



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007**

Roll Call: Ken Braman  
Tom Jones  
Bill Mowery  
Mike Zita  
Scott Pelot  
Dennis McGlone

Also Present:  
Mayor James A. Price  
John Moss  
Jeff Pritchard  
Mike Lyons  
Karla Richards  
Ann Campbell

The Special Council Meeting convened on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:30 PM, in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Dennis McGlone, President of Council.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

Mr. McGlone asked for nominations for the vacancy position. Mr. Pelot thanked all of the applicants for their interest in the position. Mr. Braman nominated Mr. Beddow. Mr. Zita nominated Mrs. Hlas, Mr. Jones nominated Mrs. Booth, Mr. Jones nominated Mrs. Whipkey. Mr. McGlone called for the last time for any further nominations, and there were none. Mr. McGlone announced the nominations as being: Mr. Beddow, Mrs. Hlas, Mrs. Booth, and Ms. Whipkey. Mr. McGlone asked that each Council member vote for the candidate by name, until a majority is reached.

Roll Call: Mr. Braman-Mr. Beddow  
Mr. Jones-Mr. Beddow  
Mr. Mowery-Mrs. Hlas  
Mr. Zita-Mrs. Hlas  
Mr. Pelot-Mrs. Hlas  
Mr. McGlone-Mrs. Hlas

Motion passed 4-2 for Mrs. Hlas as the vacancy candidate. Mr. McGlone asked Mrs. Hlas to remain after the meeting to be sworn into office.

**Fire Fighters Fact Finders Report:**

Mr. Jones moved to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Braman.

Roll Call: Yeas: Jones, Braman, Mowery, Zita, Pelot, McGlone  
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

**ORD. #36-2007**

Mr. Zita offered Ord. #36-2007 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD RYLAND AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Zita moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Jones questioned the Mayor about the ninety-day (90) probationary period and why it's not in the legislation.

**ORD #36-2007 continued:**

Mayor Price stated the he was not sure if this is appropriate per the Charter and deferred this to Mr. Lyons. Mr. Lyons explained that the Charter is very simple and straightforward on this process, the Mayor appoints and Council approves the appointment. The removal is also a process defined in the Charter. The Charter does not speak to anything other than this. Mr. Lyons stated that if Council and the Mayor wished to collaborate on this, then we would have to make reference to the Charter, and this could be taken as to modify the Charter. Mr. Pelot stated there are provisions for the removal of any officer per the Charter. Mr. Jones expressed his concerns with the Mayor feeling uncomfortable with the placement of Mr. Ryland. Mr. Lyons stated that he believed that Mayor Price and Mr. Ryland have discussed this and Mr. Ryland felt that if he did not have the Mayor's confidence he would not want to stay in that position. The fact remains that the Charter has a procedure for appointments and removals and we cannot ignore that and no such agreement can modify the Charter. Mayor Price stated that under Ohio Law, Mr. Ryland is an at will employee and if this situation does not work out, he could ask Mr. Ryland to leave, and the city would not get sued because this would be an agreement between himself and Mr. Ryland.

Roll Call: Yeas: Zita, Pelot, Braman, Mowery, McGlone  
Nays: Jones

Motion passed 5-1.

Mr. Zita moved to adopt Ord. #36-2007, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Jones questioned what was amended and Mr. Lyons stated that in order to be complete the draft legislation is correct as submitted and does not need to be amended.

Roll Call: Yeas: Zita, Pelot, Braman, Mowery, McGlone  
Nays: Jones

Motion passed 5-1.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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Dennis McGlone, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council of the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 23, 2007.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

**\*THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM\***