

IN THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, March 20, 2007
8:00 p.m.

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North Royalton High School
14713 Ridge Road
North Royalton, Ohio

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APPEARANCES:

Robert A. Stefanik,
President of Council.

Cathy Luks,
Mayor.

Denise Bobulsky,
Council Ward 1.

Vince Gentile,
Council Ward 2.

Don Willey,
Council Ward 3.

Kurt McKee,
Council Ward 4.

Larry Antoskiewicz,
Council Ward 5.

Lisa Uffman-Kirsch,
Council Ward 6.

Laura Haller,
Director of Legislative Services.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: At this time, we're going to call to order the North Royalton City Council meeting for March 20th, 2007. Please rise for the Opening Ceremony.

Will the Director of Legislative Services please call the roll?

MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

MS. BOBULSKY: Here.

MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

MR. GENTILE: Here.

MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

MR. WILLEY: Here.

MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

MR. PRESIDENT: Here.

MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

MR. MCKEE: Here.

MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Here.

MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Before we get started, I would like to announce this evening for the members in the audience who are here regarding the proposed amendments to the 2007 budget. Please be advised that it was unanimously agreed by council during

1 caucus this evening that we will not be
2 proceeding with the amendments to ordinance
3 07-24 as proposed by the Finance Committee
4 last evening.

5 And also this evening, when residents
6 and members of Council, Administration
7 speak, we're going to hold it to the five
8 minute time limit this evening. We're
9 going to be very strict on that. We've
10 always done that in the past, and we want
11 to continue to do that this evening.

12 With that, will the Director please
13 read the items on the Consent Agenda?

14 MS. HALLER: Yes. The items on this
15 evenings Consent Agenda consist of the
16 following: Approval of the March 6th, 2007
17 minutes, a 90-day extension for allocation
18 of areas for public use for Abbeyville
19 Townhouses; 90-day extension preliminary
20 plan approval for Abbeyville Townhouses;
21 90-day extension Columbia Gas of Ohio for
22 their plans to install plastic distribution
23 main on Bentley Drive, Richland Drive and
24 Yorkshire Way; 90-day extension Columbia
25 Gas of Ohio plans to install plastic

1 distribution main on Glen Drive South,
2 Berkshire Way and Bentley Drive; 90-day
3 extension for temporary real estate sign
4 approval for Colliers, Ostendorf-Morris,
5 7171 Royalton Road, Town Center District 1;
6 90-day extension site plan approval. C & C
7 Management Group, LLC; 8959 Ridge Road.
8 These 90-day extensions were requested by
9 the Planning Commission.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: At this time, I need a
11 motion to excuse Mr. Willey from voting on
12 the minutes.

13 MR. GENTILE: So moved.

14 MR. MCKEE: Second.

15 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
16 seconded. Will the Director please call
17 the roll?

18 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

19 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

20 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

21 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

22 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

23 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

24 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

25 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

2 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

3 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

4 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

5 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Willey is excused.

6 Is there anyone on Council wishing to
7 remove any item from the Consent Agenda for
8 discussion? Is there a motion to adopt the
9 Consent Agenda as presented and read?

10 MR. GENTILE: So moved.

11 MR. WILLEY: Second.

12 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
13 seconded. Will the Director please call
14 the role?

15 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

16 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

17 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

18 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

19 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

20 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

21 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

22 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

23 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

24 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

25 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

1 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

2 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Gentile?

3 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

4 MR. PRESIDENT: Consent Agenda has
5 been adopted.

6 MS. HALLER: Thank you, Council.

7 MR. PRESIDENT: Communications?

8 MS. HALLER: None this evening.

9 MR. PRESIDENT: Mayor's report.

10 MS. MAYOR: Thank you, Mr. President.

11 At this time under Mayor's report since
12 obviously the main item on our agenda this
13 evening is the city's 2007 fiscal budget,
14 I would like to give the citizens here this
15 evening an overview of how this budget is
16 developed before it's presented to council,
17 and I think to assist me in doing that, I
18 would like our Finance Director to please
19 come up to the podium and give an overview
20 of the process.

21 MS. FEGAN: Thank you, Mayor. Every
22 year, when we start the budget process in
23 October and November, we go to the
24 Department Heads. We give them a history,
25 their last three years, where they are at

1 that point this year, and we ask them to
2 put together their request for the upcoming
3 year. We ask that all of those requests
4 for additional personnel, equipment
5 purchases; that they prioritize all of
6 those because obviously, not all requests
7 can be granted, and we need to know what is
8 the most important to each and every
9 Department Head.

10 Once we get all that information back
11 from each of the Department Heads, the
12 Mayor and I sit down and formulate an
13 overview for the budget. We then sit down,
14 make sure and put together a balanced
15 budget because we are required to present a
16 balanced budget to Council.

17 At that point after we have everything
18 balanced, we include some items, some
19 requested items. Other items weren't able
20 to be granted. We go back to the
21 Department Heads, and we take those
22 requests back to the Department Heads and
23 make sure that they are happy with this. I
24 mean, obviously, it's not everything you
25 asked for, but is this something that you

1 can work with in the upcoming year?

2 Once all those meetings have been
3 completed, that budget request, the
4 proposed budget is then presented to
5 Council. Council receives the final
6 request, and they also receive all of the
7 information that the department heads have
8 given to us. So that they have backups for
9 those requests also. And then at that time
10 normally, Council will have hearings on the
11 budget, where they will bring in Department
12 Heads, ask them many questions if they have
13 questions on our proposed budget.

14 MS. MAYOR: Thank you, Karen. And I
15 would like to add to that. Each year, before
16 year end, we do what is called a Temporary
17 Appropriations Ordinance; and that
18 basically is a budget that covers the city
19 for the first quarter of the year. We have
20 by Charter the requirement that by the end
21 of March each year, we need to have the
22 full annual budget in place and if not, all
23 our operations shut down.

24 Often times in the Temporary
25 Appropriations Ordinance, we will put in

1 things that we know we need to get a jump
2 on and that we need to start early in the
3 year so that we need to know that Council
4 is going to agree with the funding for
5 those items, whether it be because we need
6 to purchase the vehicles through the state
7 purchasing program and they close out in
8 April or March, or whether it be personnel
9 that we need because we know that certain
10 tasks are going to have to be accomplished
11 in the first quarter, what have you.

12 When the income tax issue passed in
13 November in preparing the Temporary
14 Appropriations Ordinance, we went to
15 Council and put the road repair projects in
16 the Temporary Appropriations Ordinance with
17 an eye toward getting a jump on those so
18 that we maximize all of the construction
19 season this year and can get as much done
20 as possible. Instead, there were five
21 million dollars worth of road projects,
22 included in that Temporary Appropriations
23 Ordinance, which encompassed asphalt
24 repairs that we are contracting out on very
25 large jobs, such as Drake Road and Edgerton

1 Road, and it also encompassed concrete
2 repairs that we planned to do in-house and
3 that was also told to Council.

4 In preparing the annual budget, we
5 held off on staffing levels in certain
6 areas where we weren't certain exactly how
7 everything was going to fall into place for
8 the annual budget. So while we did request
9 certain personnel additions to the service
10 Department in the temporary ordinance, we
11 asked for more in the annual budget because
12 quite frankly, they're needed.

13 The concrete repairs are going to
14 necessitate additional employees in the
15 Service Department. The storm water
16 improvements that we have promised for this
17 year are going to necessitate additional
18 employees in the Service Department.

19 And so when the Finance Director and I
20 sat down and looked at all of the requests
21 from the departments that they prioritized,
22 we looked at it from a standpoint of our
23 belief in and my believe in, what is the
24 priority of the community? What does the
25 community want to see happen most and

1 first? And in my mind that was
2 accomplishing road repairs and in flooding
3 because that's what the residents spoke to
4 when it passed the income tax in November.

5 So the budget that I have proposed and
6 put forth is to accomplish that goal first
7 and foremost and then to accomplish other
8 needs in other departments that will also
9 facilitate those goals. Thank you,
10 Mr. President.

11 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mayor.
12 Do the Department Heads have reports, anyone?
13 Moving on to Committee Reports, Building
14 and Building codes. Mr. Willey.

15 MR. WILLEY: Thank you, Mr. President.
16 The Building and Building Codes Committee
17 met last evening. The minutes will be on
18 file in the Council Office next week. That
19 concludes my report.

20 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Willey.
21 Finance, Mr. McKee.

22 MR. MCKEE: Thank you, Mr. President.
23 The Finance Committee met last night and
24 minutes will be on file in the Council
25 Office and that concludes my report.

1 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. McKee.
2 The Rules and Ordinances Committee will
3 meet Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30 here at
4 City Hall and the public is invited.
5 Safety, Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

6 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Thank you,
7 Mr. President. The Safety Committee
8 meeting for March was held tonight. The
9 minutes will be available in a few weeks.
10 Next meeting is April 17th and agendas will
11 be available online on April 12th, and that
12 concludes my report.

13 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you,
14 Ms. Uffman-Kirsch. Storm water,
15 Mr. Antoskiewicz.

16 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. The next Storm Water
18 meeting will be April 11th, and that will
19 be at 6:30, and that concludes my report.

20 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you,
21 Mr. Antoskiewicz. Streets?
22 Ms. Bobulsky.

23 MS. BOBULSKY: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. The next Streets Committee
25 meeting will meet Monday, April 2nd, 6:30

1 in the Council conference room. Once
2 again, on the Streets Committee agenda, we
3 will have our rubbish discussion so the
4 public is certainly invited to attend.
5 That concludes my report.

6 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you,
7 Ms. Bobulsky. Utilities. Mr. Gentile.

8 MR. GENTILE: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. The next Utilities meeting
10 will also be Monday, April 2nd and please
11 note the time change that for the rest of
12 the year, it will be at 5:30 and that will
13 be in the Council Caucus Room, and the
14 public is invited to attend, and that
15 concludes my report.

16 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you,
17 Mr. Gentile. Board of Zoning Appeals,
18 Ms. Bobulsky.

19 MS. BOBULSKY: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. The next Board of Zoning
21 Appeals will convene this coming Monday,
22 March 26th, caucus at 7:30, meeting at
23 8:00. That concludes my report.

24 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you,
25 Ms. Bobulsky. Issue 2 Task Force,

1 Mr. Gentile.

2 MR. GENTILE: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I have no report.

4 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Planning
5 Commission, Mr. Willey.

6 MR. WILLEY: Thank you, Mr. President.
7 The Planning Commission will meet tomorrow
8 evening at City Hall in the Council Caucus
9 Room at 7:00, and the regular meeting will
10 be at 7:30 in the Council Chambers. That
11 concludes my report.

12 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Willy.
13 The Recreation Board meeting will be held
14 on Tuesday March 27th at, 5:30 p.m. at City
15 Hall and the public is invited.

16 Public Discussion. Five minute
17 maximum on current agenda legislation only
18 and remember the five minute time limit,
19 and this is not a time to interact with the
20 representatives up here. You give your
21 public comment, and then we move onto the
22 next person.

23 First up, Richard Plantan. Excuse me.
24 You'll have to come up to the --

25 MS. HALLER: I am going to need all

1 the speakers to use the podium this evening
2 and since we do have a court reporter here
3 this evening since we are unable to tape
4 record this meeting, I need you to state
5 your name and then spell your last name,
6 please and then your address. Thank you.

7 MR. PLANTAN: My name is Richard
8 Plantan. I live at 9187 Shenandoah Road.

9 MS. HALLER: Will you spell your last
10 name for the court reporter, please.

11 MR. PLANTAN: P-l-a-n-t-a-n.

12 MS. HALLER: Thank you.

13 MR. PLANTAN: I just came to talk
14 tonight about -- I've been to the finance
15 Committee meeting last night, and I've been
16 to the meeting that was on Thursday night
17 about the flooding and the roads, and I
18 came to talk tonight about it.

19 There were some things brought up last
20 night that are probably worthwhile; going
21 out for competitive bids. That makes some
22 sense against doing it in-house. I would
23 like to know which is less expensive;
24 however, this is March. And if we're going
25 to get anything done this year, we don't

1 have time for that. It should have been
2 done in December. It's a little late to be
3 going out to get competitive bids, which
4 won't get back; by the time the whole thing
5 is written, it will not get back here until
6 probably July before a decision is made.

7 The roads are in bad shape and need to
8 be repaired now. The ones that have been
9 identified should get done this year
10 hopefully, which is not mine, but that's
11 okay. We ought to get started and get the
12 roads in repair on the side roads.

13 With that being said, I'm supporting
14 the Mayor in her request, and I just want
15 that to go down on the record. Thank you.

16 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Next up,
17 Mr. Romano.

18 MR. ROMANO: I'm speaking towards the
19 issue of --

20 MR. PRESIDENT: We need your name,
21 spelling of your name, and address.

22 MR. ROMANO: Last name is R-o-m-a-n-o.
23 11431 State Road. I'm speaking on
24 legislation 07-24. This legislation was
25 initially brought up years ago and for

1 whatever reason, that legislation failed,
2 and the second time around when it was
3 brought up, we were told that this
4 legislation was to be used for two specific
5 purposes; to fix the roads and to address
6 the storm water problem that we were
7 having, and I specifically remember members
8 of this Council addressing the city and
9 asking for support; for the city's support
10 for two specific reasons to pass this
11 legislation; one, to fix the roads and two,
12 to address the storm water problem.

13 I read through the Council minutes
14 from 2004, 2005 and 2006 and members who
15 were on this Council at that time each
16 showed their unresounding support for the
17 passage of the increase in the city income
18 tax for two specific reasons; to address
19 the storm water sewer problem and to
20 address our road problems, and now I read
21 07-24.

22 Now, I may not be paying as much
23 income tax as individuals who work and live
24 in the city, but I think myself and
25 everybody else who works outside the city

1 has equal say to this Council that, to show
2 unresounding support and to tell the city
3 that you support the legislation and that
4 we should as well for two specific
5 purposes, but then to spend roughly one
6 tenth of those funds this year on the
7 purchase of a leaf pick up machine is at
8 best disingenuous to the City of North
9 Royalton.

10 I think the Council minutes for the
11 past three years speak to what this
12 legislation was intended for and what this
13 Council proposed it for the city to be, and
14 I think today that this Council should live
15 up to what they said 2-1 and last year and
16 approve the budget as it's been proposed by
17 the Mayor to use that money, that extra
18 hundred, or extra million dollars
19 specifically for the purpose of fixing the
20 roads and addressing the storm water
21 problem. Thank you.

22 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Just as a
23 reminder, if people came in late, that
24 Council unanimously agreed during the
25 caucus to remove the amendments for the

1 leaf collection from the budget. Just so
2 you know that when you come up to speak.

3 Next up, Mr. Wolnik.

4 MR. WOLNIK: Ken Wolnik, W-o-l-n-i-k,
5 4862 Princeton Drive. Now that the leaf
6 collection is off budget, I want to thank
7 Council for that. I also want to thank
8 Councilman McKee for presiding over a very
9 difficult meeting yesterday. We appreciate
10 it.

11 However, your revelation about
12 supporting privatization is curious.
13 Privatization by its most basic definition
14 implies that the unions will not be part of
15 it and privatization is not in the union
16 lexicon. Your utterances about the
17 government efficiency and cost
18 effectiveness is also puzzling.

19 A while back you people, at least
20 three of you up there, tried to vote
21 project labor agreements, which would have
22 forced unionization of many of the contract
23 work in this town and by my estimation,
24 that raises the cost of governments.

25 I guess I can ask rhetorically, Are

1 PLAs in the future for this community? Are
2 we going to see this coming again? If you
3 have the Council majority? I'm just
4 curious. Residents of all stripes attended
5 the Town Hall meeting. It was not
6 a political rally. I sat next to
7 people who had nothing to do with
8 Councilwoman Bobulsky's campaign or
9 anything else. They were concerned about
10 the relocation of funds in the budget.

11 If government by its very nature is
12 political. Everybody up there runs as
13 politician. If you're elected, you're a
14 politician, and everything you do is
15 political and that includes grandstanding
16 and posturing and legislating and
17 everything else. We did not have a
18 political rally. We had a lot of concerned
19 citizens there.

20 And finally, the visceral animosity
21 that's been directed at the Mayor over the
22 years is really kind of stifling.
23 I don't support everything she's done, and
24 she knows that, but I support her, and I
25 think she's done well for the city. And

1 all these problems that are occurring, it
2 seems like, if she says it's black, you're
3 going to say it's white. And if she says
4 it's red, you're going to say it's green.

5 We're not going to solve any problems
6 that way, and it's about time we cut out
7 the crap and start governing this city for
8 what you were elected to do. We deserve
9 better.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Spitz.

11 MR. SPITZ: I decline to speak at this
12 time.

13 MR. PRESIDENT: Gabriella -- I don't
14 want to murder your last name. I know who
15 you are. Come on up.

16 MS. SOBCZAK: Hi, everyone. I never.

17 MS. HALLER: Your name, spell your
18 last name and your address please.

19 MS. SOBCZAK: Gabriella Sobczak,
20 S-o-b-c-z-a-k, 3900 Akins Road. I never
21 speak in front of the public, and I am part
22 of a citizen of North Royalton, and this is
23 the first time I want to really say, I come
24 to this country to have the freedom of
25 speech, and this is very exciting for me

1 that I can do this for me and as a citizen
2 of North Royalton to express my feelings
3 what's going on and just tell you how I
4 feel about everything.

5 Everyone on the Council knows who I
6 am, and I know 80 percent of North Royalton
7 probably, and I'm not running for the
8 office. I don't want to run against
9 Lisa. She's a wonderful Councilperson.
10 She's in my district, and I really
11 appreciate what you're doing for us.
12 You're such a wonderful inspiration for me.

13 I don't agree with everything from
14 her, but she's a wonderful person, and I
15 just wanted to say I love North Royalton.
16 I've lived here for 27 years, and I think
17 we have something to positively talk about
18 the city. We have wonderful people and
19 Council. We have a wonderful people in the
20 Service Department. The people who are
21 doing the job for us and snowplowing and
22 repairing our streets, I think it's so
23 wonderful. They do an excellent job, and I
24 think we should maybe let those people do
25 work for us a little bit more, not to go

1 outside of our limits and look for outside
2 work.

3 Let those people work for us and do
4 things for us. They know what they're
5 doing, and I'm sorry. It's just
6 overwhelming for me.

7 And we have wonderful people like
8 Cathy. She fixed my road. I live on
9 Akins Road. For 17 years, this street, I
10 don't want to drive on it. I ruined three
11 cars. I have a brand new car sitting in my
12 garage for nine months before I want to go
13 on the street, and we fixed that street.
14 But I work in North Royalton for 32 years,
15 and I have to put up two percent of my pay,
16 which I wasn't very happy about it, but
17 okay.

18 We passed the tax, two percent, and I
19 want to let you know, I wanted my two
20 percent of my pay go towards something good
21 to fix other people's streets, like Akins
22 Road, but please, put -- I want to really
23 to address the City Council, please put the
24 money to the good use. My money is hard
25 earned and fix the roads. People on

1 Edgerton, on Bennett and hundreds of
2 streets of North Royalton really needs
3 their roads fixed.

4 I have luxury. My house don't get
5 flooded. I have a wonderful street to live
6 on, but let other people -- let the money
7 spent on somebody that really deserves
8 this, and I know other people in North
9 Royalton, fix the street, fix the flood
10 problem. Put the money in good use. This
11 is what we really want and I thank North
12 Royalton and I am so proud to live and work
13 in North Royalton. Thank you very much.

14 MR. PRESIDENT: Gary Seskes.

15 MR. SESKES: Good evening. My name is
16 Gary Seskes, S-e-s-k-e-s. 3040 Lodge
17 Drive. I'm here specifically to address
18 the road situation of Rustic Drive. To
19 establish a timeline, I'll take you back to
20 February of 2004. Councilwoman Lisa
21 Uffman-Kirsch put a motion for -- and
22 correct me if I'm wrong with this -- to
23 have the Hunter's Creek and Valley lift
24 stations replaced.

25 This motion passed approximately four

1 months after that date, or five months --
2 excuse me. In July, Independence Day
3 weekend, the project got underway. This
4 project in Hunter's Creek resulted in some
5 huge equipment coming in there,
6 18-wheelers, bulldozers, back hoes, and it
7 basically -- what happened is it pulverized
8 the concrete surface there.

9 Now, that was nearly three years ago,
10 and last year I attended a meeting with
11 Councilman McKee and Mayor Luks, at which
12 time I was told we did not have any money
13 to address this problem; however, if we
14 would vote on the income tax increase, it
15 should be addressed.

16 Well, needless to say, Rustic Drive
17 after nearly three years is still not on
18 the schedule to be addressed, and what I'm
19 trying to establish is, the condition of
20 this road was not a result of snowplowing
21 or water snow. It was strictly a result of
22 whoever was subcontracted to do the work,
23 and what I can't understand is why they
24 weren't held accountable for all the damage
25 they caused now even though we have a brand

1 new water pump station, why the residents
2 in that area have to pay the price of this
3 condition.

4 I would just hope that it would be
5 placed in a little bit different
6 perspective than the regular wear and tear
7 of the rest of streets, and one other
8 question I had before I go is, in the
9 meeting yesterday, it was mentioned that
10 we had a \$1.4 million carry over from
11 last year, and I just wish someone would
12 explain to me, what that is and where it
13 came from because last year, I was told we
14 didn't have any money. So I'm just a
15 little bit confused, and I'm trying to
16 understand this. Thank you very much.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Next up,
18 Jerry Percel.

19 MR. PERCEL: I decline at this time.

20 MR. PRESIDENT: Edward Biesiada.

21 MR. BIESIADA: Good evening. Edward
22 B-i-e-s-i-a-d-a. 10894 Gregory Lane. I
23 kind of stuck my nose into what's been
24 going on in the city for the first time
25 last week. I went to a Storm Water

1 Committee meeting. I went to the Special
2 Public meeting that a lot of people got
3 this yellow card about. I went to a
4 Finance Committee meeting last night and
5 tonight I'm here.

6 First of all, I'd like to thank my
7 clients who showed up here, my friends and
8 my neighbors and my clients -- I'm sorry,
9 but I don't have your tax return done yet,
10 but I'll get to it. My priority tonight is
11 to voice recommendations for action, not
12 complaint and also to give my observations
13 of what I saw within this past week of
14 time.

15 If I ask for a poll of the people
16 here, if water coming into they are
17 basement or sewage backing up into their
18 basement was a safety or health issue, I
19 would like to see a raise of hands --

20 MR. PRESIDENT: Sir, if you could
21 address up here, please. That's how this
22 works.

23 MR. BIESIADA: Well, you're going to
24 get the brunt of my address. Last night, I
25 watched for three hours as you people, the

1 Council, debated \$145,000 for leaf
2 collection equipment. What I find missing
3 in this budget is a ranking by, Is it a
4 safety issue? Is it a health issue? And
5 if you got water going into people's
6 basements and sewer going into people's
7 basements, if you ask those people whether
8 they want a leaf collection program or
9 their water problem fixed, I think I would
10 get a unanimous raising of hands.

11 If I ask the question, is it a safety
12 issue or health issue, if you're swerving
13 around chuck holes in the road versus, How
14 many times you've swerved around a leaf in
15 the road? I think I'd get a unanimous
16 raising of hands that there is a safety
17 issue and a health issue swerving around
18 the chuck holes. The chuck holes are
19 caused by water, water in a freeze-thaw
20 cycle destroys the roads. The roads don't
21 drain into the clogged waterways. It goes
22 into people's yards, their ditches and
23 septic systems.

24 Three hours last night, and they
25 finally decided to pull that \$145,000 leaf

1 collection item off the budget. How long
2 would it take you people to decide if it's
3 a safety or health issue when water is
4 coming in your basement versus going
5 outside and raking your leaves? One of the
6 recommendations that I have besides the
7 ranking of our budget in the future, like
8 by safety and health issues because I think
9 that will help prioritize things, is
10 there's a Charter Review Commission that
11 gets appointed, I believe by the Mayor
12 every four years so the next one is going
13 to be appointed in the year 2010. We need
14 to --

15 MS. MAYOR: This year.

16 MR. BIESIADA: All right. Maybe I'm
17 looking at an old copy of our Charter off
18 the Internet. It says starting November
19 '02 and every four years so that would
20 be '06.

21 MS. MAYOR: We need to do one this
22 year.

23 MR. BIESIADA: So we're doing it in
24 '07. Okay. I'd like to serve on that
25 commission if I may because one of the

1 things I would propose is to get rid of our
2 process of electing Ward Council people.
3 Last night, and unfortunately it was
4 Mr. McKee, made the statement that he's
5 committed to his Ward, and I jumped down
6 his throat because I said, You should be
7 committed to the city.

8 I passed out a piece of paper a while
9 ago and at the end of it it says, What you
10 need to do when you have problems is not to
11 call your Council Representative because
12 they're only one person. They're not the
13 majority. You need to call all the other
14 ones first, clog their mail, voicemail
15 boxes; clog up their phone lines so their
16 ward people can't get ahold of them and
17 hope to convince them that they need to
18 consider the whole city and your problem.

19 If you only call your representative,
20 your representative has to take to it to
21 the majority. That's one against the rest.
22 Reverse this process. If you have an
23 election where the city people were voting
24 on all the representatives, you're not
25 going to have a situation where they

1 grandstand for the ward, you're not going
2 to have them at the meeting last night, say
3 I have people that are elderly in my ward,
4 and they need their leaves collected.

5 Well, we kind of explained to them
6 last night that those leaves do get
7 collected. The Service Director was there
8 and said, Hey, if you rake up your leaves
9 and bag them, we'll come and get them.
10 They wanted to get equipment so you could
11 sweep them out in the street. Well, we
12 know they're going to end up in ditches,
13 but a lot of these people that want this
14 leaf collection program don't even have
15 ditches.

16 MR. PRESIDENT: Excuse me. You're
17 over on your time if you could summarize
18 now. Take your time and summarize, but if
19 you could make it within ten seconds or so.

20 MR. BIESIADA: Sure. Work on your
21 priorities, start prioritizing this budget
22 by health and safety issues. Thank you.

23 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Finn.

24 MR. FINN: The name is Tim Finn,
25 F-i-n-n. 4741 Bunker Road, 44133. First

1 thing I would like to say to everyone
2 present, what a beautiful thing it is to
3 hear a person with an accent as beautiful
4 as Gabriella's appreciating the freedom of
5 speech.

6 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Finn, if you could
7 address the --

8 MR. FINN: I'll do that. That touched
9 me. I would like to discuss openly the
10 intended road and water run off
11 legislation. I have to say that without
12 any doubt, it's my opinion that if you're
13 putting in curbs and aprons, if you're
14 doing a manhole cover or a pothole, there
15 isn't any doubt that our city's employees
16 are equipped, capable, properly manned and
17 well-trained enough to do those tasks.

18 Much past that, I think it becomes an
19 issue of economics. I haven't seen the
20 report for quite some time, probably four
21 years ago. The State of Ohio, ODOT,
22 doesn't even do ten percent of all of the
23 concrete that is poured on Ohio's road
24 base, and I don't even think it's half of
25 that today. There's a reason for that.

1 They don't want to hire and staff employees
2 year round, particularly this being the
3 Cleveland area; to do work for six months
4 out of the year.

5 It's not that they can't do it or
6 won't do it or don't know how. There are
7 people who have equipment. The economy of
8 scale allows them to purchase enough
9 concrete rebar and aggregates and enough
10 extra profit to properly train their staff
11 and keep them and their inspectors at the
12 top of their game. And in no way is that a
13 reflection on our current city employees or
14 their training or abilities.

15 It's nice to hear that for once we
16 have money. It takes us forever, four
17 years maybe sometimes to pass a tax
18 increase. We've got two beautiful
19 intersections at Route 82 and State Road
20 and Wallings and 82 to show for our
21 efforts, and I know some of those were
22 state funded and other projects got nice
23 new signal intersections, and we're moving
24 in a positive direction. And those are all
25 a credit to everyone who's elected in

1 office and sitting here present with us
2 today.

3 All that being said, we have a saying
4 in our house that we should never brush our
5 daughter's hair when we're mad. What does
6 that mean? I would not ever say that I
7 don't want somebody fighting over an issue.
8 That isn't the point, but if it's going to
9 become a red or a blue, a left or a right,
10 Republican, Democrat, whatever, I say with
11 tongue in cheek, girls against the guys;
12 that's not the kind of fight I want. I
13 want a fight of principle. And when you do
14 the right thing and you're fighting for the
15 right thing, it's easy.

16 The way I look at it, we don't have to
17 marry this issue with the roads and the
18 sewer. We don't have to make a commitment.
19 We have the money and contrary to what I've
20 heard a couple of other people say, I'm not
21 disagreeing with you, but I want to put a
22 different slant on it. We can date this
23 issue. We don't have to marry it, and we
24 do have time to go out for bid. We have
25 templates. We already have specs drawn

1 that we can run off. We can start
2 tomorrow.

3 Let the city employees do the smaller
4 jobs that we have on the slate for this
5 year. Let's measure every foot of rebar,
6 every pebble of aggregate, every shovel,
7 every machine rented, every diamond tip
8 blade broken, and by the time the bid
9 opens, we'll know if we can do it or not
10 and at what cost per square foot, per cubic
11 yard, however you want to quantify it.
12 We'll have a number that we can work with.

13 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Finn, you have
14 about 15 seconds left to summarize.

15 MR. FINN: Very simple. And at that
16 point, after the bids are open, we can
17 decide, are we doing it cheaper because
18 we've already done it for 30 or 60 days or
19 is it better to have somebody who's
20 trained, who does it every day and knows
21 the economy to scale. Very simple.

22 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Ellen
23 Cook.

24 MS. COOK: My name is Ellen Cook,
25 C-o-o-k. 13395 Ridge Road. I'm really

1 sorry that I wasn't able to attend the
2 meeting yesterday. I had gone to a meeting
3 the other week about the storm water, and I
4 was extremely disappointed in that meeting.
5 I think that the citizens of North Royalton
6 deserve a little bit of something extra,
7 and I think that the leaf collection would
8 have been a very good thing.

9 We're not talking about not raking our
10 leaves. We'll rake our leaves to the
11 front, and I can understand if the
12 service -- I thought the Service Department
13 had hired more workers, and even if they're
14 working on the roads and storm water
15 problem, don't the leaves clog the storm
16 system? I mean, I know in places right
17 down from Drug Mart where the grates are
18 all covered with leaves and they're
19 blocking the water from going into the
20 storm sewer, and they're going into my
21 friend's house, and she has been to more
22 meetings, talking about that, and they told
23 her -- they told her at the last meeting,
24 It's not the city's problem.

25 I personally have gone to different

1 meetings, too, and stated my difficulties,
2 and I really had a problem getting a
3 straight answer from anyone. I think the
4 leaves are part of the storm water problem.
5 I see other cities having leaf pick up, and
6 we don't. And I remember also prior to the
7 income tax vote going to a meeting, and I
8 was asking about when the Service
9 Department was going to be open on
10 Saturdays again because the Service
11 Department was closed on Saturdays because
12 of lack of money, I was told.

13 Now, we have money, and we're still
14 not able to open the Saturday service yard.
15 And then I was told that it was because
16 that there was not enough personnel, and I
17 thought we hired more personnel. So I
18 don't understand it. It's always two
19 different things, and I think that -- I
20 thought that the city was like a user
21 friendly city. I've only been here about
22 nine years, and I like living here. I
23 enjoy being able to come to meetings and to
24 go to City Hall and to talk to people and
25 the Council people and get a bit of help.

1 And it might even mean, like I even do
2 on my street, I might go to the neighbor's
3 and clean their ditch if it's not clean.
4 So sooner or later we might want to do that
5 or do that out of our funds. Our concern
6 would be for the committee is, let's keep
7 our eye on the prize. I really appreciate
8 Council. Every one of you have done
9 something to pass a tax. Yeah, I pay more
10 taxes. I work in the city, but I spent at
11 least \$5,000 trying to protect my house
12 from floods, which I've been good for a
13 year-and-a-half.

14 So we just want to keep our eye on the
15 prize of getting dry basements, dry houses
16 especially, for people like on Gregory and
17 Pamela. When Gregory floods, it's a lake.
18 You can put a canoe in it, and the poor
19 people can't do anything because the water
20 is literally pouring down their basement
21 windows. So we appreciate that and just to
22 add that to how serious that problem is on
23 that street, we have one house that's
24 totally abandoned, people just left it to
25 go in bankruptcy. They're in Texas and

1 there's another house that sat for sale for
2 a year. There's less than desirable people
3 in there.

4 We have an abandoned house on Hawley.
5 The older people died. They can't sell it
6 because you've got to disclose there's a
7 flooding problem. So that's how bad it is
8 down there and there's a lot of other
9 people that just can't sell and I've got
10 old folks that are down there that say,
11 Well, I'll leave it to my kids. It will be
12 their problem. That's what they say.

13 But hopefully with the insight, if we
14 keep our focus on the recommendations of
15 the committee, we'll do good because a lot
16 of them are very expensive. Certain
17 retention basins are \$280,000. Another
18 retention basin is \$1.2 million. So
19 there's some serious money and that's
20 probably, and you know, when you divert
21 \$150,000, now that could delete one
22 project. We'd probably rather see another
23 sewer vac to replace the old one so they
24 can vacuum more.

25 I've got a culvert in my front yard

1 that's filled with sediment. So I
2 appreciate the efforts Council has done. I
3 believe you're going to do right in the
4 long run until I'm proven wrong. And this
5 process is kind of like -- I don't know if
6 you've ever heard the little story of a
7 small boy on the beach and he's picking up
8 starfishes, you know, and he's picking them
9 up and throwing them back in the ocean.
10 He's picking them up and he's throwing them
11 back in the ocean. A guy comes along and
12 he says, What are you doing? You can't
13 save all them. He says, No, but I can save
14 this one. So I appreciate what you're
15 doing. Thank you.

16 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Orr.

17 MR. ORR: The name is Jim Orr.

18 Last name is spelled O-r-r. I live at
19 4851 Maple Lane. The list of projects that
20 are proposed this year for our streets is
21 impressive, but I don't know if the Service
22 Department can handle all these projects in
23 addition to doing there everyday work.
24 Even with the more employees that are being
25 hired, are we going to have enough

1 equipment to do the jobs? We have to have
2 stuff to do the roads and flood mitigation
3 processes and if we have to purchase or
4 lease more equipment, I don't know if
5 that's going to be real cost effective as
6 far as trying to do the stuff in house.
7 We've got the other extra expenditures in
8 that regards.

9 Are the projected costs in doing the
10 projects in-house accurate and all
11 inclusive, or do we have a shell game going
12 on with the accounting system to absorb
13 some of the costs of each project into the
14 general Service Department's operating
15 expenses? That would be a deceptive
16 practice that the taxpayers should not
17 tolerate.

18 I think we should send out the larger
19 projects, as some of my fellow residents
20 have suggested, to competitive bids. We
21 would be able to do a line-by-line
22 comparison to check the accuracy of the
23 in-house estimating system. If the
24 Administration finds that dollar for
25 dollar, we can spend the same amount of

1 money, that's great.

2 My biggest concern by doing this stuff
3 in-house is accountability and efficiency.
4 Our service workers are obligated to do
5 other work in addition to just the streets,
6 and something may come up and may be pulled
7 away from the project. An independent
8 contractor is job specific, and they'll be
9 at that job, and they'll get it done
10 quickly and efficiently. Also, outside
11 contractors, if there's a problem on the
12 job, something goes wrong, there's a
13 problem with it, doesn't pass inspection,
14 they're forced to do it, and they have to
15 usually incur the cost overrun, whereas if
16 the same scenario happens in a city job,
17 the taxpayers are out the extra money to
18 pay for the time and materials.

19 I think we need to definitely look at
20 a true bid process on these jobs and do
21 some comparison and in addition, that would
22 free up some of our city employees to do
23 other in-house jobs, such as street sweeping
24 that's been neglected for lack of money,
25 crack sealing, which will preserve and

1 extend the life of a lot of our roads
2 that's been neglected and some routine
3 maintenance that's been neglected for a
4 long time.

5 And speaking of routine maintenance,
6 after the floods of 2005, 2006 we were told
7 that there would be a good program for
8 retention basin and culvert cleaning to
9 help reduce. This is the effectiveness --

10 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Orr, if you can
11 show those pictures to us. Thank you.

12 MR. ORR: This is the effectiveness of
13 our retention basin cleaning. This is the
14 retention basin at the bottom of Chesapeake
15 Hill. This is the concrete spillway with
16 the outlet port, and this big, white block
17 here is the pile of leaves built up on the
18 grate that has the snow on top of them.
19 These were taken three days ago on Sunday
20 morning. So we need to get an aggressive
21 program going to help with that, and also,
22 this is just some of the other -- these are
23 storm heads that are all plugged with
24 leaves. These are throughout the whole
25 city.

1 MS. MAYOR: When were those taken?

2 MR. ORR: These were taken this
3 morning. I made sure that they were
4 accurate and current.

5 MS. MAYOR: Good.

6 MR. ORR: This is on Edgerton Road. I
7 believe this is down on York Road. I have
8 one here this was taken over on Parkdale.
9 I actually had to take my foot and clean
10 the leaves off the top of the grate so that
11 you could actually tell there was a sewer
12 grate in there. This is the style of grate
13 a couple hundred feet down the road from
14 it.

15 So in conclusion, we really do need to
16 work on a maintenance program, and the city
17 needs to look at spending their money
18 wisely. It's the taxpayer's money. Thank
19 you.

20 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you.

21 Mr. Spisak.

22 MR. SPISAK: John Spisak, 4700 Bunker
23 Road. I just came here to talk today with
24 some of the road conditions and the budget.
25 Like he said about the streets and

1 everything falling apart, I do have -- we
2 have Bunker Road is falling apart where we
3 had floods in the past two years with the
4 leaf clean up. I have grates that plug up
5 the same way. My whole front yard is a
6 lake. I have a hard time going to bed at
7 night when it's pouring down rain. We have
8 grates that are street grates that are all
9 full of rocks.

10 I finally got the Service Department
11 to come out and clean some of them up after
12 my wife got them into piles. I understand
13 \$140,000 is like one percent of what this
14 budget is, but leaves do block up these
15 grates, which create pressure, head
16 pressure, which can create stuff into my
17 basement. I had water in my basement about
18 three weeks ago, and it was just on a half
19 an inch rain because these grates are
20 getting all -- that are supposed to be
21 clean, call the Service Department, Skip
22 says they're out. They come out with a
23 shovel and just move a stick, and that's
24 it. I went out last Sunday, I moved logs,
25 and I lowered the pressure.

1 We have a drainage tile underneath my
2 road, six inches, just by moving two things
3 in ten minutes. I mean, that's part of the
4 budget to try to get these city workers
5 coming out to do their job to keep these
6 clean, kind of like the pictures of all the
7 grates. I'm not saying that some of the
8 stuff, the leaves are personal or
9 resident's problem, but some of the
10 residents in my area, Royal Valley, can
11 take their leaves and blow them into the
12 back, which then when the water's raise,
13 the leaves get in, the twigs get in, and
14 there's blockage, which creates head
15 pressure, infiltration of the sewer and
16 sanitary, which is at the end, is my house
17 and at the end of my house turns out to be
18 a lake, where my kids could be on this
19 playset. It's just this is my house. It's
20 almost up to my mailbox. It was almost
21 coming in my front door. I went down there
22 and cleaned it continuously, but I work.
23 I have to do my job at work, and I can't
24 come home and always do the city's job to
25 clean some of these retention basins or

1 grates, or city sewers, which are almost
2 covered with all these rocks and gravel.

3 So maybe some of the budget can go
4 towards, less away from in-house fixing the
5 roads and doing what can be done to the
6 city's problem of the water. I mean, like
7 other people said, you can't sell a house.
8 I couldn't sell my house if I wanted to,
9 and I've been in the city ten years. I
10 love the city. My kids are in the schools.
11 I don't want to move. I don't want to move
12 out of the city, but what can I do if I
13 ever want to sell my house?

14 So maybe prioritize where the money
15 cost effectiveness of in-house compared to
16 someone else doing it, and it can be done
17 in a timely fashion. If we get a flood
18 again, and they are in the middle of doing
19 a road, they have to help and taking time
20 away, the street's tore up longer, people
21 are inconvenienced, can't park or whatnot
22 in their own driveways. So that's all I
23 have to say. Thanks.

24 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Farrell.

25 MR. FARRELL: Mike Farrell,

1 F-a-r-r-e-l-l. 13111 Aspen Oval. The
2 purpose of my coming up here and wanting to
3 talk today has to do with the road repairs
4 in the city. I, too, like probably
5 everyone in this room here is very pleased
6 that that tax passed, even though it
7 directly affects me because I work in the
8 city, but I think it's the right road for
9 what we have to do.

10 My concern is how we're going to do
11 it. I live in the Hunter's Creek
12 development, and in 2004, the city came in
13 to start some road improvements in our
14 development. My street was the first one
15 that was done in the development. And they
16 came in, and they tore out sections of the
17 road and replaced the concrete and did that
18 in the sections that someone, and I'm
19 assuming it has to do with the management
20 and the Service Department deemed needed to
21 be replaced while others weren't. I
22 questioned that, but they are doing the job
23 so I wanted to see how it came out.

24 They tore up the corner of Rustic and
25 Aspen Oval with two squares taken out of

1 that intersection and tore up Stony Creek
2 and Rustic in that intersection, the same
3 week that we got hit with the flood in
4 June. And when that happened, which all of
5 us would expect, all the city workers would
6 have to respond to that, but what happened
7 with the roads were those holes stayed open
8 in our development for three weeks, not
9 three days, three weeks. When the city
10 workers came back, they fixed those holes
11 that were open. And then they left, and
12 when they pulled out and left, they left
13 Rustic Avenue, Stony Creek completely saw
14 cut throughout the whole area for the roads
15 that were to be repaired. And they never
16 came back.

17 In addition to that, and someone spoke
18 about it earlier, there was huge
19 construction equipment on Rustic Avenue.
20 Between the combination of that, the roads
21 still being saw cut for repair almost three
22 years this June, that still haven't been
23 repaired, I really got to question the
24 ability of us being able to repair all the
25 concrete that we said we're going to and

1 attempt in-house. I hope we can, but before
2 I say I want to see them do that, I want to
3 see them finish the job they started three
4 years ago. If you can't finish your job
5 you started three years ago, how are you
6 going to do the job that you presented
7 today that you guys are going to vote on?
8 And I tell you looking at your list, this
9 area that was cut up three years ago isn't
10 even on it.

11 That bothers me. It bothers me as to
12 being able to provide the money to us and
13 not taking that money and using it right,
14 repairing it right. There's probably a
15 million excuses as to why this occurred,
16 but the problem is, it did occur. Will
17 this continue to occur on the projects that
18 we have on here to get fixed now. I think
19 that needs to be addressed by every member
20 that is up here. I think the residents of
21 this city have given you a real big boost
22 here with this income tax pass. Don't
23 screw it up. Use the money the right way.

24 If it means getting professional
25 outside contractors to do the work so they

1 don't get pulled off when we get a hundred
2 year flood every three years, that's what
3 we should do. That money is far well
4 better spent that way then starting a job,
5 not completing it and going and starting
6 other jobs throughout the city. Thank you.

7 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Gulf.

8 MR. GULF: Mr. Chairman, I defer my
9 comments to the April 11th Storm Water
10 meeting if I could.

11 MR. PRESIDENT: Okay. Thank you.
12 Okay. Moving on to third reading
13 consideration.

14 MS. MAYOR: Mr. President, at what
15 point can I answer some of the questions
16 that were raised? I'd like to address some
17 of those.

18 MR. PRESIDENT: Coming up during the
19 legislation.

20 MS. MAYOR: Would you like to wait
21 until the legislation?

22 MR. PRESIDENT: And then everybody up
23 here will get a chance.

24 MS. MAYOR: I have a really long list
25 of things that they raised, Mr. President.

1 MR. PRESIDENT: We have to keep it
2 at -- everybody up here gets two times to
3 speak, five minutes each time and then you
4 can also speak under miscellaneous.

5 MS. MAYOR: And if I'm unable to
6 answer some of the issues that were raised
7 because I'm cut off time-wise, please feel
8 free to call my office with your name and
9 I'll get back to you. Thank you.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: I'm sure any resident
11 that would like to stick around this
12 evening will be able to talk with you.

13 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Mr. President, I'm
14 making a motion rule please to suspend rule
15 ten, item five, the rule that makes public
16 discussion non-debatable so these questions
17 can be answered.

18 MS. BOBULSKY: Second.

19 MS UFFMAN-KIRSCH: We have a motion
20 and a second on the floor.

21 MS. HALLER: Hold on a second.

22 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Rule 10, item 5,
23 the rule that makes public discussion
24 non-debatable so we can answer these
25 people's questions now.

1 MS. HALLER: And seconded by --

2 MS. BOBULSKY: Me.

3 MS. HALLER: Okay. Council understands
4 the motion before them? Mr. Stefanik?

5 MR. STEFANIK: No.

6 MS. MAYOR: You're voting no to answer
7 the questions?

8 MR. PRESIDENT: The specific residents
9 can stay after, and we can address them
10 with more time. There's some residents it
11 doesn't pertain to, the individual areas of
12 the city, and they'll be well served.
13 There's a City Engineer here. We can get
14 together after the meeting tonight and talk
15 about it.

16 MS. MAYOR: Mr. President, these
17 comments and questions that these residents
18 are raising are going out to the people
19 watching from home, and I think they need
20 to hear our answers.

21 MR. PRESIDENT: Mayor, we've never
22 suspended the rules like that. We're going
23 to continue to operate this meeting as we
24 already have.

25 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Mr. President,

1 we're under discussion.

2 MS. HALLER: No. There is no
3 discussion on a suspension of the rules.

4 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: I'm sorry. Thank
5 you.

6 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

7 MR. PRESIDENT: No.

8 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

9 MR. MCKEE: No.

10 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

11 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: No.

12 MS. HALLER: MS. Uffman-Kirsch?

13 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

14 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

15 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

16 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

17 MR. GENTILE: No.

18 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

19 MR. WILLEY: No.

20 MS. HALLER: Okay. I need to change
21 the tape.

22 MR. PRESIDENT: Hold on for a second
23 or two. We have to switch the tape.

24 07-24.

25 MS. HALLER: An Ordinance to make

1 appropriations for current expenses and
2 other expenditures of the City of North
3 Royalton, State of Ohio, during the fiscal
4 year ending December 31, 2007 and declaring
5 an emergency.

6 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
7 adopt Ordinance 07-24?

8 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

9 MR. GENTILE: Second.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
11 seconded. Is there any discussion?

12 MS. BOBULSKY: Mr. President?

13 MR. PRESIDENT: Ms. Bobulsky.

14 MS. BOBULSKY: Well, obviously folks,
15 you just saw what happens here a lot, and a
16 lot of you who have been to the meetings in
17 the last few days have really experienced
18 what goes on here up at City Hall. At this
19 point though I would like to thank all of
20 the residents that are present this evening
21 and those of you who have e-mailed me,
22 phoned me and expressed your opinion in
23 terms of the pending budget issues.

24 I want you to know that your opinion
25 did matter to me from the get go, and I'm

1 certainly glad that my colleagues have
2 heard what you had to say as well. Your
3 opinion and what you have said demonstrates
4 that government officials do need to be
5 held accountable. Some need to be reminded
6 why we sit in these seats, and it is you
7 who put us here, and it is you who keeps
8 some of us honest and it is you who demands
9 credibility of our local officials. I
10 think your efforts also demonstrate that
11 you are not naive, you are not apathetic
12 and you are not willing to accept any ill
13 advised, unsubstantiated, misguided programs
14 to further enhance personal agendas and you
15 simply won't stand for it, and I am very
16 happy and very proud.

17 I also want to thank you for looking
18 beyond election gimmicks and standing up
19 with simply what is right, what you voted
20 for. I know that was my intent in bringing
21 this issue to the forefront by distributing
22 the little yellow flyer that was shown not
23 too long ago. I too, publicly supported
24 the income tax because I thought it was the
25 right thing to do, and at this point I am

1 very much looking forward to giving to you
2 what you voted for and ensuring that this
3 will happen. You need to be congratulated.
4 Thank you.

5 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Mr. President?

6 MR. PRESIDENT: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch.

7 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Thank you,
8 Mr. President. I have to say that this
9 budget amendment journey has been for me
10 like going down the Yellow Brick Road to Oz
11 and back again. I feel like Dorothy,
12 almost in the tornado. The difference in
13 the story though, in that story is that
14 when Dorothy comes home from Oz, she stays
15 home. Unfortunately for us, we keep going
16 back to Oz. We go from one issue to the
17 next.

18 This Council majority unfortunately
19 has brought some bad ideas and bad
20 legislation. I hope we can get our fingers
21 on the pulse of our community; that we can
22 listen and understand what's important to
23 them, tell the truth, keep our words and be
24 humbled to the fact and realize that the
25 majority control here doesn't mean squat.

1 The residents majority is where the power
2 lies, period. Thank you.

3 MR. PRESIDENT: Anyone else on
4 council?

5 MR. MCKEE: Mr. President?

6 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. McKee.

7 MR. MCKEE: As far as 07-24, I want to
8 go through a few things here that are
9 included in the budget. I was talking to a
10 few people last night as far as what
11 actually was purchased and so forth because
12 I want to make it clear here. I'll be
13 voting no on this, but I want to make sure
14 that people are clear that 99 percent of it
15 I do support, but the one percent that I
16 don't support is the reason why I'm voting
17 no. There are some areas that I do
18 support, because I will be voting no.

19 But as far as the police vehicles and
20 all that, obviously I approve that, the
21 fire department pumper truck,
22 \$345,000, obviously I support that;
23 office equipment, concrete repair
24 and the fire department, and all that, as
25 far as the Service Department vac truck and

1 all those different things. My biggest
2 concern is with the going on and hiring I
3 feel too many employees and not taking that
4 money and applying it right away to do
5 projects going on, using that money to get
6 more developments, concrete work done right
7 away.

8 Subcontract it now, it will be done
9 this summer. Some people are saying,
10 they're tired of driving down the roads.
11 Well, if you hire all these guys, which we
12 do need, but we can get that work done
13 quicker this year, and if we need to expand
14 the department, maybe next year, whatever.

15 I think we're overstepping the hiring.
16 Now that's my opinion, and I'm looking at
17 this as one man said tonight, the ward.
18 That's true. I represent Ward 4 and the
19 entire city. My residents have clearly
20 spoken. I had about six against leaf pick
21 up, and I have way more for it. Now, as
22 far as street repair in my ward, there is
23 St. Thomas Woods on the concrete project.
24 It's actually listed last. I have serious
25 concerns that those 484 yards are not going

1 to get done. I think our guys do a good
2 job, but even with hiring guys, I still
3 have a hard time believing that they're
4 going to get that done.

5 Now, getting to a point that a couple
6 residents brought up tonight, the original
7 concrete list for this year Hunter's Creek
8 was listed as 818 yards. As we had it
9 clearly stated tonight, that's been going
10 on since 2004. It was never finished and
11 in front of that pump station, it is a
12 travesty, and for that not to be on the
13 list this year, I think is really a bad
14 decision. I think if we would have not
15 hired so many, employees I think that money
16 this year could be applied right to that
17 and get that solved.

18 So when I do vote no, I'm not voting
19 against the Police Department, Fire
20 Department, all those things I'm happy
21 with. We need guys in Service, but I think
22 we're overstepping the amount of guys we're
23 hiring this year. I think we need to look
24 at the outsource at much concrete work we
25 can and get it done as fast as possible. I

1 really truly don't think we can do it. So
2 I want to make sure people are clear and
3 why I would be voting no on that. Thank
4 you.

5 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you. Anyone
6 else on Council? Will the Director please
7 call the roll?

8 MS. MAYOR: Mr. President, I would
9 like to speak.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: Mayor.

11 MS. MAYOR: I'll take my shot in my
12 five minutes in answering some of this.
13 First of all, the amount of manpower that
14 was put into the budget this year for the
15 Service Department was to not only
16 accomplish road repairs, but also to
17 accomplish cleaning culverts, cleaning
18 retention basins, cleaning storm sewers and
19 doing I & I work. The pictures that were
20 taken today and three days ago demonstrate
21 that it's spring, the snow is gone and it's
22 time for us to have the manpower to get out
23 and do those things.

24 Obviously, we don't do a lot of that
25 work during the winter months, and so yes,

1 it is there now. You're making my case for
2 me. I need the manpower to be able to go
3 out and do this work. We have put the
4 manpower and the concrete roads in the
5 budget that we believe based on a lot of
6 years of experience coming from the Service
7 Department that we can do.

8 The issue of the bid process; I would
9 like our City Engineer to explain what that
10 process is and give everyone a general idea
11 of what that's going to mean to us in terms
12 of time. So Mr. Merdes, if you could
13 please explain the bid process.

14 MR. MERDES: Thank you. For those of
15 you in the audience that don't know,
16 probably a vast majority of the projects
17 that the city does, does go out
18 competitively bid.

19 A lot of the projects that were
20 mentioned were all competitively bid. The
21 82 intersections, the State and Walling
22 intersection. Most of the projects that
23 the public is passing by and seeing, those
24 are publicly bid projects, competitively
25 bid, as you have witnessed by Great Lakes

1 Construction was the general contractor on
2 the intersection project.

3 In order to go out for bids, there is
4 a formal process that the city has to
5 follow and quickly, it amounts to -- it
6 starts off by being discussed in committee
7 usually, and then it's put on the Consent
8 Agenda to authorize the Administration to
9 go out for those bids, meaning that the
10 funds are available. Then the project is
11 put out, advertised in the paper. We
12 accept bids for a couple of week period,
13 following which there is a public bid
14 opening, where the bids are open publicly
15 and then they're taken back and they're
16 reviewed and the recommendation of award is
17 made.

18 That then comes back to Council, and
19 as you can see, if anyone has the agenda --
20 no, there's no -- is there a contract on
21 the agenda tonight?

22 MR. PRESIDENT: Engineering service.

23 MR. MERDES: Engineering service,
24 agreements, contracts come back to Council
25 then and that's voted on, and then we're

1 able to enter into that agreement with the
2 contractor.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many votes?

4 MR. MERDES: That process probably
5 takes six weeks, give or take a little bit.
6 The contractor then has the project. So
7 the contracts go back and forth, they
8 mobilize. There is a bit more back and
9 forth between the Engineering Department
10 and the contractor, and then the contractor
11 is going to start that work.

12 MS. MAYOR: So Clark, if we were to
13 try to put the concrete repairs up for bid,
14 when would you say would be the earliest we
15 would actually see construction happening?

16 MR. MERDES: I would estimate June.

17 MS. MAYOR: Thank you. To continue
18 on, Mr. President, had we known when we put
19 the Temporary Appropriations Ordinance
20 together and said that we do these concrete
21 repairs in-house, that we weren't going to
22 do them in-house and we were going to bid
23 them out, we could have gotten started
24 sooner, but that was not told to us by
25 Council at that point when that budget was

1 approved.

2 In terms of our ability to get this
3 done this year, if we wait to see what the
4 bid amounts are in June or whenever that
5 is, if we wait until that such time and
6 then try and start planning to do them
7 in-house, I am fearful we won't get them
8 done this year, but we would certainly do
9 our best if that were to be the case.

10 I think that someone brought up a
11 carry over in our budget from last year. I
12 want to tell you that a very large portion
13 of that carry over are funds that are
14 encumbered for specific purposes, but
15 either the money hasn't been spent yet
16 because whatever it was, the project isn't
17 complete, the equipment hasn't arrived,
18 whatever that is, and so it's carried over
19 for the next year. That is a large portion
20 of that carry over.

21 Some gentleman mentioned us doing a
22 shell game. I can assure you that our
23 Finance Director is not about to put up
24 with any kind of so called shell games, and
25 we're audited each year to make certain

1 that we're doing things correctly.

2 The Saturday service yard was a
3 manpower issue that was brought up. It was
4 simply that we didn't have the manpower to
5 hold that open. And do all of the other
6 work within the Service Department. If we
7 get these employees we will be able to do
8 so. Until we get those employees, we still
9 are unable to do so. It's simply a
10 staffing problem, and it's that simple. If
11 there are any other questions I didn't
12 answer, I apologize. I did my best. Thank
13 you, Mr. President.

14 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mayor.
15 Anyone else on council?

16 MR. GENTILE: Mr. President?

17 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Gentile.

18 MR. GENTILE: I'll be voting yes
19 tonight. I've heard the people. I've had
20 phone calls. I had my reservations about
21 how many employees, but I'm going to move
22 that we appropriate the budget and get the
23 Mayor all the employees she's asked. I
24 will encourage the Mayor to go out for
25 bids, come back to council at any time

1 throughout this season that she feels that
2 we're behind the city in completing these
3 project I'll support to authorize the Mayor
4 to go out to bid to complete these projects.

5 I'd like to these projects completed I think the
6 residents would like to see them completed.

7 This is a priority this year. Let's
8 all work together get this done; hire who
9 we need to get hired, go out to bid when
10 necessary. Let's put together the eight of
11 us a goal to complete this work as promised
12 to these residents before the snow flies
13 this autumn. Thank you, Mr. President.

14 MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you,
15 Mr. Gentile. Anyone else on Council?

16 MR. MCKEE: Mr. President.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: Anyone else that
18 hasn't spoken on Council that wishes to
19 speak? Mr. McKee.

20 MR. MCKEE: I want to refer back to a
21 couple other things too, as far as who
22 we've already hired this year. I'm not
23 sure if everyone's clear on that. We've
24 appropriated already to hire two new
25 laborers this year. This is the temporary
26 approved already, and then we also approved

1 three replacement laborers already in the
2 temporary. As far as we're looking into
3 hiring those people as of 1-1. I think we
4 had two online, and I think we're hopefully
5 lining up two more and we're also before
6 we look at those men, the two
7 part time summer for rubbish, a total of
8 1300 hours.

9 I guess where my big discrepancy comes
10 in is for example, is I question this
11 Expediter as far as taxpayer money on what
12 is an Expediter going to do for someone's
13 street in front of their house; what is the
14 Expediter going to do for the flooding in
15 their basement? Now, true, it's nice to
16 have extra people down there to do a few
17 things in the offices, but you know what, I
18 think the people deserve their flooding and
19 their road fixed before we consider hiring
20 an expediter. Thank you.

21 MR. PRESIDENT: Anybody else on
22 council?

23 MS. MAYOR: Mr. President.

24 MR. PRESIDENT: Mayor.

25 MS. MAYOR: The Expediter position is

1 actually going to help us in terms of
2 getting the roads done. Currently there is
3 no such person down there and multiple
4 people are trying to handle that work.
5 This will free up supervision who will be
6 able to concentrate and focus on running
7 the concrete repairs and making certain
8 that those jobs are going efficiently and
9 accordingly getting them all done.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: Anyone else on
11 Council? Will the Director please call the
12 roll?

13 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

14 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

15 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

16 MR. MCKEE: No.

17 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

18 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

19 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

20 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

21 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

22 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

23 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

24 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

25 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

1 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

2 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-24 has been
3 adopted. SECOND READING CONSIDERATION,
4 07-28.

5 MS. HALLER: An Ordinance authorizing
6 the Mayor to enter into a lease with Paul
7 and Frances Fafrak for PPN 489-25-085
8 commonly known at the Valley-Vista pump
9 station site, to be used by the lessee for
10 horticultural purposes, gardening only, and
11 declaring an emergency.

12 MR. PRESIDENT: At this time I need a
13 motion to remove this from the Building and
14 Building Codes Committee.

15 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

16 MR. GENTILE: Second.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
18 seconded. Will the Director please call
19 the roll?

20 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

21 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

22 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

23 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

24 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

25 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?
2 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.
3 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
4 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
5 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
6 MR. WILLEY: Yes.
7 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?
8 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes. Is there a
9 motion to suspend the rules requiring three
10 readings and referral to committee?
11 MR. WILLEY: So moved.
12 MR. GENTILE: Second.
13 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
14 seconded. Will the Director please call
15 the roll?
16 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?
17 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.
18 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?
19 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.
20 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?
21 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.
22 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
23 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
24 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
25 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?
2 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.
3 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?
4 MR. MCKEE: Yes.
5 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been
6 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt
7 Ordinance 07-28?
8 MR. GENTILE: So moved.
9 MR. WILLEY: Second.
10 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
11 seconded. Is there any discussion?
12 Will the Director please call the roll?
13 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?
14 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.
15 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?
16 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.
17 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
18 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
19 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
20 MR. WILLEY: Yes.
21 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?
22 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.
23 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?
24 MR. MCKEE: Yes.
25 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

1 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

2 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-28 has been approved. 07-29.

3 MS. HALLER: An Ordinance amending the
4 Codified Ordinances of the City of North
5 Royalton, Part 2 Administration, Chapter
6 220 Council, Section 220.06, Rules of
7 Council, Rule 12 and declaring an
8 emergency.

9 MR. PRESIDENT: Please place this on
10 third reading. 07-30.

11 MS. HALLER: An Ordinance amending
12 Chapter 880 Earned Income Tax, Section
13 880.27 Disbursement of Funds, of the
14 Codified Ordinances of the City of North
15 Royalton, and declaring an emergency.

16 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
17 suspend the rules requiring three readings
18 and referral to committee?

19 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

20 MR. GENTILE: Second.

21 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
22 seconded. Will the Director please call
23 the roll?

24 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

25 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
2 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
3 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
4 MR. WILLEY: Yes.
5 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?
6 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.
7 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?
8 MR. MCKEE: Yes.
9 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?
10 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.
11 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?
12 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.
13 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been
14 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt
15 Ordinance 07-30?
16 MR. GENTILE: So moved.
17 MR. WILLEY: Second.
18 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
19 seconded. Is there any discussion? Will
20 the Director call the roll?
21 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
22 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
23 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
24 MR. WILLEY: Yes.
25 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

1 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

2 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

3 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

4 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

5 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

6 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

7 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

8 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

9 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-30 has been
11 adopted. 07-31.

12 MS. HALLER: An Ordinance granting a
13 Conditional Use Permit for South Point
14 Community Church to relocate their
15 administrative offices, classrooms and
16 church auditorium to 13390 York Road, PPN
17 483-14-004, General Industrial zoning,
18 property owner Alpha Properties, LTD and
19 declaring an emergency.

20 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
21 suspend the rules requiring three readings
22 and referral to committee?

23 MR. GENTILE: So moved.

24 MR. WILLEY: Second.

25 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and

1 seconded. Will the Director please call
2 the roll?

3 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

4 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

5 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

6 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

7 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

8 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

9 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

10 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

11 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

12 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

13 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

14 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

15 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

16 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been
18 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt
19 Ordinance 07-31?

20 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

21 MR. GENTILE: Second.

22 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
23 seconded. Is there any discussion? Will
24 the Director please call the roll?

25 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

1 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

2 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

3 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

4 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

5 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

6 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

7 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

8 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

9 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

10 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

11 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

12 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

13 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-31 has been

14 adopted. 07-32.

15 MS. HALLER: Introduced by Mr. Willey.

16 An Ordinance granting a Conditional Use

17 Permit for Avis Rent A Car Systems, Inc.,

18 for the purpose of operating a car rental

19 office at 13517 West 130th Street, Local

20 Business zoning, property owner MSM Real

21 Estate Management Co, and declaring an

22 emergency.

23 MR. PRESIDENT: Please place this on

24 second reading and refer to the Rules and

25 Ordinances Committee. 07-33.

1 MS. HALLER: Introduced by the Safety
2 Committee and Mayor Luks. An Ordinance
3 authorizing the expenditure of funds for
4 the purchase of one 2007 Ford Explorer for
5 the Police Department for an amount not to
6 exceed \$30,000, and declaring an emergency.

7 I have a Certificate of Availability
8 funds signed by the Finance Director
9 stating that these funds are available or
10 are in the process of being collected in
11 the Enforcement and Education Fund number five.

12 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
13 suspend the rules requiring three readings
14 and referral to committee?

15 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

16 MR. GENTILE: Second.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
18 seconded. Will the Director please call
19 the roll?

20 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

21 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

22 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

23 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

24 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

25 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?
2 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.
3 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
4 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
5 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
6 MR. WILLEY: Yes.
7 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?
8 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes. The rules have
9 been suspended. Is there a motion to adopt
10 Ordinance 07-33?
11 MR. WILLEY: So moved.
12 MR. GENTILE: Second.
13 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
14 seconded. Is there any discussion? Will
15 the Director please call the roll?
16 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?
17 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.
18 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?
19 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.
20 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?
21 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.
22 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
23 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
24 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
25 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

2 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

3 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

4 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

5 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-33 has been

6 adopted. 07-34.

7 MS. HALLER: Introduced by the Safety
8 Committee and Mayor Luks. An Ordinance
9 authorizing the expenditure of funds for
10 the purchase of five Chevrolet Impalas for
11 the Police Department through the Ohio
12 Department of Administrative Services, Ohio
13 Cooperative purchasing program for an
14 amount not to exceed \$120,000 and declaring
15 an emergency.

16 I have a Certificate of Availability
17 of Funds signed by the Finance Director
18 stating that these funds are available or
19 are in the process of being collected in
20 the Police Levy Fund number 15.

21 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
22 suspend the rules requiring three readings
23 and referral to committee?

24 MR. GENTILE: So moved.

25 MR. WILLEY: Second.

1 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
2 seconded. Will the Director please call
3 the roll?

4 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

5 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

6 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

7 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

8 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

9 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

10 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

11 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

12 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

13 MR. STEFANIK: Yes.

14 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

15 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

16 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

17 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

18 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been
19 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt
20 Ordinance 07-34?

21 MR. MCKEE: So moved.

22 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Second.

23 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
24 seconded. Is there any discussion? Will
25 the Director please call the roll?

1 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?
2 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.
3 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
4 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
5 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
6 MR. WILLEY: Yes.
7 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?
8 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.
9 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?
10 MR. MCKEE: Yes.
11 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?
12 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.
13 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?
14 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.
15 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-34 has been
16 adopted. 07-35.
17 MS. HALLER: Introduced by Mayor Luks.
18 An Ordinance accepting the proposal of
19 Burgess and Niple for professional
20 surveying, engineering and construction
21 services for the Drake Road Improvement
22 Project in the City of North Royalton for
23 an amount not to exceed \$119,408 and
24 declaring an emergency.
25 I have a Certificate of Availability

1 of Funds signed by the Finance Director
2 stating that these funds are available or are
3 in the process of being collected, in the
4 SCM&R Fund number 11.

5 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
6 suspend the rules requiring three readings
7 and referral to committee?

8 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: So moved.

9 MR. MCKEE: Second.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
11 seconded. Will the Director please call
12 the roll?

13 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

14 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

15 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

16 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

17 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

18 MR. STEFANIK: Yes.

19 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

20 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

21 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

22 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

23 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

24 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

25 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

1 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

2 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been
3 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt
4 Ordinance 07-35?

5 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

6 MR. GENTILE: Second.

7 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
8 seconded. Is there any discussion? Will
9 the Director please call the roll?

10 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

11 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

12 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

13 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

14 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

15 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

16 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

17 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

18 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

19 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

20 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

21 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

22 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

23 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

24 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-35 has been
25 adopted. 07-36.

1 MS. HALLER: Introduce by Mayor Luks.
2 An ordinance accepting the proposal of
3 Burgess and Niple for professional
4 surveying, engineering and construction
5 services for the Edgerton Road Improvement
6 Project in the City of North Royalton for
7 an amount not to exceed \$219,935 and
8 declaring an emergency.

9 I have a Certificate of Availability
10 of Funds signed by the Finance Director
11 stating that these funds are available or
12 are in the process of being collected in
13 the SCM&R Fund number 11.

14 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
15 suspend the rules requiring three
16 readings and referral to committee?

17 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

18 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Second.

19 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
20 seconded. Will the Director please call
21 the roll?

22 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

23 MR. STEFANIK: Yes.

24 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

25 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?
2 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.
3 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?
4 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.
5 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?
6 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.
7 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?
8 MR. GENTILE: Yes.
9 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?
10 MR. WILLEY: Yes.
11 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been
12 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt
13 Ordinance 07-36?
14 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: So moved.
15 MR. GENTILE: Second.
16 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
17 seconded. Is there any discussion? Will
18 the Director please call the roll?
19 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?
20 MR. MCKEE: Yes.
21 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?
22 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.
23 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?
24 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.
25 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

1 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

2 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

3 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

4 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

5 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

6 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

7 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes. 07-36 has been
8 adopted. 07-37.

9 MS. HALLER: Introduced by Mayor Luks.
10 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 90-217,
11 staffing and classification plan for the
12 various departments of the City of North
13 Royalton, Section 7, Police Department, and
14 declaring an emergency.

15 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
16 suspend the rules requiring three readings
17 and referral to committee?

18 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

19 MR. GENTILE: Second.

20 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
21 seconded. Will the Director please call
22 the roll?

23 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

24 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

25 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

1 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

2 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

3 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

4 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

5 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

6 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

7 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

8 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

9 MR. STEFANIK: Yes.

10 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

11 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

12 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been

13 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt

14 Ordinance 07-37?

15 MR. GENTILE: So moved.

16 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Second.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and

18 seconded. Will the Director please call

19 the roll?

20 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

21 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

22 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

23 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

24 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

25 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

2 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

3 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

4 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

5 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

6 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

7 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

8 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

9 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-37 has been
10 adopted. 07-38.

11 MS. HALLER: Introduced by Mayor Luks.
12 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 04-217,
13 establishing rates of compensation for the
14 City of North Royalton non-union employees
15 during calendar years 2005 and 2006 and
16 declaring an emergency.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: Is there a motion to
18 suspend the rules requiring three readings
19 and referral to committee?

20 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

21 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Second.

22 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
23 seconded. Will the Director please call
24 the roll?

25 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

1 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

2 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

3 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

4 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

5 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

6 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

7 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

8 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

9 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

10 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

11 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

12 MR. PRESIDENT: The rules have been

13 suspended. Is there a motion to adopt

14 Ordinance 07-38?

15 MR. WILLEY: So moved.

16 MR. GENTILE: Second.

17 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and

18 seconded. Is there any discussion? Will

19 the Director please call the roll?

20 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

21 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

22 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

23 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

24 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

25 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

1 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

2 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

3 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

4 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

5 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

6 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

7 MR. PRESIDENT: 07-38 has been
8 adopted. Under miscellaneous, I would like
9 to invite all the residents that had
10 specific questions to come up here after
11 the meeting. Members of Council,
12 Department Heads and the Mayor will be here
13 to answer your questions.

14 MR. GENTILE: Mr. President?

15 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Gentile.

16 MR. GENTILE: I'd like to thank all
17 you folks for coming up, regardless of what
18 side of the issue you were on tonight.
19 Really, it's a pleasure to see you all here
20 involved.

21 MR. WILLEY: Mr. President?

22 MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Willey?

23 MR. WILLEY: I, too, would like to
24 echo that. I think that it is a reflection
25 of how our government works.

1 Unfortunately, it's always a hot issue that
2 gets people involved in their local
3 government and it's always money, but thank
4 you all for coming and thank you for
5 participating.

6 MR. PRESIDENT: Anything else under
7 miscellaneous? Motions?

8 MR. GENTILE: Motion to adjourn, sir.

9 MR. WILLEY: Second.

10 MR. PRESIDENT: It's been moved and
11 seconded. Will the Director please call
12 the roll?

13 MS. HALLER: Mr. Willey?

14 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

15 MS. HALLER: Mr. Stefanik?

16 MR. PRESIDENT: Yes.

17 MS. HALLER: Mr. McKee?

18 MR. MCKEE: Yes.

19 MS. HALLER: Mr. Antoskiewicz?

20 MR. ANTOSKIEWICZ: Yes.

21 MS. HALLER: Ms. Uffman-Kirsch?

22 MS. UFFMAN-KIRSCH: Yes.

23 MS. HALLER: Ms. Bobulsky?

24 MS. BOBULSKY: Yes.

25 MS. HALLER: Mr. Gentile?

1 MR. GENTILE: Yes.

2 MR. PRESIDENT: Meeting is adjourned.

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4 Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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