



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011**

Roll Call:	Todd Bergstrom	Also Present:
	Don Nicolard-Excused	Mayor David Koontz-Absent
	Brenda Hlas-Excused	Rick Ryland
	Bill Mowery	John Moss
	Ken Braman	Pete Kostoff
	Scott Pelot	Karla Richards
	Mike Zita	Ann Campbell

The Special Committee of the Whole Meeting convened on Monday, December 19, 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:**

**ORD #97-2011-Alternative Tax Budget**

Mr. Zita turned this discussion over to Mr. Moss for the details. Mr. Moss stated that normally this is done earlier in the year, and this is done every year. Mr. Zita moved to add this to tonight's Special Council meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**ORD #98-2011 Supplemental Appropriations**

Mr. Zita turned this discussion over to Mr. Moss for the details. Mr. Moss discussed the corrections made from last week and that all columns have been recalculated and are ready to go. Ms. Whipkey asked for clarifications on the corrections made and Mr. Moss stated that this effects only the 2011 Budget not 2012. Mr. Zita moved to add Ord. #98-2011 to tonight's Special Council meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom. Mr. Zita noted that all of these pieces of finance legislation contain the emergency language.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

ORD #99-2011 The 2012 Annual Budget

Mr. Zita turned this discussion over to Mr. Moss for the details. Mr. Moss stated that each Fund has a total budget amount and its either a payroll or non-payroll item. Mr. Moss discussed the increased amounts to the 2012 Road Program at \$430,000.00. Mr. Pelot questioned item #41 summary with no capital for Fire and EMS. Mr. Moss commented that there is some shifting and he summed it all together, and that once the new levy passes we can combine all operating expenses. Mr. Moss stated the Fire/EMS Runs have been estimated as best we can calculate. Ms. Whipkey questioned if all departments have the opportunity to give their input or two cents worth in this process? Mr. Moss stated we focus on trying to repeat what was budgeted this year into next year and there really is not that much input. Ms. Whipkey asked about raises for 2012, and Mr. Moss replied yes there would be some due to union contracts and we have to make sure funds are available. Mr. Moss stated that we have also projected about a one (1) percent increase for the non-bargaining, however that does not mean they will get that. It would have to come to full Council for approval and providing the funds are there to support it. Ms. Whipkey voiced concerns with moving money from Time Warner into the roads, and that it cannot be used elsewhere. \$50,000.00 would not make a great deal of impact. Ms. Whipkey discussed a recent petition on file with over 600 signatures asking to bring back televised meetings to the public. Ms. Whipkey stated we need at least \$25,000.00 set aside to accomplish this. Mr. Bergstrom disagreed with this concept, as he was not pleased with the quality of the airings when we did have them and we also have the audio tapes to go back to in addition to the minutes. Mr. Bergstrom stated that these fees could be best used to improve the roads within the city, roads are important. Mr. McGlone stated he thinks what Ms. Whipkey was asking for is to set aside the \$20,000.00 until the beginning of the year and take a look at this some more. Mr. Bergstrom argued that the roads are one of the most important things this Council talked about in 2011. Mr. Pelot agreed, adding that we have more complaints by far on the roads than we do about meetings not being televised. Mr. Pelot stated that ultimately getting a live streaming tool sometime down the road could be long term goal, however there are other tools out there to get that information. We need to something now because our roads are in such a need of repair. Ms. Whipkey stated that the MP3 audio files are a great tool, however they do get erased once the official minutes get approved. Ms. Whipkey stated by having televised meetings, it would cut down on all of the misinformation out there, and would like to start having something set aside now so we could address this in the future. Mr. Zita noted that Ord. #99-2011 did not have an emergency clause in the body of the legislation and Mr. Moss stated that last paragraph spells out as a budgetary issue and he was fine with that. Mr. Zita moved to add Ord. #99-2011 to tonight's Special Council meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom. Mr. Kostoff indicated Council could amend it to add a separate emergency clause like Ord. #97 and #98 and Mr. Zita modified his motion to contain the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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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 January 23, 2012.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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