



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

Roll Call: Scott Pelot  
Dennis McGlone  
Dennis Pierson  
Paul Tousley  
Charlotte Whipkey  
Rick Rodgers

Also Present:  
Mayor Mike Zita  
Valerie Wax Carr  
Ron Messner  
Justin Markey  
Karla Richards

The Special Council Meeting convened on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 9:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Rick Rodgers, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

**ORD #52-2015**

Mr. Tousley discussed the recent estimated costs from the Board of Elections relating to the costs for the Village of Richfield's recent Special Election this past February and asked and if this would fall under their same three week rule for holidays the holidays and if Mr. Markey understood their ruling of the holiday falling either before or after the holiday. Mr. Markey stated that does not know the answer to that and this estimate is more that what he was told last week. The Board of Elections had verbally indicated around \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 and of course this election was more. Mr. Tousley asked Mr. Markey if he understood their reference to 30 days within a holiday? Mr. Markey stated that he believes it means if the holiday falls before the election, not after. Mr. Rodgers asked if this is our estimated costs and Mr. Markey replied no, this was the final costs for Richfield from this February. Mrs. Richards indicated that their costs were for two (2) precincts and Ward 2 has three (3) so our costs will be more than their \$8,564.13. Ms. Whipkey stated this states expenses differ from odd and even numbered years, so does this mean ours could be more or less? Mr. Markey stated he does not know that answer. Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Markey if it Mr. Rodgers should prevail and his seat is vacant is it possible to have the candidates circulate petitions and get on that same ballot? Mr. Markey stated there is no particular time frame of ninety (90) days which is consistent with State law, and other Charter provisions. If there was already a Special Election slated for January 19, 2016, that seat does not become vacant until January 1, 2016 and there would not be enough time. Mr. Pierson stated that if we do this now and then another for March we are looking at even more costs that what was proposed with the Charter amendment at the same time. Mr. Markey stated its possible that's still conjecture at this point. Mr. Pierson stated he would rather wait until March in case we have two (2) vacancies to fill.

Mr. McGlone asked if the petitioners could go down to the Board as early as tomorrow and Mr. Markey stated we will file the Ordinance with the board tomorrow and they can begin preparing the candidate packets, which should only be a couple of days.

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #52-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION IN WARD 2 ON JANUARY 19, 2016 TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE WARD 2 COUNCIL POSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.06 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tousley moved to waive Ord. #52-2015, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Tousley, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tousley moved to adopt Ord. #52-2015, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Tousley, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone,  
Nays: Pierson, Rodgers

Motion passed 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**Executive Session**

At 9:11 PM, Mr. Rodgers moved to temporarily adjourn the Special Council Meeting to convene into Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation under ORC 121.22(G) (3) and Section 3.12 of the City Charter. Mr. Rodgers invited Mrs. Carr, Mayor Zita, Mr. Markey, and Mr. Messner to attend, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

At 10:12 PM, Council adjourned from Executive Session and reconvened the Special Council meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Special Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM.

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Rick Rodgers, 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 September 28, 2015.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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

**\*\*ORIGINAL SIGNED AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL\*\***

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