



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Special Council Meeting was convened on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by Doug DeHartpart, President of Council. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was offered by Mr. DeHartpart.

Roll Call: Jamie Lukens  
Paul Tousley  
Paul Eader  
Judith Lynn Lee  
William Mowery  
Don Harbert  
Doug DeHartpart

Also Present:  
Mayor Zita  
Dennis Loughry  
Pamela Keener  
Justin Markey  
Kerry Macomber

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. DeHartpart moved to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official as defined in ORC 121.22(G)(1) & Section 3.12(1) of the Norton City Charter and for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment as defined in ORC 121.22(G)(4) & Section 3.12(4) of the Norton City Charter; seconded by Mr. Harbert.

Roll Call: Yes: DeHartpart, Harbert, Lukens, Tousley, Eader, Lee, Mowery  
No: None

Motion passed: 7 - 0

Mr. DeHartpart invited Mayor Zita, Mr. Loughry, Ms. Keener, and Mr. Markey to join them and explained that the audiovisual equipment will continue recording while they are in Executive Session and if you do not want your conversation recorded, to please leave the Council Chambers. There will be business conducted after the Executive Session is concluded. Mr. DeHartpart temporarily adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Finance Committee: Harbert, Mowery, Tousley – Summit County Public Defender’s Commission Contract. Mr. Harbert explained that this is an ordinance to enter into a contract with the Summit County Public Defender’s Commission and it is an annual occurrence. The previous cost was \$170 and this year it is \$210 to represent Norton indigent residents. Mr. Tousley asked about the increase and Ms. Keener said no reason was given.

Mr. Harbert moved to add Ord. No. 14-2024 to Council's next agenda with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Mowery.

Roll Call: Yes: Harbert, Mowery, Tousley  
No: None

Motion passed: 3 – 0

Personnel & Rules Committee: Lukens, Lee, Harbert

1. Zoning Administrator Position – Mr. Lukens noted that this ordinance is n for the hiring of the new Zoning Administrator position with an annual salary of \$74,160. The agenda packet includes all of the duties and responsibilities. He said he is looking forward to this hire because it will help with the zoning issues we have had in the past. Mr. Tousley requested a copy of the qualifications and he is concerned that the City is taking applications for a position that does not exist right now. He asked what if Council decides to change duties and responsibilities and that it would be unfair to the applicants. Mr. Markey apologized for not having the qualifications with the job description and said they will provide that information. He said that the applicants have been made aware that the job description and salary is subject to Council approval. Mr. Lukens moved to add Ord. No. 15-2024 to Council's next agenda with emergency language; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Harbert  
No: None

Motion passed: 3 - 0.

2. AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreements - Mr. Lukens noted that these are the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreements and there are three different tentative agreements. They have been discussed at length and they are ready to approve the agreements. Ms. Keener noted that there are two AFSCME and one Fire Fighter. Mr. Tousley said we are voting on the tentative agreement and then the final agreement will come forward for public consumption in the future. Mr. Markey concurred stating their intention is to have the three ordinances with the three collective bargaining agreements to Council by the first meeting in February. Mr. Lukens moved to approve the tentative agreement with the AFSCME Norton Service Department; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Harbert  
No: None

Motion passed: 3 - 0

Mr. Lukens moved to approve the tentative agreement with the AFSCME Norton Office and Clerical; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Harbert  
No: None

Motion passed: 3 - 0

Mr. Lukens moved to approve the tentative agreement with the Norton Full-time Firefighters; seconded by Ms. Lee.

Roll Call: Yes: Lukens, Lee, Harbert  
No: None

Motion passed: 3 - 0

Planning & Economic Development: DeHarpert, Eader, Lukens – . Mr. DeHarpert said this is for agricultural land exemption and comes up often. There will be a public hearing on January 22, 2024 at or around 7:16 p.m. This is for Windfall Reserve, LLC for Parcel Number 46-06636 and is a total of 51.74 acres. Mr. Tousley asked if this is a renewal and Mr. DeHarpert answered affirmatively and noted that they were the owners at the last renewal. Ms. Macomber noted that she spoke with Summit County Fiscal Office and they will be sending out the Renewal Applications in the next couple of weeks. There are ten farms that are due for renewal this year. Mr. DeHarpert moved to add Res. No. 16-2024 to Council's next agenda with emergency language; seconded by Mr. Lukens.

Roll Call: Yes: DeHarpert, Lukens, Eader  
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

## **INTRODUCTION OF PREVIOUS LEGISLATION**

### **Res. No. 9-2024**

Mr. Harbert offered Res. No. 9-2024 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF NORTON ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS WATER FUND FOR THE CARL STREET & REIMER ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT C H04Z/CH05Z WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading Only.

### **Ord. No. 12-2024**

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. No. 12-2024 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WADSWORTH ROAD WATERLINE AND WATER TOWER PROJECT– PHASE 1 PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading Only.

Mr. DeHarpert announced that there will be a Public Hearing next Monday, January 22, 2024 for the Ag District and JLP Development.

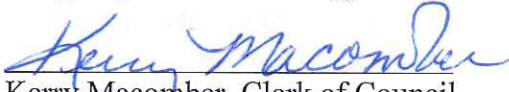
**ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Special Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.



Doug DeHarpert, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, 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 22, 2024.



Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

**\*\*Note: these minutes are not verbatim\*\***

Original signed and approved minutes are on file with Clerk of Council.