



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

Roll Call:	John Conklin	Also Present:
	Dennis McGlone	Mayor Joseph Kernan
	Bill Mowery	Claude Collins
	Scott Pelot	Jeanne Zerga
	James Price	Jeff Pritchard
	Mike Zita	Mike Lyons
	Brenda Hlas	Karla Richards

The Regular Council Meeting convened for a meeting on Monday, September 26, 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:

Mr. Pelot thanked Ann Campbell for posting the link for sex offenders on the city's website. Mr. Pelot stated that this is a direct link to the Summit County Sheriff's website and you can sign up to be notified if a sex offender moves into your neighborhood.

Mr. Mowery discussed Res. #73-2005 and stated that he was turning this over to Mr. Zita for introduction.

Mrs. Hlas discussed Ord. #56-2005 stating that she has received some feedback that the 1-million liability insurance might be excessive and would like to continue to look at other communities for comparisons. Mr. Pelot moved to send Ord. #56-2005 back to Committee for further research, seconded by Mr. Conklin.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 12, 2005-Approved as written.
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of September 19, 2005-Approved as written.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. George Tomko, a Norton resident discussed Ord #68-2005-Sign Ordinance, stating that he was against this. Mr. Tomko discussed the lineal feet, 60 sq. ft or 4 x 15 was not nearly enough, Mr. Tomko also stated that he felt this legislation was too restrictive. Mr. Tomko discussed Res. #73-2005 NIMS, and inquired if we have already been doing this for the past six months, was funding in place for this? Mr. Collins replied that this is just a portion of several requirements in order to get funding along with other items.

Communications from the Public Continued:

Mr. Jim Lino, a Norton resident spoke regarding Ord #64-2005-Comprehensive Plan Ordinance. Mr. Lino stated that the residents voted for an increase in taxes, questioning if we really have the money for this? Where is the money coming from-our taxes? Mr. Lino stated that it seems we never have any money in the till, but we can afford this? Mr. Lino also discussed Issue I and wondered why we have to pay to develop our own town? Mr. Lino stated that he would be in support of this if there were jobs and better economics involved, adding that he could not see spending his tax dollars for it. Mrs. Hlas explained Issue I (See attached). Mrs. Hlas stated that we can gain from items #1 and #3 and would help to get water and sewer to businesses in our community.

Mrs. Hlas temporarily recessed the Regular Council meeting at 7:15 in order to conduct the Public Hearing. Mrs. Hlas stated that after the Public Hearing, we would continue with more Communications from the Public.

AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON BY ADDING CHAPTER 1289--SIGNS TO REGULATE SIGNS, ADDING SECTION 1290.06 TO ADDRESS NON-CONFORMING SIGNS, AND REMOVING EXISTING SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE B-1, B-2, B-3, I-1 AND C-REC. DISTRICTS.

Mrs. Hlas convened the Public Hearing at 7:15 for Ord #68-2005, and asked the Clerk to certify the legal notice. The Clerk certified the legal notice was published in the Barberton Herald on September 8, 2005. Mrs. Hlas called for anyone in favor of this zoning amendment to come forward. Mr. Richard Easterling, a member of the Zoning Board came forward and spoke in favor of this, adding that the present code only allows for current business to have signs on the buildings not in front of them. Mrs. Hlas called two more times for anyone else in favor, no one came forward. Mrs. Hlas called for anyone against this amendment and Mr. Tomko came forward. Mr. Tomko stated that some of the sign legislation is very good, however there are parts of it that are too restrictive and needs to be reworked. Mrs. Hlas called twice more for anyone else against this amendment, and no one came forward. Mrs. Hlas declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:19 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONTINUED:

Mrs. Elaine Tompkins spoke regarding the CAFR and thanked the Finance Dept. for answering some of her questions, adding that some of the clarifications were very good. Mrs. Tompkins stated that she has at least eight additional concerns, which she addressed to the Finance Dept. & Council and she did receive answers to those inquiries, and that some explanations had weasel words in them. Mrs. Tompkins stated that this is a learning loop for everyone including herself. Mrs. Tompkins discussed that Council should be able to discuss any financial matter that comes up with authority. Mrs. Tompkins suggested that in the future we should have a 2005 pie chart showing how much was spent by Police Dept. in blue, Fire Dept. in red, Administration in green, and so on, and compare this with the new budget. What are the variances on the pie chart? It would give a visual of how money is projected. Mrs. Tompkins discussed that Board of Control has not posted any current minutes on the web page. There have been no updates since June 27, 2005. Mrs. Tompkins stated that there is nothing prohibiting Council from placing their own cap on the spending, suggesting a possible ceiling of \$15,000.00. Mrs. Hlas stated that she believed the reason the minutes from July have not been updated for the Board of Control is because we have not held a meeting since then to approve the minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

RES #71-2005

Mr. Conklin offered Res. #71-2005 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE I, TO AMEND THE OHIO CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE TO FINANCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN SITES AND FACILITIES IN OHIO, AND TO EXPAND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING THE OHIO CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE.

Mr. Conklin moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Price.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Conklin moved to adopt Res. #71-2005, seconded by Mr. Price.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

RES #72-2005

Mr. Conklin offered Res. #72-2005 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER.

Mr. Conklin moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Price.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Conklin moved to adopt Res. #72-2005, seconded by Mr. Price. There was brief discussion as to whether or not the MAD (Mosquito Abatement District) taxes are included in the rates. Mrs. Zerga stated that she confirmed with the County that the MAD taxes are included

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Introduction of New Legislation Continued:

RES #73-2005

Mr. Zita offered Res. #73-2005 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Zita moved to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Conklin.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Zita moved to adopt Res. #73-2005, seconded by Mr. Conklin.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

ORD #66-2005

Mr. Conklin offered Ord. #66-2005 for its second reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$536,000 OF NOTES OF CITY OF NORTON IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO PAY THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING, GRADING, CURBING AND PAVING MEADOWS LANE IN THE CITY AND CONSTRUCTING SANITARY SEWERS, WATER LINES, HYDRANTS, STORM SEWERS, UTILITIES AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only.

ORD #67-2005

Mr. Pelot offered Ord #67-2005 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1406.01 OF THE NORTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADOPT THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE TO BE USED IN THE CITY OF NORTON TO REGULATE THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND OCCUPANCIES IN THE CITY.

Second reading only.

Introduction of Prior Legislation Continued:

ORD #68-2005

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #68-2005 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON BY ADDING CHAPTER 1289--SIGNS TO REGULATE SIGNS, ADDING SECTION 1290.06 TO ADDRESS NON-CONFORMING SIGNS, AND REMOVING EXISTING SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE B-1, B-2, B-3, I-1 AND C-REC. DISTRICTS.

Second reading only.

ORD #69-2005

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #69-2005 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON BY ADDING CHAPTER 1437--RAPID ACCESS KEY BOX TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF RAPID ACCESS KEY BOXES UNDER SELECT CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, AND TO AMEND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1426.17 TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.

Second reading only.

ORD #64-2005

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. 64-2005 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH D. B. HARTT CONSULTANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord. #64-2005, seconded by Mr. Conklin. Mr. Pelot discussed the debate over spending the money on this. Mr. Pelot added that as Council members, we are here to represent the citizens of Norton and it's our obligation to make sure things are done correctly. Mr. Pelot discussed the rates of inflation, costs of doing business, etc. Mr. Pelot stated that we have an obligation to be proactive vs. reactive in this city. Mr. Pelot discussed the proposed development of 100 new homes this year alone with a potential of 1200 more new homes in the near future. Mr. Pelot discussed the issues with controlled growth, and the problems you have without the control. Mr. Pelot discussed the problems Mrs. Anderson of Weber Drive had experienced, and feels bad for her. Mr. Pelot stated that it would have been nice for her to have known up front that this area is planned to be business. Mr. Pelot stated that it is now time for us to step up and start planning for the city's future. Mr. Conklin discussed seven items needing discussed on this issue. You cannot build a house without a set of plans, so how can you build a city without a set of plans? What is the future of Cleve-Mass. Road now? If it's not in Montrose now, it's in Wadsworth, and if it's not in Wadsworth, it's in Montrose. We have stated numerous times stating that the brass ring was passing us by. Mr. Conklin stated that he believed the opportunity for retail development in this city has now passed us by. There is nothing left because they have built to the north of us and to the west of us. Mr. Conklin stated that he was on Medina Line Road and noticed the new shopping complex in Wadsworth has a new road being cut in.

Ord. #64-2005 Continued:

Mr. Conklin stated that he also noticed they are pouring foundations for a new traffic light at Medina Line Road and Rt. #261. Things are happening all around us, but nothing is happening here in Norton. What is the future of Barber Road? Does anyone think that Rolling Acres isn't dying, and how will this affect Barber Road? Mr. Conklin discussed Issue 1 and the potential opportunities this presents. Mr. Conklin questioned if we don't have a comprehensive plan, will we be in a position to pursue this funding. Mr. Conklin discussed the issues with Cleve-Mass. & Weber residents and the fact that Council was caught in the middle of this issue with nothing for guidance. Mr. Conklin stated he will support this measure and hoped the newly elected members also support this plan. Mrs. Hlas answered Mr. Lino's concerns about where the money would come from to pay for this plan. Mrs. Hlas stated that the money will come from the General Fund; \$35,000.000 was already set aside for the 2005 Budget, and other \$40,000.00 will be in the 2006 Budget. Mrs. Hlas stated the definition of a comprehensive plan: A comprehensive plan is a written document that identifies the goals, objectives, principals, guidelines, policies, standards and strategies of the growth and development of a community. It is also an official document adopted by a local government setting forth its general policies regarding the long-term physical development of the city. Mrs. Hlas stated that Issue 1 goes by a point system and with a plan we would be in better standing when applying for grants. Mr. McGlone stated that Mr. Pelot, Mr. Conklin and Mrs. Hlas clearly stated why we need a comprehensive plan and he agrees with this, however, the question is do we really need to spend \$75,000.00 for this. Here we go again with outsourcing; we did this with Northstar. Mr. McGlone stated that he thought when we hired Mr. Pritchard, this was something that he would do. This was his reason to hire a Community Development Director, so we would not have to go out and hire some other company do to this. Mr. Pritchard indicated that this is something that he is qualified to do, however, with his other job duties and responsibilities, it simply cant be done since he is the one and only staff member in the Planning Department. Mr. Pritchard stated that the comprehensive plan we do have was done in 1981 by the Akron University staff. Mr. Pritchard stated that other communities have an average of 3-5 staff members in the Planning Department. Mr. Pritchard stated that it's difficult to do something of this magnitude with one employee. Mr. Pritchard indicated that other communities such as Barberton and Green outsource for their plans. Mr. Pritchard stated that part of his job duties is to attend every single Planning Commission, BZA, Parks Board, Health Dept., School Board, TAC, etc. Mr. McGlone stated that he understands it would take a number of years for Mr. Pritchard to complete the plan. Mr. Pritchard stated that this city is on the edge of a growth spurt, citing Stonewyck, Cleve-Mass. Road project with 600 homes there, Berkshire with another 600 units, retail commercial development at Hametown and Eastern Road. Your city is going to change very quickly and we need to address this issue now. This should have been addressed long before he came on board, like the zoning codes. Mr. McGlone stated that it's hard to spend \$75,000.00 when this city does not have a lot of money, and agreed that we do need this plan. Mr. Pelot agreed with Mr. McGlone that it's tough to put out the money for this, but it would be tougher in the long run if we don't do it now. Look how much time has been wasted covering and recovering information that we should be able to go to the map and say, this is the plan and this is where the city is headed. Mr. Pelot stated that you need to have a choice of where you want things to go, without a plan you have no choice. If a developer comes in and wants to buy property for development, we cannot stop them because we have no plan. Mr. Mowery stated that he heard this city being called stagnant three times, and this city is a landmark city and a homegrown city. This city was built on blue-collar workers, and spending \$75,000.00 is ridiculous. Where would we be if we didn't have some people with some hindsight not to spend every dime that comes into the General Fund? Mr. Mowery stated that we have some of the best residents serving on BZA and Planning Commission, and other good staff members to come up with a game plan.

Ord. #64-2005 Continued:

Mr. Mowery discussed the growth in Wadsworth and Green, and at the same time we don't nurture the business we do have like Norton Tool Rental, Charlie's and Sweet Henry's restaurants. Mr. Mowery stated that when Mr. Pritchard was hired, the burden falls on him as Planning Director to develop this city. We already know where the housing areas and industrial areas are. Mr. Mowery stated that we are not that bad off and that we should take what we have now and work with it, we don't need to hire consulting firms to tell us something that you (Mr. Pritchard) should already know. Mrs. Hlas asked if council had any objections to the audience speaking. Hearing none she let the residents speak. Mr. Lino, a Norton resident spoke regarding taxes and the fact that retirees cannot afford to live here anymore. Mr. Lino discussed the issues with eminent domain, and how this affects the residents. Mr. Lino stated that in the past we had lots of rolling farms in this community and we had no money problems back then, wondering where is it all going? Mr. Easterling, a member of the Zoning Board spoke that most of the revenue from property tax goes directly to the schools and Summit County, very little remains here in Norton. Mr. Easterling stated that with D. B. Hartt Inc.'s plan there would be 25 residents to help with the input and planning, all the meetings are open to the public, and he supports this. Mr. Tom Jones, a Norton resident spoke, stating that all of you have good ideas. Mr. Jones stated that in the 12-years he was on Council we tried to do everything we could. Mr. Jones stated that we have one of our oldest businesses (Euro Car) leaving the community, they have already purchased property on Rt. 18. Mr. Jones discussed the Red Pepper property on Barber Road and question if anyone is grooming anyone for this land or not. Mr. Jones stated that Barber Road is an area that needs developed, the sewer lines are already there. Mr. Jones discussed Rt. 585 and Rt. 21 and this is a good place and does not like to see this kind of development in residential areas. Mr. Jones discussed all the proposed homes coming in and questioned how much tax revenue this would bring in? Mrs. Hlas stated between 10%-15%. Mr. Jones stated that most of the tax money comes from commercial type property. Mr. Jones stated that everyone wants growth to a certain point. Mr. Jones stated that if there was sewer where he lives at Rt. 261 and Rt. 21, he would not be living there today, this would have been developed. Mr. Jones stated that he understands it's a difficult thing and that Council has a difficult decision to make tonight. The money is a tough issue, we don't have it. Mr. Jones stated you are talking about the \$35,000.00 in this years Budget and taking \$40,000.00 next year. What are you going to do about new police cruisers next year? Mrs. Hlas stated that in the 2005 Budget, we started setting money aside so that every year we can purchase two new cruisers for the Police Dept. with cash. Mr. Jones discussed the fact that residents are moving out of Norton, they are fed up and being taxed to death by local, county, state and federal levels and they cannot afford it. Mr. Jones suggested Council table this legislation, take another look at it, and have Mr. Pritchard talk to the current business owners and ask them what can we do for them, how can the city help them, etc. Mr. Jones stated we need to go forward and help the people within the community, maybe this would entice business people to come in because Norton is working with the businesses that they have. Mr. George Tomko, a Norton resident commented on the current staff and questioned why we need someone in addition to what we already have. Mr. Tomko stated that he would like to see a listing of what our Planning Director has accomplished other than Storm Water Management, Retention Ponds. Mr. Tomko commented on how much the city has grown in the last three years. Mr. Pritchard stated that we do participate in the Summit County Business Development Program, going out to local businesses and talking to the business owners and try to them to join. They must be a manufacturing type of facility in order to qualify for the program, retail does not qualify. We do go out and visit businesses, and contracted with Summit County Port Authority. Mr. Pritchard stated that if local business qualify they try to assist them, Fomo and Wagner Machine are just a few examples. Mr. Pritchard discussed issues raised about Barber Road; this is an industrial area located within a 100-year flood plain with very poor soils. You would have to be a pretty good salesman to move property in this area.

Ord. #64-2005 Continued:

Mr. Pelot stated that last year we had a car dealership threatening to sell because of the flooding in this area. Mr. Pritchard stated that if we cannot take care of the businesses that pay the bills for the city, why would they stay? Mr. Pritchard stated that if we don't plan for this city, make this city responsible for its future and set goals, the alternative is not very good. Mrs. Hlas stated that the only residents that pay the 2% income tax are the people who work in the city. Most residents who live in this city do not pay income tax to the city, nor do any retirees unless they have taxable income. It is mostly businesses that support this community, we cannot continue to place the burden on existing businesses. Mrs. Hlas stated that you need water and sewer to get businesses and you need a master plan, which is less of a fight for the business to deal with. Mrs. Hlas stated that the reason the Red Pepper property is still vacant is because the owner cannot come to an agreement on the several offers they have received. Mrs. Hlas stated that the State is working on a moratorium on Eminent Domain and is working to re-write the law. Mrs. Hlas discussed the Norton Commons, which is slated to include multiple businesses in this area. Mrs. Hlas stated that while she was out campaigning a resident gave her a book from 1968, and Norton had 15,000 residents. This booklet stated that our forefathers felt this community would be well over 100,000 residents by 2005. We have actually gone backwards, we now have 11,500 residents in 2004. In order to survive you have to have business and in order to have business you have to have residents. We need to develop the comprehensive plan and you need a professional to know what has worked and what does not.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Conklin, Zita, Hlas
 Nays: McGlone, Mowery, Price

Motion passed 4-3.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Kernan thanked all of the workers for their dedication for this year's Cider Festival. Mayor Kernan stated that he is still looking for residents to serve on the Charter Review, and is lacking interest in Wards 1 and 3. Mayor Kernan discussed a program offered by Rebuilding Together Summit County, which will assist less fortunate residents with home heating system cleaning inspections, and carbon monoxide monitors. The program kicks off at Wolf Brothers Supply on Kelly Ave. Akron on Saturday Oct. 1, 2005. Mrs. Hlas asked Mayor Kernan to comment about the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Kernan stated that we all can agree that we need to have this plan, the questions is how do we do it. Mayor Kernan stated that Mr. Pritchard could do this if it is all he is required to do; however we cannot wait 2-3 years. Mayor Kernan stated that \$75,000.00 is a lot of money, but it is an investment and since Council did pass this by 4-3 vote he will sign the legislation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Pelot discussed the follow up on the Knollbrook water issues. Mr. Pritchard stated that he did contact Mr. Cavanaugh and that Mr. Cavanaugh had offered to install a retention pond on his side of the development. Mr. Cavanaugh stated that he asked the resident (Mrs. Tompson) to sign off on a release which she refused to do. Mr. Pritchard indicated that since she refused, Mr. Cavanaugh would not install the retention pond after all. Mr. Pritchard stated that this issue most likely would end up being settled in court. Mr. McGlone inquired as to the status of the Millers garage. Mr. Pritchard indicated that they are working with Summit County to determine what type of sewer connection is required, it would most likely be a gravity flow, however the Millers would like to have a force main system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Mowery asked whom should the residents call this winter with their road concerns, since we have no road program? Mr. Pritchard stated that although we may not have a road program we do have a road repair/maintenance program where the city crews will repair potholes, ruts, etc. Mr. Pritchard stated that in the past we have always borrowed money to fund a road program, and sooner or later you have to pay that money back. Mr. Pritchard stated that \$75,000.00 saved here and there is not going to solve your road issues. Mr. Mowery stated that with all of the money spent for outsourcing with CCA, D.B. Hartt, this should have been spent on the roads. Mr. Mowery stated it is a shameful act on the city to put the public through this and spend money elsewhere. Mayor Kernan stated that the residents should always contact the Service Garage for pothole repairs. Mr. Mowery stated that whenever they call, the need to have someone with ears, because it seems to always fall on deaf ears and nothing gets done. Mayor Kernan stated that Mr. Mowery was wrong, he has seen a lot of places where the potholes have been patched. Mrs. Hlas stated that she had a complaint, which took 2-3 weeks for this to be corrected, because it was concrete, but it was done. Mr. McGlone stated he had no problems with repair issues, they were fixed within the same week. Mr. Collins stated that the road repair program has been going on for over 2 years. Mayor Kernan stated that the Road TAC will determine what type of road program we need and how much to spend, not the master plan. Mrs. Hlas stated that the \$5.00 license plate fee would go into funding a road program, along with allocation of funds anything over and above the 3.1 million. Mrs. Hlas stated that although she will not be on Council next year, it was her intention to take anything over and above the 2005 new property tax amount and put this towards the road program. Mrs. Hlas stated that Council did set things into place in 2005 for a road program. In 2004 we did not have a road program. In 2003 when we borrowed the \$500,000.00 we stated at that time we would no longer borrow money for road programs. When we went to bond, we bonded the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003 road programs. You cannot be borrowing money because eventually it has to be paid back. Mr. Price asked for clarification as to whether or not the MAD tax levy would be on next year's taxes. Mrs. Zerga stated that the MAD taxes would be on the 2006 property tax bills. Mr. Price stated that he voted no because we need to consider the money before we run out of money. Mr. Pelot questioned Mr. Price and Mr. Mowery as to how they voted spending the \$500,000.00 for the road program. Mr. Mowery stated that if they went with the advice from the Finance Director or Community Developer back then, things may appeared to be fine. Then the next thing you know we are broke and we need money. We always go to the residents and they are feed up with this, and he is too. Mayor Kernan stated that Mr. Mowery and Mr. Price both voted yes for spending the money on a road program. Mr. Pelot stated that we are trying to pay cash for things now so we don't have to take out loans to pay for it, and we don't have to go to the residents for more money.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Hlas indicated that she has tickets for the Norton After Prom \$5.00 each, 26 chances to win \$50.00. 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.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Brenda K. Hlas-President of Council

I, Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council of the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on September October 11, 2005.

Karla D. Richards, Clerk of Council

Date approved: October 11, 2005

*****THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. THE AUDIOTAPE WILL BE
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