



## COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MAY 19, 2014

Committee Members Present: Scott Pelot-Excused  
Dennis McGlone  
Danny Grether  
Dennis Pierson  
Paul Tousley  
Charlotte Whipkey  
Rick Rodgers

Also Present: Mayor Mike Zita  
Valerie Wax Carr  
Justin Markey  
Laura Starosta  
Karla Richards  
Ann Campbell  
Dave White

The Committee Work Session convened on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Rick Rodgers, President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

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

Mr. Rodgers moved to amend the agenda to bring Item C-Issue 1 Funding 4 Projects, to the beginning due to the fact that Mr. Dave White-Municipal Engineer will be present for this discussion and he also needs to be at another meeting later on, second by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Tousley.  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

### **Issue 1 Funding-4 Projects**

Mr. Rodgers stated we are applying for a total of five (5) projects and Mr. White clarified there are two (2) for the Nash Heights Project; one is for the Nash Heights East and the other is for the Nash Heights West project. Mr. Rodgers moved to formally add this to the Special Council Meeting agenda immediately following, with emergency language, and waiving readings, seconded by McGlone.

Mr. Tousley clarified with Mr. Markey that the Charter Section 3.18 that states “*No ordinance or resolution shall contain more than one subject which shall be clearly expressed in its title*” .Mr. Markey concurred this is all for the one subject of application for Issue 1 funding which he believes is permissible under the Charter.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Tousley, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Repeal Ord. #34-1999 Chapter 208.04 Insurance Contracts

Ms. Whipkey stated we need to repeal Ord. #34-1999 on Chapter 208.04 on the Insurance Contracts. Ms. Whipkey stated this is the only one on the books that goes to Board of Control votes first before coming to Council for a final vote on. Additionally there is the new Charter Amendment, this is almost a moot point since the States recommendation, which as soon as the certification comes in we will no longer be under that policy, and is set at \$25,000.00 as opposed to \$50,000.00. Ms. Whipkey moved to add this to the next week’s Council agenda, seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

Roll Call: Yeas: Whipkey, Rodgers, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution of Support for Good Deeds Program

Mayor Zita stated we have secured several dates with Judge McKenney for this fall to conduct the meetings in addition to providing some funding as well. Mr. Tousley stated he recalled the funds are in the neighborhood of about \$1,000.00 and Mayor Zita concurred. Ms. Whipkey announced the dates at the community center as being September 9-11, 2014 from 4 to 10- PM and September 12, 2014 from 8 AM to 5 PM. Ms. Whipkey noted this is a really good thing for the citizens to enable them to cut the costs for probate and processing of all of the forms. Mr. Rodgers moved to add this to next week’s Council agenda, seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Ms. Whipkey asked if we need to address the funding now and Mrs. Starosta replied we will be splitting this between the Council and Mayors budget, and they both have the \$500.00 that we need to do this.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Engineering EDG-Vacuum Sewer Design-Nash Heights

Mr. Rodgers stated we have a contract with EDG (Environmental Design Group) to design plans for vacuum sewers for Nash Heights are. Mr. Rodgers moved to formally add this to the Special Council agenda immediately following, for a first reading with emergency language, second by Ms. Whipkey.

Mr. McGlone asked how much the first engineering contract was for and Mrs. Starosta replied the contract was approximately \$400,000.00 and that has not all been spent on that. We have spent just over \$300,000.00 to date for engineering and survey work. Mr. McGlone asked Mr. Rodgers if he has an idea on how much this could save the citizens or an estimate? Mr. Rodgers replied we believe this engineering study will define that and that is what we are really trying to find out. Mr. Rodgers stated he felt it looks promising and would be money well spent considering the size of this project. Mr. Grether stated his concern is that five (5) or six (6) weeks ago we were told someone would be coming in to speak to Council and the residents as to the benefits, details on a vacuum system, etc. There were questions at that time about the pump stations, etc., that have never been answered. Mr. Grether noted that most of the meetings that took place the past few months were done without the majority of Council involved. Mr. Grether stated he wanted more clarification before moving forward, and that this vacuum system was not properly presented to all of us. Mr. Pierson noted there was not much discussion presented with the last gravity engineering plans, and Mr. Grether noted he was not on Council then. Mr. Pierson stated the point is at this stage of the negotiations a discussion would not be proper to discuss with the public as a whole until we have more information as the information could change if shared prematurely. Mr. Pierson stated once a conclusion has been made it will be brought forward to the public at that time. Mr. Pierson agreed we need to inform the public and felt Mr. Rodgers would fully agree. Mr. Grether stated he appreciated that however we as a full Council was supposed to have some educational presentation by that company, and he is uncomfortable with this unless we have some kind of facts. Mr. Tousley stated Mr. Grethers' comments are well taken and that is a lot of money to spend out of the taxpayer's pockets without a whole lot more information. Mr. Pierson noted we originally budgeted over \$600,000.00 for the gravity sewers and have paid out about \$300,000.00. Mrs. Starosta replied there were two (2) different contracts that went through Council and perhaps Mrs. Richards could supply Council with copies of those. Mrs. Starosta stated the total is about \$400,000.00 to \$405,000.00 and we have spent a little over \$300,000.00. Mr. Pierson though we had added \$200,000.00 to that last February because we didn't like the way the project was laid out. Mrs. Richards stated she believed the first piece of legislation was for around \$300,000.00 and then there was a second increase for approximately \$125,000.00. Mrs. Starosta added that the survey work was split out into a separate contract. Mr. Pierson stated we need to really look into this for the potential savings, and that we would be short changing ourselves by not moving forward and investigating other options. Ms. Whipkey stated that we have talked about the \$400,000.00 and that there is about \$100,000.00 still left and she asked Mrs. Starosta if this would be applied to the new design. Mrs. Starosta replied that she did not negotiate the contract, and asked if Mr. Rodgers or Mrs. Carr could elaborate on this. Mrs. Starosta stated she believes Ms. Whipkey is asking if there would be a cost savings because we are using the same company. Mrs. Carr discussed the amount of what is left and added that there are some funds we have not used yet which can be applied to the design of the vacuum systems. Ms. Whipkey concurred that is what she was asking. However, depending on what final method is decided upon (gravity or vacuum); there may be a need for additional funds to be allocated. Ms. Whipkey asked if there is more of an impact by doing two (2) designs for the assessment on this?

Mr. Markey asked what impact Ms. Whipkey was asking about? Ms. Whipkey stated if we have already put out notices for x amount of dollars for the assessment of one design, and if we end up putting out \$174,000.00 for a second design with vacuum sewers and a second assessment, wont that cost be passed on to the citizens or will the City just eat it? Mr. Markey explained the costs would be passed along if you chose the vacuum system and that in the assessment preceding you cannot include the gravity design. Ms. Whipkey clarified that they will not be combined regardless of how we go and Mr. Markey concurred they would not be mixed together. Mr. Pierson stated he believed the previous legislation may have worded it so that it was earmarked specifically for gravity and could not be used for another design. Mr. Markey stated it all comes from the same source and he would have to review the costs before final determination. Mr. Rodgers asked if the initial design fees for gravity sewers are included in the \$8,200.00 assessment? Mrs. Starosta stated the engineering fees are included in that. Mrs. Starosta clarified if you end up going with the vacuum system, you can only assess the engineering costs for a vacuum system to the residents. Mr. Rodgers clarified that some work was already done through the gravity design and will not need to be redone for the vacuum system. Mayor Zita stated at the end of the day, one way or the other we are going to pay for both of them. Mr. Rodgers disagreed and stated we would pay for the design itself, but not for the work of the preliminary work used to create the design because it would be used on the vacuum. Mrs. Carr stated the preliminary cost for designing the gravity system would be assessed, but that would have to be reviewed and by the letter of the law carved out if we went with the vacuum system and that preliminary work would be added to the vacuum system cost. Mr. Markey stated he would have to review it. Mrs. Carr stated she is not saying that is what we should do, but that to answer the question, there were some up front things paid for that were utilized and will be used in the vacuum system. Mr. Rodgers stated this additional design work for the \$175,000.00 is necessary to design the vacuum design now using information from the gravity system design and as we go along we will have itemization for the entire process. Ms. Whipkey asked what exactly does Section 3 mean which states "*The Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to take all further actions as shall be necessary to complete the work described in the agreement;*" would that include a work change order for additional funds for cost that could fall to the Administrator to agree to the change in the dollar amounts? Mr. Markey stated this is not the intent, that is a catch all statement and is not considered a change order, and you have a certain dollar amount for such that Council set and dollar changes would have to come back to Council. Ms. Whipkey stated it was more a language thing to which Mr. Markey stated mostly. Mr. Rodgers addressed the question on cost savings and stated that for every million dollar we can cut off the total from the gravity costs, that's a savings of about \$3,000.00 per benefit in the Nash Heights project. However we are still looking into this further. Mr. Rodgers stated as far as the Air Vac presentation, his concern was and his promise was we will do what we can to lower the costs. If for some miracle EDG were to come back to us with half the costs for a gravity, we would certainly do that. Once we get some numbers and know for sure we would ask the Air Vac Systems for a presentation. Mr. Rodgers urged everyone to take the time and go to their web site and look around. Mr. Tousley asked Mr. Rodgers to please explain why we need this on the Special Council agenda tonight. Mr. Rodgers noted we all know the EPA has a certain time line and we are all trying to work with that.

Mr. Rodgers noted tonight this will be a first reading only and look to waive the third reading at the next Council meeting. Mr. Tousley urged Mr. Rodgers to please inform all of Council on the details of what he has been working on. Mr. Rodgers noted he would see that the members and the Administration would have the information and he would like to have a link on either the City web site or his email address. Ms. Whipkey suggested some of this information be handed out at the town meeting on Wednesday, but Mr. Rodgers wanted to keep the town hall meeting on track for septic information only to deal with the septic issues as a form of prevention. Mr. Pierson noted we should provide the balance of Council the information that we are going to tour a working vacuum facility in the near future and could see for themselves. Mr. Grether noted his concerns go deeper than that and he has looked at the on line information, but in the beginning we were approaching the County to see how they felt on this type of system. Mr. Grether added that with the prior Administration and Council all of the talks with the County were on gravity and he is not sure if the County is even willing to accept the vacuum system. Mr. Grether stated he had assumed there would be more information forthcoming and even at \$174,000 to save money he is willing, but again he has not heard the County is accepting of the system. Mr. Rodgers replied that the County is acceptable to this and even today we had a meeting with Barberton and the County about this and we will be meeting again June 5<sup>th</sup> with Barberton as Barberton has expressed an interest in providing sewer to Norton also. Mr. Rodgers relayed that during today's meeting he had stated that Norton was looking to spend \$175,000 and they would have to be willing to accept the vacuum system if it is cost effective for the citizens and was part of the deal. Mr. McGlone noted he understood the up front costs may be less for vacuum but there could be more in maintenance costs. Mr. Rodgers stated the operational and maintenance is more for the vacuum system, but gravity has some as well and we need to keep in mind that the offset in upfront costs would still show over forty years if millions are saved; that is what we need to find out and we have to get to this point. Ms. Whipkey noted we do need to move forward due to the EPA work orders and time lines that have been put into place. We cannot tell you the costs or savings until this gets done, and with Nash Heights aside, this is not only for Nash Heights but a system that could be used for all areas of Norton down the road in the future that could be impacted with same types of problems. Ms. Whipkey stated we needed to move on this tonight, but there is a very small window that by doing a first reading only this gives more time for the residents to chime in and more information to be gathered. Mrs. Carr noted that as far as the EPA we are way off the schedule and they have been very gracious as Mr. Rodgers had noted. We have told them we are looking at a cost comparison; they have not been informed we are looking at an actual engineering design. Mrs. Carr stated she is saying this publicly so if anyone from the EPA is out there now they know it now and she feels an obligation to go back to them and make sure they do not have a problem with this if Council is supportive of going for a design. Mrs. Carr added we have to make sure if they will approve of a new time line, as we will never meet the schedule for this fall. Mr. Rodgers noted that was correct and the best way to do this is to get two (2) designs and vote for the least expensive. Mr. Gainer, 3920 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, questioned if the City is now intending to turn this system over to the County to maintain, the Council does not want to have the income for the City, is that correct, we want to turn all the potential income over to Summit County?

Mr. Rodgers replied that in order for us to have an income we have to have a sewer department and all we have is a very small, understaffed service department. Mr. Rodgers added that he did not believe the majority of Council supported not being in the sewer business. Mr. Gainer noted that he is surprised and it is the first time he has heard in the talks with the County, per Mr. Rodgers on the vacuum system, that the County is willing to own and maintain them and asked for confirmation. Mr. Rodgers stated the County is willing to coop with Norton and take a vacuum system and maintain it. Mr. Gainer stated that everything he has seen about the vacuum systems is that they are very costly to maintain and they freeze. Mr. Rodgers urged Mr. Gainer to supply his information because that is an issue with misinformation about the vacuum systems being presented. Mr. Gainer discussed the additional costs and the people were given an \$8,200.00 for an assessment, and some people will not be using the vacuum and some will not be using the gravity. Mr. Rodgers stated that is not the case, it will be one or the other not a combination of the two. Mr. Gainer stated there will be an equal assessment for East and West and Mr. Rodgers concurred. Mr. Pierson discussed one comment Mr. Gainer made about freezing in the lines in the vacuum system, which won't happen because there is no water in the vacuum system to be able to freeze. Mr. Pierson also noted that Summit County has already initiated using the vacuum systems elsewhere. Mr. Gainer asked then where then does the liquid go to? Mr. Pierson noted that if we go with the vacuum system, the lines are under pressure and would be vacuumed out all of the time. The only waste of gray water would be lying in the well pit is about 10-12 feet deep and would not freeze. Mr. Gainer stated from his readings any vacuum system has to suck in air and cold air enters in. Mr. Pierson stated he would like to know the websites Mr. Gainer has been reading. Mr. Gainer stated it appears that several Council members have already decided this is what they want. Mr. Pierson stated that if it saves residents money in his ward of course he is all in favor of that. Mr. Gainer asked if Council has other companies already set up to bid the project. Mr. Rodgers noted that we do not set up bids and that EDG will set up the bid process. Mr. Rodgers clarified that Air Vac builds products and does not do the projects. Ms. Karen Harley 3432 Harper Avenue, Norton, Ohio, asked about the pods and the pumps and would the residents be responsible when these pumps fails? Mr. Rodgers replied no, but clarified there is a yearly tax bill for maintenance. Mr. Harley asked if vacuum systems are only for Nash Heights only or will that be for all of Norton when it's needed? Mr. Rodgers stated this is for Nash Heights only, but would hope the least costly system would be investigated for any neighborhood. Ms. Harley asked when it gets to her neighborhood will there be more engineering or was this \$400,000.00 design fee for all of Norton or just Nash Heights? Mr. Rodgers stated that is only for Nash Heights and every system needs a design for that area. Ms. Harley asked if there is any guarantee the EPA will accept these vacuum systems and Mr. Rodgers replied yes. Ms. Whipkey stated she was at the meeting with the County & Barberton earlier today and the County did say they were fine with the vacuum system and she believes that the County would not have accepted this idea, knowing that EPA would not approve this. Ms. Gayle Brenner, 4041 Harper Avenue, Norton, Ohio, stated you need to have the feedback from the residents, and the difference in costs up front versus the costs for maintenance. Ms. Brenner suggested she would rather have a cheaper monthly bill for the upkeep. If it has to come to you it's going to happen sooner or later.

Ms. Brenner stated she is looking forward to it and has asked when it is coming numerous times to her. Mr. Rodgers inquired where Ms. Brenner's property was and Ms. Brenner replied ward four on Harper Avenue. John Campbell, 3699 Brookside Drive, Norton, Ohio, stated he lived in Portage Lakes when Springfield 91 project came in there and there was township representation when the EPA came in and a time line needs to be maintained and urged we do so. Mr. Campbell stated he has seen the Air Vac website and was impressed so far.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Whipkey, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Tousley,  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

#### Summit County MOU-Jobs Creation & Tax Sharing

Mr. Rodgers explained that this is nicknamed the "Non-Poaching Agreement" and is designed not to grab jobs from other communities. Mr. Rodgers moved to add this to the Special Council agenda immediately following, with emergency language and waiving readings, seconded by Mr. McGlone. Mr. Rodgers stated the reason was due to the Issue 1 Funding that Mr. White spoke of earlier. Mr. Rodgers stated that by joining this group we gain extra points needed for the applications. Ms. Whipkey asked Mr. Markey about the numerous references to the JEDD agreement and asked if it affects the current JEDD or the ability to modify the current one and Mr. Markey replied no. Mr. Tousley raised his concerns with this as it references all communities in Summit County and we have two (2) counties that are not included that could take advantage of this. Mr. Tousley stated he feared this would make us even more vulnerable that we are now. Mr. Markey stated this agreement would not inhibit you to offer incentives, to lure any business here. It would protect you in the event that another Summit County business would try to poach the business from Norton. You are correct that Wayne and Medina are not part of this agreement and Ms. Whipkey noted we could actually do the same to them and Mr. Markey concurred. Mr. Grether noted that even if they approached our City, we would open the door. Mrs. Carr noted if you open that door there are some things that would trigger to do some tax sharing, Mr. Grether stated he does see the good in this, and he wants to be aware of any unintended consequences. Mrs. Carr stated that in northern Summit County they are very aggressive in getting new businesses. Mrs. Carr stated she is an advocate for this because of the extra points that we desperately need for the Issue 1 applications which concerns her because there are so many others also out there looking for this also. Mrs. Carr stated that the Issue 1 applications are extremely competitive and we need all of the extra points that we can get. Mrs. Carr stated that will due respect, the City of Norton does not have a lot to offer right now, other communities have things to offer that we can't. Ms. Whipkey asked for a listing of all of the communities involved and Mrs. Carr noted she has that listing and would provide this to Council. Ms. Whipkey asked if we agree now and end up getting the Issue 1 money and next year we decline to renew would that affect the funds received and Mrs. Carr replied no and that Issue 1 money is approved on a contract by contract basis. Ms. Whipkey asked if there are any other grants that could help us, and Mrs. Carr replied she believed this is only tied to Issue 1.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Tousley, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Grether stated that going back for item #D Engineering with EDG for vacuum, he is in favor of saving the resident's money, and we are not going to know until we get this engineering done and see that in black and white so we can see the differences between the two.

Ms. Whipkey asked Mayor Zita if there is anything new on the Watershed Conservancy District and Mayor Zita replied no, adding that she was with Mayor Judge earlier today just like he was. Ms. Whipkey stated she wished she had asked him about that, but we were not there for that.

Mr. Rodgers commented on the Cleveland-Massillon Road widening project and he had spoke with Susan Dayton regarding her concerns. Mr. Rodgers urged the Administration to please have Dominion to cease working on the weekends. Mrs. Carr stated that she contacted Dominion personally over this weekend because of a situation on the weekend. Mrs. Carr stated Dominion was on a timeline and was behind due to the weather. Mrs. Carr noted there is an upcoming meeting with ODOT and Barberton soon, and we will be working on our own signs for our Norton businesses. Mrs. Carr noted we did have Norton Police present as a traffic control measure. Mr. Rodgers asked if the project is within our own city limits, cant we use our own officers to control the traffic? Mrs. Carr stated she would check on that. Mrs. Carr stated the real issue on Saturday was the traffic was backing up and slowing down. Mr. Rodgers noted he really feels for these businesses and that with the last waterline, current and future projects these businesses are looking at about seven (7) years off and on that they have to deal with. Ms. Whipkey pointed out that unfortunately the timing always seemed to be at the most critical time of year for the businesses in that area. Mrs. Carr stated that in all honesty ODOT really does try to work with the local businesses and the City needs to sit down with ODOT, particularly on the Barberton end, and try to work on the timing as they will not do it without being asked. Mr. Tousley noted he was in that area on Saturday around noon and the traffic was backed up all the way from beyond Weber to Shannon. Mr. Tousley thanked Mrs. Carr for what she was able to do and that Ms. Dayton is appreciative of those efforts.

**New Business:**

None

**Topics for the next Work Session:**

Mr. Grether noted if we are voting on #64-2014 at the next regular Council meeting we need to have more information out in the open, although they are Committee meetings, elected officials are the ones attending and need to share what they know with everyone on the floor. Mayor Zita pointed out that the issue would be voted on next week.

Mrs. Carr agreed and feels we need to present the total costs for the gravity sewers, and the total costs for vacuum sewers. If Barberton owns the system what are the cost or if Summit County owns them what are the cost; she would also like to know what the costs would be if Norton owned them. Mr. Rodgers stated it's been said at the County level and by the EPA there is no money to be made in owning sewers. Mr. Rodgers noted the Service Dept. is already down to six (6) employees, and there is no way they can become a sewer department. There was a discussion on holding another work session before the next vote on this. Mrs. Carr noted you don't have really enough information and the County is already looking at their rate study now and we do not know what the proposal from Barberton is going to look like. Mr. Grether stated he was fine with moving forward with this engineering study now in order to get those numbers and have the answers on the costs as was constantly asked for before on the gravity system. Ms. Whipkey stated she does not believe any Council member is prepared to state this is the way we are going because we just don't have the details yet. Mr. Grether stated whenever there is a meeting he wants all of Council to be involved as well as the public. Mr. Grether added that on the EDG contract work item 13 stated there were to be two work sessions with the City of Norton and DOES. Mr. Grether stated he believed that the City of Norton should include all seven Council members and the Administration, adding that if it is a work session that could be made public. Mrs. Carr stated that was the intention, but pointed out modification may need made due to Barberton's proposal.

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

Mr. Jack Gainer, stated it was mentioned that Barberton wants to provide their proposal and questioned what that proposal is? Is that for all of the City, Nash Heights East & West, or is this a proposal to buy the lines we currently own? Mr. Rodgers stated the proposal dealt with both sections of Nash Heights. Mrs. Carr added that she believed they wanted to buy DOES and Mr. Rodgers concurred. Mr. Markey noted this is only discussion there has been no proposal and should wait on discussing this. Mr. Gainer asked about the Shellhart waterline and where that is? Mrs. Carr stated letters have been sent out stating the petition failed, she had spoken to Mr. Grether and Mr. Pelot on that and we are looking to expand the project and a new petition process would need to be done with the 60% requirement. Mr. Gainer discussed the NES mines article a few weeks back and asked if the City is involved with this? Mrs. Carr stated she would let Mr. Markey address this and the only thing the City received was a FERC notice that they had made notice. Mr. Markey stated it appears that a similarly related entity has made a similar application back in 2010 and that entity does not have an interest in the property. They are an exploratory application, and the City has the ability to comment on that application, but as of right now nothing is before the City. Mr. Gainer asked who would make the decision on whether to comment on that application or not? Mr. Markey stated there has been no communication with the City and it will be discussed within the Administration and Council as to whether or not we will prepare a response to the application. Ms. Whipkey noted this was something she intended to look into, possibly as early as tomorrow. Mr. Gainer discussed the Time Warner buyout and questioned if anyone has looked into the issues of the contract how it affects our residents, the rates, our city contracts, etc. Mr. Rodgers consulted Mr. Markey and Mr. Markey stated he has not contacted Time Warner.

Mrs. Carr noted this is a typical buyout and is not something we are privy to at this point, but would expect contact in the future. Mr. Markey added that if they want the benefit of the franchise agreement they would assume the Time Warner obligation. Mr. Gainer asked about the sidewalks and Mrs. Carr stated it is planned with the school system and the grants are still pending although the construction was being considered for future sidewalks later if they could not be done at the same time. Mr. Gainer asked about the length of sidewalks proposed and Mrs. Carr noted there were some specifics spelled out in the grant application, she could not recall the exact details. Mr. Gainer suggested the City and school work with each other especially near the main intersections. Mrs. Carr stated that the main objective here was to provide safe walking to children to get to school, and because of the location of the new school and the old school, we may be eligible to get some of the grant money. Mr. Gainer asked about the interaction of the City and school and Mrs. Carr stated there has been discussion with the Administration and noted as topics are more viable there will be more discussions. Mr. Gainer asked about the Road Program and it was discussed about a continuing source of income and asked if anyone has come up with some ideas?

Mr. John Campbell, 3699 Brookside Drive, Norton, Ohio, discussed the widening of Cleveland-Massillon Road and asked if the old gas station on Cleve-Massillon could also be torn down? Mayor Zita noted the costs are not so much the tearing down, it's the environmental issues involved that are so costly.

Gayle Brenner, 4041 Harper Avenue, Norton, Ohio, stated Council should go all three readings on the Ord#64-2014 for the vacuum pumps. Most of you have stated you want to go all three readings to get all of the facts. Also a few weeks ago the Administration had purchased City insurance at a savings of \$30,000.00, and you chastised them for shoving it through. Mr. Rodgers stated it had passed and the insurance was actually higher this year. Mrs. Starosta added the \$30,000.00 was from prior years.

Karen Harley, 3432 Harper Avenue, Norton, Ohio, asked about the presentations for future developments for businesses in the City. Mrs. Carr stated we have contacted CT Consultants that own DB Hart now for their input since they did the last one and to get prices for a potential update. Ms. Harley noted her travels in Green recently and that they have a big circle in town now attracting business in that same area that used to be vacant. Mrs. Carr responded that she had made the initial contact with DB Hart and has not said anything to Council on it yet, but is looking to get some dates for select members of Council, Administration, and the Company to take a look at it.

**Public Updates:**

There were no updates

**Adjourn**

There being no other business to come before the Committee Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Rick Rodgers, President of Council

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