTING
PROGRAM FOR ALL CITY-OWNED PARKS AND THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

Second reading only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Nicolard asked the Law Director to please prepare a resolution to put the Fire and EMS levy on the March 6, 2012 Primary as either one levy or two. Mr. Nicolard stated he would like to have something ready for next Monday's Committee meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Koontz read several announcements, (see attached)

Mr. Pelot thanked the residents for putting him back on Council, and that having three consecutive terms as a Council At Large is amazing to him. Mr. Pelot also thanked the residents for supporting the Charter amendments.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Scott Pelot, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on November 21, 2011.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

****NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM****

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unless otherwise noted.