



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022**

The Special Council Meeting was convened on Monday, October 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. by Paul Tousley, President of Council. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call:	Jamie Lukens	Also Present:
	Ben Bates	Pamela Keener
	Joe Kernan (excused)	Justin Markey
	Scott Pelot (excused)	Kerry Macomber
	Charlotte Whipkey	
	Doug DeHarpert	
	Paul Tousley	

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Tousley noted that typically, public comments are not included on the Special Council Meeting Agenda but because someone has signed up, he will allow it. Mr. Tousley moved to suspend the Council Rules to allow for public comment, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Whipkey, Lukens, Bates, DeHarpert  
No: None

Motion passed: 5 – 0

Brian Smith, 3794 Easton Road, Norton – Mr. Smith asked if there was only one applicant for the position of the City Administrator because that was written in the paper. Mr. Tousley said there was a handful of applicants that came before the Administration. Mr. Smith said that for over a month and half, one of the Council Members has been asking about tap-in fees at Brookside and he is curious, too. He asked why is it that the Council Member has not been able to get questions answered; someone should be able to answer her. Mr. Smith encouraged Council to select a new administrator that will be more relatable to the public and paying attention to speakers instead of playing on his phone. Mr. Smith made a verbal public records request for the total amount of fees that Norton has paid for legal fees over the past 18 months. Ms. Whipkey noted for the record that she has been asking for the Brookside tap-in fees for well over a year. She continued that Mr. Fowler had stated in the past that they were having talks but nothing has come of it so far.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Mr. Tousley moved to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official as defined in ORC§121.(G)(1) & Section 3.12(1) of the Norton City Charter; seconded by Mr. Lukens.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Lukens, Bates, Whipkey, DeHarpart  
No: None  
Motion passed: 5 - 0.

Mr. Tousley noted that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Special Council will return to format and there may or may not be legislative action taken as a result of the Executive Session. Mr. Tousley invited Ms. Keener, and Mr. Markey to join them. He announced that the video and audio will continue during the Executive Session and that the audience should leave Council Chambers if they did not want their conversations recorded. Mr. Tousley temporarily adjourned the Special Council Meeting at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened the Special Council Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### Appointment of Administrative Officer

Mr. Tousley explained the Mayor has set before Council Philip Turske as his candidate for the Administrative Officer and moved to add Ord. No. 88-2022 to tonight's agenda; seconded by Mr. Lukens. Ms. Whipkey said she is not comfortable with moving this forward. She said it feels like a shotgun wedding and does not believe the requirements have been met as well as they could have. She said this is not political although others feel it is, and it didn't occur to her before, but she does not like that at least the Mayor nor the Candidate are here for moving this forward. To her recollection, this has not been done at a Special Council meeting and then moved to the floor without allowing an introduction for the people to see who we are considering for this position.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Lukens, Bates, DeHarpart  
No: Whipkey,  
Motion passed: 4 - 1.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

#### **Ord. No. 88-2022**

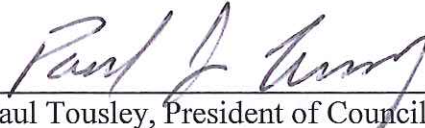
Mr. Lukens introduced Ord. No. 88-2022 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF PHIL TURSKE AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE CITY OF NORTON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

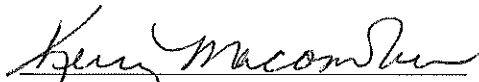
First Reading only.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no other business to come before the Special Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

  
Paul Tousley, 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 November 14, 2022.

  
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

**\*\*Note: these minutes are not verbatim\*\***  
Original signed and approved minutes are on file with Clerk of Council.







