



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**

The Regular Council Meeting was convened on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Dennis McGlone, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call:	Jack Gainer	Also Present:
	Scott Pelot	Mayor Zita
	Dan Karant	Pam Keener
	Paul Tousley	Robert Fowler
	Charlotte Whipkey	Justin Markey
	Joe Kernan	
	Dennis McGlone	

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Mr. McGlone read the following correspondence and copies are attached herewith.

1. Megan Bourquin, 3913 Brookside Dr., Norton OH 44203
2. Victoria Goff, 3632 Greenwich Rd, Norton OH 44203
3. Janis Louis, 3856 Greenwich Rd, Norton OH 44203
4. Joe Kazy

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-Reports from Standing Committees**

- A. Mr. McGlone acknowledged receipt of December 2020 Financial Reports.
- B. Summit County Service Department Response Network – Mr. Karant said that he is in favor of this agreement. He discussed Article V and recognized Mr. Fowler as Norton’s representative with Mr. Hess serving as designee. This plan will be finalized once the agreement is in place. He discussed Article VI and noted that the Responding Member will remain under the control and supervision of their home municipality and they will receive a communication device from the Requesting Municipality. Mr. Karant also questioned whether the City of Norton liability and vehicle insurance would need to be revised. Mr. Karant noted that there were typographical errors in this document that affected the meaning of the document and noted that Article XII referenced suite where it should have been suit, as in law suit. Overall, he felt it was a good idea. Mr. Fowler noted that the Administrative Officer is the contract officer for the City so he should be the contact and will name a designee. Mr. Fowler said this is a more formal agreement to cover lack of personnel; we already have a gentleman’s agreement with department. This basically covers the service department, which is already a man short that has not been replaced yet. We currently have two crews of four each and we need all of that for any snow emergency and this gives us flexibility to draw from other municipalities. It does not affect any other mutual aid agreements.

Mr. Pelot asked if the Service Department is abiding by social distancing. Mr. Fowler said yes, they are practicing social distancing and wearing masks. There have been enough trucks that individuals could clean trucks in between use. We have taken as many precautions as possible to protect our staff. Ms. Whipkey said it will be at Norton's discretion if we send aid and that our staff could be called back, if needed. Mr. Fowler agreed and said we probably will not provide our Service Workers as much as we will need others and that any cost for personnel or equipment would be reimbursed. We don't have the water and service personnel to shift as the others do. Mr. Fowler didn't feel we would be sending our equipment as we are limited there in comparison. Mayor Zita said there was discussion and they would like a summary sheet of equipment be created so that they can ensure the people sent can use the equipment. Ms. Whipkey asked who would be involved besides Akron and Barberton. Mr. Fowler said Macedonia, Tallmadge and others. Mr. Tousley asked about the expiration date of this agreement. Mr. Karant noted it renews automatically unless we request otherwise. Mr. Karant moved to add Ord. No. 6-2021 to tonight's agenda; waiving second and third readings; seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yes: Karant, Pelot, Kernan, Gainer, Tousley, Whipkey, McGlone  
No: None

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of December 14, 2020 were accepted as submitted.

Minutes of Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2021 – (deferred)

Minutes of Committee Work Session of January 4, 2021 (deferred)

#### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Fowler said the Mayor's Association requests that Council contact state representatives to support a letter being sent to the Governor to include Police Officers for eligibility in the first round of COVID vaccinations as opposed to the second tier. Currently, our Police Officers are below teachers and the elderly. Next Monday is a holiday so we will meet on Tuesday. City Hall is active in the Community Center and everyone is up and operational.

Mayor Zita remarked that the end of February marks the ending of terms for several members on the Boards and Commissions; most are asking to remain. Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Fowler filled in stating that they will try to appoint renewals for terms that are expiring and fill vacancies. If there are any interests for Boards and Commissions; such as Zoning Appeals Ward 1 and Ward 3, please submit a letter to Shannon Szittai. There will also be a listing on the City Website and Council will receive a listing, as well.

Ms. Whipkey asked if we could send a letter signed by all of Council to the Governor rather than calling representatives individually. She felt it was stronger and also documented that way. Mr. McGlone agreed and said he would refer it to the Clerk. Mr. Fowler stated his appreciation and appreciation on behalf of the Police Department.

Mr. Tousley asked if the first letter from Communications of the Public could be addressed. Mr. Fowler stated he cannot address the school concerns. He stated water extension is important and residents have no requirement to tap in and there is no assessment for the water system. He can't speak to how it will affect taxes. There has been some discussion about the traffic study and the methodology and it is under review. This is a preliminary site plan and it could change and there is no citizen vote on a site plan. Council has addressed many of these concerns, as has Administration and he recommends that the last six Council agendas and minutes be reviewed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

#### **Ord. No. 1-2021**

Mr. Gainer introduced Ord. No. 1-2021 for its first reading and asked the President to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CLARK MILL INCENTIVE DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

Ms. Whipkey noted that all corrections have been made.

#### **Ord. No. 2-2021**

Mr. McGlone introduced Ord. No. 2-2021 for its first reading and asked the President to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF LAND BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE JGB ANNEXATION AREA, LOCATED IN CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF NORTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

Ms. Whipkey said that emergency language was added and all pertinent documents have been added to this ordinance.

#### **Ord. No. 3-2021**

Mr. Kernan introduced Ord. No. 3-2021 for its first reading and asked the President to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO SUMMIT COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kernan said this ordinance is to apply for grant funding to make the playground special needs accessible and there is a deadline and moved to waive second and third readings; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call:     Yes:   Kernan, Whipkey, Pelot, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, McGlone  
                  No:    None.

Motion passed: 7 - 0

Mr. Kernan moved to adopt Ord. No. 3-2021; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.  
Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Pelot, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, McGlone  
No: None.  
Motion passed: 7 - 0

**Res. No. 4-2021**

Mr. Kernan introduced Res. No. 4-2021 for its first reading and asked the President to read it:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FOUR PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF NORTON, AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL SHARE OF EACH PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only and this is for waterline and road projects in 2021.

**Res. No. 5-2021**

Mr. Kernan introduced Res. No. 5-2021 for its first reading and asked the President to read it:

AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) RESURFACING FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS.

First reading only and authorizing grant application for federal funds.

**Ord. No. 6-2021**

Mr. Karant introduced Ord. No. 6-2021 for its first reading and asked the President to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO JOIN THE SUMMIT COUNTY SERVICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE NETWORK AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Karant moved to waive second and third readings; seconded by Mr. Kernan.

Roll Call: Yes: Karant, Kernan, Pelot, Gainer, Tousley, Whipkey, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 - 0

Mr. Karant moved to adopt Ord. No. 6-2021; seconded by Mr. Kernan.

Roll Call: Yes: Karant, Kernan, Pelot, Gainer, Tousley, Whipkey, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 - 0

**INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION - None**

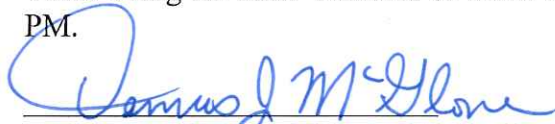
**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Executive Session: Cancelled

Mr. Pelot asked if there was going to be tax assistance available for residents. Ms. Keener replied that she has not heard of any so far and will notify Council if she does.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

  
Dennis McGlone, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on January 25, 2021.

  
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

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



## Kerry Macomber

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**From:** Megan Bourquin [MBourquin@CountryPure.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2021 12:29 PM  
**To:** Kerry Macomber  
**Subject:** [EXT] re: Brookside CC project

Hello Kari,

I wasn't sure if you were the correct individual, but wanted to express some concerns with the Brookside CC development and would like these to be addressed at the council meeting. As the Norton citizens weren't allowed to vote on these issues; how with the city address?

Concerns as follows:

1. Barberton Brookside CC - If the development is to erect over 300 houses –
  - a. Using the standard of 2.3 children/home = how can we accommodate 700 additional kids in our school system?
  - b. There is talk of a watertower being put up to accommodate these homes – I live nearby, will I be forced to tie into a water system and pay an assessment taxes as we are now doing with the sewer?
  - c. What will the traffic patterns be like in the neighborhood – assuming at least 600 more cars on the road – what will be done here to accommodate and how will this affect my taxes?
  - d. Are there any options for reducing the number of houses that go on this property? Will the Norton Citizens have any say/vote?
  - e. Does Council, or citizens have any other concerns? If so what are they?

It is my understanding that the council meeting are now taking place through Zoom. Is this accessible to the Norton citizens? If so, please advise timing, dates. If not, are there notes that can be accessed anywhere?

I appreciate you taking the time to address my concerns/questions. If this needs to be directed elsewhere, please let me know.

Thank you in advance,  
Megan Bourquin of Brookside Dr.

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## **Kerry Macomber**

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**From:** Victoria Goff [vgoff@akron.k12.oh.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** Kerry Macomber  
**Subject:** [EXT] Brookside Golf Course

I would like to state that I am in favor of the Brookside Golf Course project for a few reasons. 1. My home value will increase! 2. More tax money for the schools! and 3. This will provide an opportunity to hook up to city water in the future.

Thank you,  
Victoria Goff

*3632 Greenwich Rd*



## Kerry Macomber

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**From:** Dan Karant  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** Robert Fowler; Justin Markey  
**Cc:** Kerry Macomber  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXT] Brookside

This was sent to me this afternoon.

Passing along to you. These questions go beyond my ability to answer.

Dan Karant  
Ward 3 Councilman  
330-620-8586

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**From:** Janis Louis <janislouis71@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Dan Karant  
**Subject:** [EXT] Brookside

1. Is the potential purchaser willing to provide prototypes of housing and etc.
2. Is sewer and water adequate for proposal? ( See Summit County Engineer)
3. What is the value of the property?
4. What concerns are there of high powered electrical lines?
5. How might the privately owned Golf Course Drive be addressed?

Janis Louis  
*3856 Greenwich Rd*  
330-825-3777  
330-858-0021

## Kerry Macomber

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**From:** Joe Kazy [jmkjjkz@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 09, 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** Kerry Macomber  
**Subject:** [EXT] Monday January 11, 2021 council meeting.

Ms. Macomber,

Please have this email read into the meetings minutes for the Regular Council Meeting dated January 11, 2021.

Members of Council,

I would like to address Ordinances 1-2021, An ordinance adopting an Economic Development Plan for the Clark Mill Incentive District and declaring an emergency, that was offered by the Planning and Economic Development Chairman Mr. Gainer. Mr. Fowler along with Mr. Markey explained the plan in general. My questions are:

1. Will this effect the residents currently living within the boundaries of the district, have an increase in property taxes? Will they also be included in the TIF agreement?
2. Beside what was stated, roads, water/sewer, storm water run offs, are there any other benefits that the current residents could expect?

I full understand the reasons why it is "declared an emergency," so all of the paperwork that is required to summit to the country is a long process. I would be nice, when the council offers an ordinance, they or someone could explain to the residents of why it is declared an emergency. Transparency!

The entrance in the development off of Clark Mill road, as I've stated many times before, is located at the worst place possible. It's located on a crest of a curved hill, are there any plans for making this a safer intersection? I know that this entrance will only be used for the 100 or so households, but still, it raises safety concerns.

Best Regards,  
Joe Kazy  
(330) 573-1114