



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2005**

Committee Members Present: John Conklin
 Dennis McGlone
 Bill Mowery
 Scott Pelot
 James Price
 Brenda Hlas
 Mike Zita

Administration Members Present Mayor Joseph Kernan
 Claude Collins
 Jeanne Zerga
 Jeff Pritchard

The Committee of the Whole convened for a meeting on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Brenda Hlas, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GENERAL DISCUSSION:

PC Res. #16-2005 Rezoning for Pride One:

Mr. Pelot turned this discussion over to Mr. Pritchard for the details. Mr. Pritchard introduced Patricia Rakoci the agent for Pride One. Mrs. Rakoci explained the rezoning issues and presented detailed drawings and examples of the types of homes. Mr. Pritchard stated that the developer would be bringing in water and sewer and that this would also suit the needs of PPG. Mrs. Rakoci stated that last year we rezoned the Lucas property to R3, with an overlay, and at that time it was stated that they would be coming back with additional plans. This project covers 185 acres with about 50-60 acres of open land. Mrs. Rakoci reminded everyone that this is a conceptual plan at this point, and would be done in 5 or 6 phases over 3-4 years. Mrs. Hlas stated that this would come back to council for the preliminary plat at a later time. Mr. Pritchard stated that was correct. There would be a total of 475 to 480 units of various designs and price ranges. There was discussion as to a park being included, and Mrs. Rakoci stated that they are looking into this option. Mr. Pritchard stated that there is the 30% requirement for open space. Mr. Pritchard discussed the possibility of leading into the Ohio Erie Canal Corridor to Vanderhoof Road area, which would be another real plus for this development. Mr. Pelot moved to place this item on Council's next agenda, seconded by Mr. Zita.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Zita, Conklin, McGlone, Mowery, Price, Hlas
 Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Road TAC Discussion:

Mr. Ralph Dowling, Chair of the Road TAC gave Council a brief report as to the status of the committee. Mr. Dowling introduced members; Diana McBride, Colleen Bussey, Dave Koontz, Mark Miller, Richard Easterling. Members present gave a brief background of themselves. Mr. Dowling indicated that Jim Pekarek and Rick Maier were unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Dowling stated that Mrs. Zerga has been very informative with history of expenses and previous road program information. Mr. Dowling stated that they are still looking at other communities for comparisons, and most likely will be looking at doing a road levy. Mr. Pelot discussed the total miles of roads, and Mr. Dowling stated its 122 square miles, Wadsworth has 80, Fairlawn has 26, Copley 55 and Barberton 120. There was discussion if the sections of Rt. 21 and Rt. 585 were included in the figure of 122, and Mr. Dowling indicated that it does include these routes. Mrs. Hlas questioned possible grant money, and Mr. Pritchard stated that there could be some AMATS money but only for main arterial roads, not residential areas. Mr. Pritchard stated that the city would still need to come up with the local match, which would be 80%-AMAT's/20% City of Norton funding. Mr. Dowling stated that the Road TAC meets the third Thursday each month at 6:00 PM at the Community Center and invited residents and Council members to attend. Mr. Dowling discussed possibly posting a short questionnaire on the city's web page. Mr. Pritchard commended the Road TAC members for donating their time and efforts investigating the various types of roads, planning and finance issues. Mr. Dowling stated that he would be attending Council meetings periodically to inform the community of the status of their efforts.

PC Res. #13-2006 Baughman Major Subdivision Final Plat

Mr. Pelot opened this discussion and turned the details over to Mr. Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard stated that we now have the performance bond from the developer, in addition to the 5% for inspections. Mr. Pritchard stated that our Engineer has approved the improvement plans, and they should be breaking ground very soon. Mr. Pritchard reminded everyone that this is a delayed procedure so the sub-divider would be carrying out the construction inspecting, testing and maintenance of this project. They will come back to Council for final approval of the final plat for the dedication and acceptance. What Council is approving tonight is the final plat in its *conceptual* state and will need later approval. Mr. Pelot asked to have a copy of the Engineers official approval of the improvement plans, and Mr. Pritchard stated that he would see that Council receives this request. Mrs. Elaine Tompkins questioned why this is called the Reimer Road project, when in fact it is an extension of Flesher Road. Mr. Pritchard stated that it is because the original parcel is attached to Reimer Road, and the driving range is the original address. Mrs. Tompkins disagreed because the actual development comes in from Flesher. Mr. Pritchard stated that there are seven parcels, the driving range is one parcel and the remaining six are residential. Mr. Pelot moved to place this item in Council's next agenda, seconded by Mrs. Hlas.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Hlas, Conklin, McGlone, Mowery, Price, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Contractor Registration:

Mrs. Hlas stated that she was out of town the last few days and needs more time to continue researching this issue. Mrs. Hlas stated that she had not received any new information from Russ Arters.

Old Business:

Mr. Conklin discussed the temporary waterline replacement projects for Wadsworth Road, McGowan & Berry and asked Mr. Collins if this would be an assessment project just like Gardner Blvd.? Mr. Collins indicated that this would be handled as an assessment project. Mr. Collins stated that he has requested proposals for preliminary engineering done in order to apply for grants for that portion of Wadsworth Roads. The waterlines are constantly breaking and or insufficient volume for the residents, adding that he receives a lot of complaints from those residents. Mr. Collins stated that he has discussed this with Mrs. Zerga and we are setting aside some money in the 2006 Budget for this preliminary engineering. Mr. Collins stated that he hopes we are successful in getting the 50% grant. Mrs. Hlas inquired about Connect and Hazelwood, and Mr. Collins indicated this set to be the exact same process, but will come later. Mr. Conklin inquired about Phase III for Gardner Blvd, and would this be financed within the 2006 Budget. Mr. Collins stated that we are working towards this but was not sure this would take place in 2006.

New Business:

None

Matters Referred:

The Committee would be discussing the Contractor Registration fees and Mr. Collins' request to address Wooster Road Sewer fees at the next meeting scheduled for October 17, 2005.

Public Service Announcements:

Mrs. Hlas discussed the Learn about Medicare Prescription Drug Program on October 13, 2005 at 1:30 PM at the Alpeter Apartments –130 5th Street SE Barberton. Congressman Sherrod Brown is sponsoring this. Mrs. Hlas announced the flu shot clinic at the Community Center. The dates are: October 24, 2005 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM for Senior Citizens group and any city employee, October 28, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for the general public. The cost is \$17.00 for Norton/Barberton area with a \$4.50 additional fee for non-residents. Mrs. Hlas announced the Norton Fireman's Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday October 15, 2005 7:00 AM to Noon at the fire station-3200 Greenwich Road. Adult tickets are \$5.00; kids \$3.00 ages 5-12 and kids under 5 years old are free. Mrs. Hlas announced that the Panther Parents Athletic Booster Club presents "A night at the Races" on Saturday November 12, 2005, doors open at 6:00 PM. To sponsor a horse tickets are \$15.00 dinner tickets are \$12.00, which includes dinner, beverages and snacks. If you wish to sponsor a race or buy a horse, contact her for further details. Mrs. Hlas stated the Citizen of the Year banquet is on Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Community Center. Reservations can be made by contacting Dan Karant at the Medicine Shoppe. Tickets are \$15.00 and include dinner. Mrs. Hlas stated the next Council meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn:

There being no other business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Brenda K. Hlas-President of Council

Date approved: October 11, 2005

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