

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **June 30, 2020 in Special Council Work Session** The meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m.** by President of Council Paul Marnecheck.

**PRESENT: Council:** President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives Jessica Fenos, Linda Barath, Dan Langshaw, Jeremy Dietrich, Vincent Weimer, Michael Wos, Legislative Services Director Dana Schroeder; **Administration:** Law Director Thomas Kelly

Ms. Schroeder, Director of Legislative Services read the notice of the Special Council Work Session.

Mr. Marnecheck made the following statement:

Good Evening,

Thank you to everyone for attending tonight's meetings. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in Council addressing something which occurred on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Tonight's 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is a Council Work Session. Given that there is no legislation before us, this is the correct format for us to be meeting. In the past this format has been used when Council discussed changing the committee schedule format and did an orientation on our new tablet devices. In a moment we will hear 2 audio files Council received last week. I will tell you there is strong language, so please feel free to step out of the room if you would like. Next, I will ask Councilman Dan Langshaw a few questions. Next, we will adjourn this work session and begin the Special City Council Meeting where we will discuss next steps. While we set up the audio, *(Mr. Langshaw interrupted by stating Mr. President...Mr. President)* our Director of Legislative Services will distribute *(Mr. Langshaw interrupted by stating Mr. President)* printed transcripts of the audio files. The goal here is to have an open and fair process. Will you please distribute.

Mr. Langshaw stated Mr. President I was wondering if I would be allowed to address Council.

Mr. Marnecheck stated not at this time.

Mr. Marnecheck stated if anyone would like a printed transcript.

Both audio files were played for those present. Printed copies of the transcript of the audio files were also available for all present (see attached).

Mr. Langshaw stated Mr. President.

Mr. Marnecheck stated not yet.

Mr. Langshaw stated but I will be permitted to speak I guess, point of order.

Mr. Marnecheck stated I have some questions. The first is to Councilman Langshaw, is that your voice on the two audio files?

Mr. Langshaw stated Mr. President will I be able to make a statement for the record.

Mr. Marnecheck stated sure.

Mr. Langshaw stated thank you, good evening.

Mr. Marnecheck stated I believe I have a question before you. Is that your voice on the two audio files?

Mr. Langshaw stated I asked to make a statement.

Mr. Marnecheck stated I'm sorry, not to get into the weeds, but...

Mr. Langshaw stated could I make a statement?

Mr. Marnecheck stated you can make a statement after I ask you the questions.

Mr. Langshaw stated could I...

Mr. Marnecheck stated you can make a statement after I ask you the questions Councilman.

Mr. Langshaw stated I need to confer with legal counsel because if that's permissible because, I, this, you're ambushing me. Can I confer with legal counsel?

Mr. Marnecheck stated sure, but I would also like to point out that in the five days since this meeting was called you never reached out to me. Sure, take a moment.

Mr. Langshaw conferred with his legal counsel, Michael O'Donnell.

Mr. Langshaw stated sorry Mr. President I needed to confer with my legal counsel that's in the audience that I want to acknowledge. So, I'm sorry your question is if I am the person on the tape, yes, I am.

Mr. Marnecheck stated is that your voice on the two audios.

Mr. Langshaw stated yes, yes and now am I permitted to make a statement? You said I could give a statement.

Mr. Marnecheck stated I will let you make a statement but as I said I have a few questions. Any corrections, changes to the distributed transcript?

Mr. Langshaw stated not at this time.

Mr. Marnecheck stated not at this time?

Mr. Langshaw stated correct.

Mr. Marnecheck stated so this is your voice and there are no corrections at this time?

Mr. Langshaw stated correct not at this time.

Mr. Marnecheck stated okay let's hear your statement.

Mr. Langshaw stated thank you Mr. President, appreciate it.

Mr. Langshaw made the following statement:

Good evening everyone,

As you all know unfortunately, there has been a great deal of publicity surrounding a private phone call I made to Jaime Anton and rightly so. Tonight, I would like to address the phone call that we are all here for. The phone call I made; I do want to state first off that it was inappropriate. It was rude, and in particular in regard to especially to my language I used on the call, it was deeply offensive. I deeply regret having made the phone call and I wish I can undo it all. But all I can do is acknowledge what I've done is wrong. And I ask for your forgiveness and vow to learn to get better from it. And that's what I'm gonna try to do here tonight. And again Council, you have every right to weigh in and proceed how you want. But I at least want to be heard and at least hear it from me. Ya know, there's a lot been said and going around, but hopefully depending on how things go you will determine how the night goes and I will stay here as long as needed. Most, there is a number of you that are also Catholic. Our community is very Christian. As a Catholic, my faith teaches all of us the importance of forgiveness. And all those embarrassed and offended by my private phone call, including this Council, the Mayor, I don't see the Mayor here, but I see the former Mayor in the audience, my friends, my family, and most of all to Miss Anton. I want to apologize, again I am so deeply sorry for what I said. Many of you know me, this phone call was out of character, I am very passionate, there's no doubt about that. But I am passionate about North Royalton and helping our people, keeping us safe. This is a very humbling experience admitting that I am wrong. I messed up. And all I can do, and again Council you can judge me, the voters can judge me come in November; however you see fit. But I am gonna throw you my mercy, ask for mercy. Ya know, I'll vow to be better. Better for all of my colleagues here. We may not like each other; we might not even grab a beer after that. I will totally get it. But I hope you can find it in your heart that you forgive me. Again, I am very sorry and especially on top of this, I think it's, I'm sorry this is so insulting; some of the first responders I see in the room that you even have to be here or all of you during this pandemic. Again, I am very sorry, and I don't expect you to forgive me now, but hopefully moving forward better actions and of course more responsible language, we can move forward. But again, it's up to Council what you want to do, but I ask again for your forgiveness and I thank you Mr. President and members of Council for your time. Thank you.

Mr. Marnecheck stated thank you. Alright, I'm going to make a motion that Council recesses into...I'm sorry I'm going to make a motion. Ms. Schroeder interrupted stating to Mr. Marnecheck that this is to be stated at the Special Council Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to **adjourn the June 30, 2020 Special Council Work Session**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). **Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.**

APPROVED: /s/ Paul F. Marnecheck DATE APPROVED: July 7, 2020  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES