



COMMITTEE WORK SESSION AUGUST 19, 2013

Committee Members Present: Dennis McGlone
Charlotte Whipkey
Scott Pelot
Bill Mowery
John Conklin
Todd Bergstrom
Don Nicolard

Also Present: Mayor Mike Zita-Excused
Rick Ryland
Laura Starosta
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 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.

General Topics of Discussion:

Amend 2013 Budget

Mr. Nicolard turned this discussion over to Mrs. Starosta for the details. Mrs. Starosta explained her cover memo item by item for the several larger items. Mrs. Starosta asked for adoption at the next meeting with emergency language. Ms. Whipkey asked about the retirement in Administration and Mrs. Starosta replied that was the front desk secretary. Ms. Whipkey asked about the settlement dispute and stated she was not happy with this going forward. Ms. Whipkey asked if we had to approve this and Mr. Nicolard concurred it needed as part of the budget change. Ms. Whipkey stated she never approved of this, still doesn't, and does not think this is the right thing to do. Ms. Whipkey asked about the \$10,000.00 increase in legal fees to Council's budget. Mrs. Starosta stated due to the televised meetings going or forward to the Supreme Court this was an estimated increase. Ms. Whipkey asked if this is all or nothing here because she does not support the Community Development settlement, it shouldn't be taking place and she will do what she has to do, and this will not be the end of it. People need to be held accountable. There was discussion about the vehicle for Police Dept, and the fact that this is the second vehicle for this department. Ms. Whipkey asked if the Police Dept. has received the first vehicle requested, and Mrs. Starosta replied no. Ms. Whipkey if the Fire Department got their truck and Mrs. Starosta concurred they had. Ms. Whipkey stated

the Fire Department's vehicle and Police Car were requested and before Council at the same time so when would the Police get their car? Mr. Ryland stated he has a purchase order on his desk for signatures. Mr. Nicolard moved to add this to Councils next agenda waiving second and third readings as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Mr. Mowery stated he understood Council could not vote in executive session on the settlement agreement, and if there was not a 7-0 vote it could not be approved, so how can we now just go through with it? Mr. Bergstrom disagreed with this statement, he was present and that is not what he understood. Mr. Kostoff clarified that the Finance Director has requested to provide funds in a budget line item, and the Board of Control action on Monday was an additional request on his part. The Administration could have proceeded to settle this regardless, however the funds were not there to do so or it would have been done. Mr. Kostoff noted there has been a lot of negotiating on both sides on this issue, we have resolved it in the best manner that protects the City's interest, and he recommends the funds be allocated and put this matter behind us. Mr. Kostoff stated he could respect the fact some do not agree, however when considering the potential legal costs to not settle, this is in the best interest. There is argument both ways on this issue, as an ordained right, of how much the estate is entitled in excess of \$40,000.00 and this settlement is less than \$15,000.00 and it would cost in excess of \$30,000. Mr. Mowery stated he agrees to this settlement and dollar for dollar it's a good thing to settle. Mr. Kostoff stated he would answer to Ms. Whipkey's objection if so asked but he is not giving her advice as to how she may seek to offer her objection. Ms. Whipkey stated she would in no way go to the Counsel for advice on it and understands what is said about the interest of the City; however she draws a line if its really the interest of the city or the interest of individuals, and has made it point blank as to how she feels on the issue with how we arrived at this situation in the first place and everyone pretty much understands what she is saying. Ms. Whipkey asked if we did go to court and win wouldn't they be required to reimburse our legal expenses? Mr. Kostoff replied that would be highly unlikely. Ms. Whipkey went on to say that as far as any people who did not perform as they should have, well come what may for them. Mr. Paul Tousley , 4536 Garrett Drive, Norton, Ohio, asked what is this dispute all about? Mr. Nicolard asked Ms. Whipkey if she would answer that. Ms. Whipkey replied this issue came out of an Executive Session, but since the President asked her it concerns a life insurance settlement for Mr. John Moss. Ms. Whipkey stated that it appears someone was negligent on this policy. Mr. Tousley asked for more details and Ms. Whipkey stated apparently the City did not have any such insurance policy in place. Ms. Whipkey stated it is her contention that there wasn't any life insurance and they shouldn't be paid for life insurance, as someone was negligent in making sure these issues were covered, well it is on the person or persons fault that failed to see the policies were carried out. Mr. Tousley asked for clarification if someone that they had insurance and they didn't. Ms. Whipkey stated apparently the City did not have it in place. Mr. Tousley asked who was responsible the Financial Director, Administration, the Mayor, or Council. Ms. Whipkey stated she would put it on the former Finance Director and the Administration, particularly the City Administrator. Mr. Tousley asked wasn't that set in the budget and what happened to the money, how much are we talking here, was it just for one individual or all individuals? Mrs. Starosta stated if it was budgeted, then a check was just not issued.

Mr. Nicolard pointed out it wasn't a lot of money, just \$40,000. Mr. Rick Rodgers, asked if there was any other coverage that was not taken into effect of if any other employees were exposed, was this just an oversight? Mr. Nicolard replied he did not believe any others were and it was just an oversight. Mr. Rodgers asked about the K-9 vehicle and Mrs. Starosta stated we are replacing a vehicle with a used vehicle. Mr. Rodgers asked about the need for overtime pay? Mr. Ryland stated that lately we have a lot of shifts requiring an all call.

Roll Call: Yeas: Nicolard, Pelot, McGlone, Mowery, Conklin, Bergstrom
Nays: Whipkey

Motion passed 6-1.

Alternative Tax Budget 2014

Mr. Nicolard turned this discussion over to Mrs. Starosta for the details. Mrs. Starosta explained that is done on an annual basis and is required by ORC. We have received an extension to file by August 31, 2013. Mr. Nicolard moved to add this to Councils next agenda waiving second and third readings as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Fixed Assessment Rates

Mr. Conklin explained the need to set out these rates for all utility projects, and turned over to Mr. Ryland for the details. Mr. Ryland stated that about a year ago Mr. Bergstrom had approached him with this concern. What we have done over the last two (2) weeks was that we took the Norton rates and discussed with Mr. Jim Demboski-Engineer to see if we could be cash flow positive. We also did this in conjunction with the MOU with Summit County being in place and the funds received from the tax credit. Mr. Ryland stated at the end of the twenty (20) years with owning the lines, we will be in a positive cash flow situation. We still need to have the final engineer's estimates to move ahead and it's more like 38 % going to the homeowners versus the 33% we initially discussed on the project, meaning 33% is assessed to the homeowner and the rest is picked up by the city as a whole. Ms. Whipkey asked this is for the entire city and Mr. Ryland replied yes. Ms. Whipkey asked if she understood correctly that the cap was tied to buying the Summit County Sewer Lines? Mr. Ryland clarified that is correct and if we do not own these lines; this will not apply because we don't own it and Summit County will most likely be the authority. Mr. Ryland stated these figures do include all permits and fees, other than the connection from your house. Mr. Mowery stated that with owing our lines that is a chunk of change and responsibility. Mr. Mowery expressed concerns with setting a cap because you always have cost increases. Mr. Ryland agreed but most of our septic systems are off lot. Ms. Whipkey asked about business like a super Walmart paying the same rate, and Mr. Ryland clarified that all businesses would be per benefit and with a Walmart this could be as many as 400 benefits.

Ms. Whipkey asked if a homeowner owned several parcels on a piece of property that each parcel would be a benefit. Mr. Ryland stated that is correct. Ms. Whipkey then cautioned residents that own more than one lot or parcel that it would be beneficial for them to combine lots in the future. Mr. Conklin stated we don't have a projection system here in Council chambers and read the numbers aloud (see attached) for the audience. Mr. McGlone asked when are the assessments paid, and Mr. Ryland clarified it would not come until the project is fully completed. Mr. Bergstrom stated this could be spread out over a twenty (20) year period. Ms. Whipkey stated that this also has interest over that twenty (20) year period. Mr. Conklin reminded every that this would be set in by Councils by a vote. Mr. Rick Rodgers, 4034 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, asked Mr. Ryland with all of the figures that you have, do you have the estimated cost per year to the residents with interest? Mr. Ryland stated he did but not with him tonight. Mrs. Starosta replied she believed it is around \$536.00 annually. Mr. Rodgers stated he is asking what is the total assessment with interest. Mr. Rodgers stated that we need to look out for those residents that will be placing this on their taxes, and that estimated those costs could be more like \$250.00 a month with interest. Mr. Ryland stated with these projections with interest over time, etc. that could be close. Mr. Rodgers stated that we need to know what it's going to cost us with our budgets and you need to get it down to the monthly costs for everyone. Mr. Pelot discussed the MOU discussion later this evening and if approved this would give us a better idea. Mr. Pelot stated he was referring to the costs of monthly sewer maintenance. Mr. Ryland stated that most residents don't have water and theirs would be with a flat fee of \$50.00 monthly. Mr. James Rickenbacker, 4196 Hawaii Avenue, Norton, Ohio, stated that since we have agreed sewers are coming, what are we doing to help the citizens with funding? Mr. Ryland we have a \$1.25 million dollar zero interest loan for over twenty (20) years. Mr. Rickenbacker stated there is a lot of money available out there and this is just a loan. Mr. Ryland stated that is a misconception there is not that much available for this type of a project. Mr. Rickenbacker stated he just spoke with Mayor of Wadsworth and they just got \$40,000.00 for roads, they seem to be able to always get funding. Mr. Ryland stated that was for roads, not a sewer project. Mr. Bergstrom discussed that zero interest loan and that is a ton of money in savings over time. Mr. Tom Kornas, 3771 Brookside Drive, Norton, Ohio, thanked the Finance Director for providing him with the assessment figures for the residents of Greenwich Road. Mr. Kornas stated he thought this was to go back to the drawing board, and now the sewer is back on our backs you don't care what the costs. If it were on your back you would care. Mr. Kornas stated he provided Mayor Zita with fourteen (14) other options and his reply was that this information was too late now. Mr. Kornas stated you are talking about a lot of money on top of the utilities. Mr. William Paluch, 3740 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio, stated no one up there understands our concerns. Mr. Paluch complained about a resident being assessed \$1100.00 that's an increase in one year, and who can afford that? Mr. Paluch stated some residents are paying \$130.00- \$200.00 a month for sewer and water. There are other costs like tying in and collapsing you septic tanks. Mr. Paluch warned that there would most deficiently be another amendment back on the ballot. Mr. Nicolard noted that he lives in Mount Vernon Estates and his sewer and water rates are no where there near that. Mr. Dave Koontz 2784 Greenridge Road, Norton, Ohio and former Mayor and current engineer stated he felt this is necessary to move forward and applauded the Administration with this fixed rate.

Mr. Koontz stated that the day after the election he and his corporate President from the Tennessee area had a discussion about sanitary sewers and was he surprised about our concept of gravity sewers. Mr. Koontz stated that with established neighborhoods in Tennessee, they do not use gravity and instead have grinder pump systems, which are more economical. Mr. Koontz stated he addressed his concerns earlier today with Mr. Ryland and found out that grinder pumps were discussed with the engineer at some point and he would continue to work with Mr. Ryland. Mr. Koontz stated it deserves yet another look. Mrs. Audrey Kornacky, 3008 Dutt Road, Norton, Ohio, stated that if you have the full \$12,000.00 right up front then it seems like you can do your own. Mrs. Kornacky discussed the discharging out into the ditches and every contractor she has talked to has concurred with this. This all came about because of the discharge into the ditches. Mrs. Kornacky stated the only thing this City was told to do by the EPA was get this mess cleaned up. We should be able to do our own sewers. Mr. McGlone corrected Mr. Nicolard's earlier figures for those paying both water and sewer those costs are \$180.00 per month, that's what he pays. Mr. Conklin moved to place legislation on Councils next agenda for the proposed fixed assessment rates to go all three (3) readings and no emergency, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom. Mr. Mowery asked about Mr. Koontz meeting and if is an engineer/sewer construction business Mr. Koontz is with? Mr. Ryland replied yes, and the newest technology does provide issues that we might still be able to change. Mr. Ryland stated he welcomed the experience and time Mr. Koontz has to offer. Mr. Mowery stated you have to either be pro-sewer or pro -septic systems. Mr. Ryland stated we have to get over this because the orders from the EPA for Nash Heights are for sanitary sewers and it is going to take place. Mr. Mowery stated he has many unhappy residents and he has to work to help these people. What can we still do to help these people? Mr. Ryland stated there is the Community Development Block Grant, and Summit County has programs as well for the residents, it just doesn't apply to the City as a whole because we don't qualify due to the median income. It's for the individual residents that qualify. Mr. Mowery stated he hopes Mayor Zita will be instrumental in helping.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conklin, Bergstrom, McGlone, Whipkey, Pelot, Nicolard
Nays: Mowery

Motion passed 6-1.

MOU-Summit County Sanitary Sewers

Mr. Conklin stated that we have had this discussion and we have already had a first and second reading and this is sitting for a third reading. Mr. Conklin discussed the various package plants and Mr. Ryland stated it also includes looking at the entire sanitary sewer system. Mr. Conklin stated this is not a commitment to purchase, and not a final vote on this subject and Mr. Ryland concurred. Mr. Kostoff clarified Section 3 of the pending Ordinance #102-2012, which states: *This Council hereby requires that any Purchase Agreement negotiated between the City and the County shall be subject to final approval by ordinance of this Council prior to the execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement on behalf of the City.*

Mr. Kostoff stated that this means it's an ability to do their due diligence, prepare a report and this would come back to you for approval/recommendation. Mr. Conklin suggested that the Summit County Council may also have to take legislative action. Mr. McGlone asked about the price of the system, and Mr. Ryland stated this is not to be confused with the rates we just discussed. Mr. McGlone stated that as for him, his rates would go up 4% and Mr. Ryland concurred but for the majority of the citizens that would not be the case. Mr. McGlone stated its hard to support this when he would get an increase. Ms. Whipkey asked about the portion of Norton customers pay in a maintenance fee to Summit County. Mr. Ryland stated he would have to check but he believed it was like \$65.00 a half. Ms. Whipkey disagreed and stated she had looked it up and some of them were substantially below that. Mr. Ryland stated that is part of the due diligence to see what all citizens are paying. Ms. Whipkey stated she understands with this MOU if everything is good then we are in line to buy this in the future. Mr. Kostoff clarified at that time if the votes are not sufficient to authorize the purchase then we would not be buying it. Ms. Whipkey discussed the liability for maintenance and upkeep if we do go through with this. Mr. Bergstrom stated this subject came up with that presentation by Mr. Demboski and all of these options were put into the equations. Mr. Bergstrom discussed the proposal and the future costs, and Ms. Whipkey stated she wanted to know if what is coming in now is this enough to cover the cost to purchase or would end up costing the citizens more? Mr. Bergstrom replied, yes and Mr. Demboski had that all worked out in his spreadsheet. Mr. Nicolard stated this is just to authorize a study and Ms. Whipkey stated if she does not ask now, it would be too late. Mr. Kostoff stated we would take a look at the charges the Norton residents are paying to the County, what is being done right now for maintenance. Mr. Kostoff stated there is a possibility we may be able to reduce the fees the residents pay now, but you can't do that without getting under the hood and taking a look. Mr. Kostoff stated he wished we had done this over a year ago, its either a good deal or its not. Mr. Bergstrom asked who would be on the task force or a committee to advise if this is right for us? Mr. Ryland stated that would be Mr. Demboski because he is the only one with that expertise to do so. Mr. Ryland discussed having cameras looking at the new and old lines, etc. Ms. Patricia Reese, 4052 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, stated that she attended that meeting and all Mr. Demboski talked about was revenue, revenue, revenue. Where is that coming from? We the citizens are going to have to pay for that white elephant. You have not even talked about the age of the 45 year old line. We will have to pay more taxes to pay for all of this, it will be costing us a fortune. Mrs. Reese stated you will have no option other than to tax us more. Where is the money going to come from if that 45 yr old line needs to be replaced? Mr. Pelot stated we already pay for that now. Mr. Bergstrom stated that those residents that have a sewer system, that maintenance fee is paid on your taxes. Mrs. Reese stated she does not have this fee, she calls her septic cleaning company and her system is working just fine. This is not fair for the seven (7) of you to make this decision for us. Mr. Nicolard stated we have an ordinance in place that that states although a septic system is in place and you are obliged to pay the assessment and as long as your septic system is functioning you do not have to tap in under our rules. Ms. Whipkey discussed the tap in fees on page #4 and what fees are these? Mr. Ryland stated that is for money setting in escrow for the past two (2) projects. Mr. Conklin stated this has been explained as a look under the hood and hopes it answers the residents concerns as well.

Mr. Kostoff Mr. Conklin moved to place Ord #102-2012 on Councils next agenda for its third reading, with no emergency, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom. Ms. Whipkey stated she still does not understand this process and it seems backwards to her that a product for sale by the county does not have the answers being asked readily available as opposed to getting permission to get the information. Mr. Bergstrom stated that it opens the door for other options. Mr. Conklin called for the question

Roll Call: Yeas: Conklin, Bergstrom, Pelot, Nicolard
Nays: Whipkey, McGlone, Mowery

Motion passed 4-3.

Non Bargaining Employees

Mr. Mowery stated that he understands we have settled all other union contracts and we have no current ones. Mr. Ryland stated that is correct, and we will be starting again next month. Mr. Mowery asked why have we not negotiated for the non- bargaining employees and Mr. Ryland stated we have no contract with the non-bargaining employees. Mr. Mowery asked why is this still not addressed. Mr. Ryland stated that in 2008 Council froze these wages. Mr. Ryland noted he has not received a raise in five (5) years, and its Councils decision to remove that freeze. Mr. Mowery asked what more do we need to do, and Mr. Ryland stated he needs direction from Council. Mr. Mowery moved to remove the freeze if it still exists, seconded by Mr. Conklin. There was discussion as to what was frozen with the MPO and Mrs. Richards recalled that in the past Council had issued a 2% increase, but due to the finances of the City that legislation was repealed. There was discussion that the Administration would research salary comparisons and bring this forward to Council for review.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution of Necessity-Nash Heights Sewer

Mr. Conklin it is his understanding that we need to move forward with this. Mr. Conklin noted that by this being on the agenda next week this is no way the final vote or action in this process. Mr. Council noted that he checked with the Clerk of Council and there are 16 steps in the entire assessment process, and read them for the audience (see attached). Mr. Conklin noted that these are all actions needing to be taken to move forward. Mr. Conklin also noted that the Planning Commission has supported this as well with a formal resolution. This does not mean that sometime in October of this year there would be someone in Nash Heights with a backhoe. Mr. Mowery asked if this was true and Mrs. Richards replied this is correct, with this just one piece and going all three readings. Mrs. Richards indicated that these steps are required by Ohio Law and cannot be bypassed or done out of order. Mr. Ryland concurred and if the project is not completed by September of next year, then the final assessments would not take place until September of the following year.

Mr. Mowery asked if this listing of the process could be posted on the Council section on the web page and Mrs. Richards indicated she would see to that. Mr. Conklin asked about a projected starting time line and Mr. Ryland replied might be around January 18, 2014. Mr. Conklin expressed concern about the time line and Mr. Ryland stated that some issues could be handled simultaneously. Ms. Whipkey stated that it seems this time line would be after the Council election this fall. Mr. Mowery stated you would never see lines and septic systems come into this City so fast once this gets rolling. Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Ryland about the EPA enforcement. Mr. Rodgers stated that he has spoken to EPA officials and he was told by the EPA that this is two (2) years out, and to say this is something we have to do to negotiate consent with the EPA right now is wrong. Mr. Rodgers asked why can't this wait until a new Council is seated this fall? Mr. Ryland stated he knows for a fact that the EPA has notice that the orders are forthcoming. This consent order changes the time. Mr. Rodgers asked to see these orders and letters, as they should be public records. Mr. Rodgers stated Council should just table this till the next Council is seated, you know this City is divided. The EPA will wait for this. Mr. Danny Grether, 2831 Brookfield Drive, Norton, Ohio stated he understood six (6) months ago when this MOU got started it was suggested we could have a reduction in our fees. Mr. Grether stated that as far as tabling this issue, the Council has the duty for protecting the health, safety and welfare for the residents. You have to have a plan and understand what is being affected. Mr. Grether stated he has seen these EPA letters and yes there is not a mandate, but he is not willing to play Russian roulette like Akron did. Look at where they ended up, with a 58% increase monthly. Mr. Grether stated he also feels the \$10-12, assessment fees are high. Mr. Kevin Kearns, 3732 Golf Course Drive, Norton, Ohio, asked about his ½ percent income tax he has paid all of these years, and if he has to connect will this be paid for him out of that tax? Mr. Kearns stated he owns property in Akron and he pays \$68 a month all summer long. Mr. Nicolard asked the Clerk of Council to read the Planning Commissions Resolution (see attached). Mr. Conklin stated with all comments made this evening, he feels prudent to move forward with this Resolution of Necessity. Mr. Conklin moved to place this on Councils next agenda for a first reading with no emergency language, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conklin, Bergstrom, McGlone, Pelot, Nicolard
Nays: Whipkey, Mowery

Motion passed 5-2.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Conklin corrected his statement or motion about the third reading for the MOU and this legislation has already received previous readings with emergency language in it so it will appear as the third reading with the emergency language. Mr. Bergstrom discussed the 2013 Road Program and asked Mr. Ryland where we are with this. Mr. Ryland replied it should be completed sometime this week.

New Business:

Mr. Mowery stated there is a school levy coming up this fall. Mr. Mowery stated he feels the levy is important and we all should think about this when we come to the poles and consider if the citizens are getting a fair shake.

Topics for the next Work Session:

Public Comment-Agenda and Non Agenda Items:

Mr. Kornas, 3771 Brookside Drive, Norton, Ohio, stated he has been talking about a task force and you never listen. Mr. Kornas stated you may have won the vote and you certainly did not make any friends the way you handled yourselves. Mr. Kornas stated he has never seen City government so involved with this PAC. Mr. Kornas stated his freedom of speech was violated while standing at the Community Center polling center even though he had an official from the Board of Elections who confirmed he was fine with the distance issue. Mr. Kornas stated he received several complaints including one from Mr. Ryland. Mr. Kornas stated Chief Hete was the only one that came to him and asked if he was doing all right. Mr. Kornas accused those involved as having all of the press in your back pocket. Then there are charges filed in Columbus, and there were four (4) items that were thrown out because you could not answer to them. Mr. Kornas noted there is one (1) still pending, probably just a piece of paper on that one. Mr. Kornas noted all of the press time this issue received. Mr. Kornas noted the displays of victory, then you come out and call us socialists and that the real people voted. Mr. Kornas warned that Mr. Nicolard, would not be voted back in office. Mr. Nicolard warned Mr. Kornas that his five (5) minutes were up, which Mr. Kornas ignored. Mr. Nicolard gaveled several times to stop the discussion, which Mr. Kornas continued to ignore. Mr. Nicolard asked t Norton Police Officer Braman to remove Mr. Kornas, at which time Mr. Kornas finally concluded his comments.

Mr. Paul Tousley, 4536 Garrett Drive, Norton, Ohio, discussed the MOU and comments made that Summit County cannot let them do this because they don't plan for the future. Mr. Tousley stated that a no interest loan is a good starting place, and asked about the 27.5% surcharge and if there has been any discussion of taking this back down to zero? These people don't come here every Monday just to give Council a hard time, these people are truly worried. Mr. Tousley asked about the EPA and their letter, was that because we told them we would do sewers? What is wrong with sitting down with the EPA and working together to come up with solutions? Mr. Tousley stated as Mr. Karant reported at your last meetings that the County does have financial help for the citizens. Mr. Tousley asked why would you put that burden on the 255 residents in Nash Heights if there are better solutions? Mr. Tousley commented on the opinions in the papers and that because Issue #1 failed and that his means they want sewer, well don't be fooled. It was not meant that we are all in support of sewers.

Mr. Rick Rodgers, 4030 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio commented about the Summit County Health District meeting at the high school, and he had spoken about the distrust with the City and Administration. Mr. Rodgers commented on former Mayor Koontz and he suggested that Mr. Koontz was here to peddle this issue.

Mr. Rodgers stated that he threw Council a softball here tonight to table this, but not one of you did. Mr. Rodgers commented about all of the editorials and newspapers articles. Mr. Rodgers commented on Mrs. Zita and her comments, and he understands that the company she works for is doing training with the City and that there was no bid for these services. Mr. Rodgers stated he felt there is an ethics issue here and maybe Mr. Kostoff could comment on this. Mr. Rodgers stated if Nash Heights needs to have sewers, lets work together and help them get this done. Its in our court, we can do this, we don't need this division in the City.

William Paluch, 3740 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, stated that it appears that you think you scored a big victory but 100 votes is not a big victory. Maybe we should not have used the \$35.00 figure, but let me tell you we will get this back on the ballot. Mr. Paluch stated a lot of people worked hard on this, even though we did not have the media, or the law firm or Fred Martin behind us. We just had ordinary hard working people working for this, because they cant afford this. Mr. Paluch stated that it's just a lie that the City pays two-thirds of the costs, and the citizens only pay one-third. Mr. Nicolard asked Mr. Paluch asked who is the "we" you are referring to, and Mr. Paluch did not answer.

Mrs. Pat Reese, 4052 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, stated that as a property owner and taxpayer she voted yes for Issue 1. It was defeated by a 3.5% margin and 48% of the residents don't agree with you. She is not for this project. Mrs. Reese stated it is slenderest of Mr. Nicolard to state that we are socialists, and anarchists, how dare you. Mrs. Reese stated that if we are not real citizens then she wants her tax money refunded, the sooner the better.

Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Don Nicolard, President of Council

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