



## COMMITTEE WORK SESSION APRIL 2, 2012

**Committee Members Present:** Charlotte Whipkey  
Dennis McGlone  
Scott Pelot  
Bill Mowery-Excused  
Todd Bergstrom  
Ken Braman  
Don Nicolard

**Also Present:** Mayor Mike Zita  
Rick Ryland  
John Moss  
Pete Kostoff  
Karla Richards  
Ann Campbell

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:03 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Don Nicolard, President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent reflection. Mr. Nicolard offered a moment of silent prayer in honor and memory of Mr. Walter Peterman, a former Councilman and Acting Mayor who passed away recently. Mr. Nicolard stated that Mr. Peterman was his political mentor.

### **General Topics of Discussion:**

#### **2012 Road Program**

Mr. Bergstrom stated the Service Committee had discussed this in detail with Mr. Weinsheimer and Mr. Ryland and it was determined that a simple crack seal method was best for most roads in conjunction with other combinations of methods. Mr. Bergstrom reviewed the various streets and the different applications as well as the costs associated with each (see attached). Mr. Ryland explained that a micro surface is more like a slurry-coating product and was used on Cleveland-Massillon Road and mostly used for main arterial roads. Mr. Pelot referred to this like a granite countertop surface, if you seal that properly bacteria cannot get into it. Mr. Pelot stated he felt micro seal is like a preventative maintenance product. Mr. Ryland stated Mr. Pelot's thought process is right, however that product is just not cost effective to use. Mr. Bergstrom stated that the goal is to maintain what we have now. Mr. Bergstrom discussed how the review process worked with Mr. Weinsheimer and experts from ODOT and Summit County Highway Dept.

Mr. Bergstrom discussed the overall cost for this year is approximately \$400,100.00 and that there would be questions of why not other roads. Mr. Bergstrom stated that some roads are already beyond the repair stage for these types of methods. We need to keep our better roads in a well-maintained condition. Mr. Nicolard asked when was the last time Clark-Mill Road was chip and sealed? Mr. Ryland replied about two (2) to three (3) years ago, but reminded everyone this road receives a lot of commercial traffic. Mr. Bergstrom stated he would like to address roads that received good repair treatment five (5) years ago in order to keep up with a proper maintenance cycle. Mr. Pelot asked how many total lane miles are in the City of Norton, and Mr. Ryland replied 287. Mrs. Elaine Tompkins asked why are some roads on your list repeated several times? Mr. Bergstrom replied that small areas need more attention than others do, and are in combination, some areas will need various types of treatments. Mrs. Tompkins asked if other listings or documents for suggestions were received prior to tonight? Mr. Bergstrom replied yes, prior to this evening we had more generalized information and we pushed for more crack seal to get the most bang for our buck. Mrs. Tompkins stated the micro surface product used on Cleveland Massillon Road was quite good and has lasted about six (6) or seven (7) years. Mr. Bergstrom stated that as you can see \$400,000.00 does not go very far. Mr. McGlone stated these prices still need to go out for bid and are subject to change, and Mr. Bergstrom concurred. Mr. Ryland stated we actually updated these prices with Summit County. Mr. Bergstrom moved to place legislation authorizing the city to move forward with the bids on Councils next agenda waiving the second and third readings with emergency language, seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Mr. Bergstrom explained that if the bids come back to high, Council has the right to reject them.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bergstrom, Whipkey, McGlone, Pelot, Braman, Nicolard  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was discussion on the Matters Referred listing of some older items; Joint Dispatch, Health Board Resolution #2011-02 MAD, Sewer Laterals for Wooster Road & 585, Sewer Connection Fees will remain on the list for future discussions. Mr. Moss refreshed everyone on the CPA-Municipal Tax Collections issue. It was the consensus to ask the CPA association one more time to come to a Committee Work Session and give their input, if we get no response from them, Council would proceed with a resolution of opposition to this proposal by the State.

**New Business:**

Mr. Ryland discussed the talk about suggested mandates on sanitary sewers from the County or EPA, and clarified that to date the City of Norton has no mandate from any Federal, State or County agencies. As a matter of reference, our water quality fallout counts remain horrible and this summer dry and wet testing will be performed. We have fecal coliform counts that are in excess of six hundred (600) times above the legal limit and it has been the EPA's attention since 2007. We have several recommendations from the EPA as to how we can address the issue.

Their highest recommendation is to replace septic systems with sanitary sewer lines. Mr. Ryland stated that we have a plan and this Council is working to achieve that goal. Mr. Ryland stated that he and Mayor Zita met with officials at the EPA two (2) weeks ago to confirm that we are still following our plans to continue to install city-wide sanitary sewers to eliminate the illicit discharge. Quite frankly, any discharge into streams and lakes in the State of Ohio is illegal according to the Clean Water Act of 1972; we have many septic systems that discharge through the ditches that end up in the lakes and streams and is causing great concern. Mr. Ryland stated that in reviewing his files he does not recall using the word mandated in his conversations, and that he referenced recommended. Mr. Nicolard stated that a couple of letters had gone out to the Greenwich Road residents encouraging them to take advantage of the tap in discounts, which contained a clerical error. Mr. Nicolard had the Clerk of Council read the letter (see attached) and explained that a correction letter would be resent later next week to these residents. The word mandated, contained in the two (2) original letters sent out will be replaced with “*recommended*” in the corrected letter going out. Mr. Nicolard encouraged these residents to contact your Council member or Administration if they have any questions.

**Public Comment-Agenda and Non Agenda Items:**

Ms. Alice Wagner, 4168 Hawaii Avenue, Norton, spoke about three (3) of her neighbors having to replace their septic systems and felt that the EPA should be sending out letters explaining that its not the City of Norton’s fault they have to connect. Ms. Wagner stated one (1) of the neighbors had spent nearly \$20,000.00 between the new septic and clearing several trees. Ms. Moss questioned those costs, however he did note that the fact is it’s a temporary solution. Mr. Nicolard reminded everyone that all septic systems are a temporary system. Mayor Zita read several public service announcements (see attached)

**Topics for the next Work Session:**

Mr. Bergstrom stated that the short-term goals for the road program have been met, however we still need to keep on track with our long term goals. Mr. Bergstrom discussed potential road levies, self-assessments, etc., and that we still need to investigate these options. Mr. Bergstrom stated that at the last Utilities Committee meeting we made a commitment to get the full understanding and answers for the Nash Heights sanitary sewer project and we need to follow up with that goal. Mr. Bergstrom stated we need to discuss the life cycle analysis, we need experts from the EPA, etc to either attend a separate Service Committee Meeting or a Committee Work Session to provide detailed information. Mr. Braman stated he felt a Committee Work Session would be better and he would also like to have a septic system contractor present as well. Mr. Bergstrom stated he felt it would be important for the EPA representatives to be here to discuss the NPDES Permit process. Mr. Nicolard thanked Mr. Braman and Mr. Nicolard for taking the proactive approach with this.

**Adjourn**

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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Don Nicolard, President of Council

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