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HURON CITY COUNCIL, HURON, OHIO

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REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

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Date and Time: Tuesday, March 31, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

Place: Huron City Council Chambers  
417 Main Street  
Huron, Ohio 44839

PRESENT: (Via Teleconference)

Council Members:

- Sam Artino (Mayor)
- Christine Crawford
- Mark Claus
- Monty Tapp
- Joe Dike
- Trey Hardy
- Joel Hagy

- Terri Welkener (Clerk)
- Mike Spafford (Interim City Manager)
- Cory Swaisgood (Finance Director)
- Benjamin Chojnacki, Esq. (Law Director)

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THEREUPON, at 6:30 p.m.  
the following proceedings  
were had:

MS. WELKENER: Okay. You're good, Sam.

MR. ARTINO: Alright. I would like  
to call to order this meeting of the Huron  
City Council for March 31st, 2020.

As we prepare to enter into a Moment  
of Silence, I'd like to ask you to keep in  
mind our first responders and all our  
medical personnel.

Please stand for a Moment of Silence  
followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the  
Flag.

*(Moment of Silence observed)*

*(Pledge of Allegiance recited)*

MR. ARTINO: Madam Clerk, would you  
call the roll, please?

MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: Here.

MS. WELKENER: Claus?

MR. CLAUS: Here.

MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

MR. TAPP: Here.

1 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

2 MR. ARTINO: Here.

3 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

4 MR. DIKE: Here.

5 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

6 MR. HARDY: Here.

7 MS. WELKENER: Hagy? Hagy?

8 MR. HAGY: Here.

9 MS. WELKENER: Sam?

10 MR. ARTINO: Alright. Next on the  
11 Agenda is Approval of the Minutes for the  
12 Council work session for February 25th, 2020  
13 and March 10th, 2020. Entertain a Motion?

14 MR. DIKE: Mr. Mayor, this is Joe  
15 Dike.

16 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

17 MR. DIKE: I would like to make a  
18 Motion to approve the Minutes as written for  
19 work session of February 25th, 2020 and  
20 March 10th of 2020.

21 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion on that  
22 Motion?

23 Hearing none, Madam Clerk, would you  
24 call the roll?

25 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

1 MR. DIKE: Yes.

2 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

3 MR. HARDY: Yes.

4 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

5 MR. HAGY: Yea.

6 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

7 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

8 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

9 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

10 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

11 MR. TAPP: Yes.

12 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

13 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

14 Next on the Agenda, under Old  
15 Business, is the USGS Memorandum of  
16 Understanding. I can entertain a Motion to  
17 that.

18 MR. DIKE: Mr. Mayor, this is Joe  
19 Dike again. I would like to make a Motion  
20 to extend that for another 90 days.

21 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion?

22 MS. CRAWFORD: Do we have any kind of  
23 update on what they've accomplished so far?

24 MR. DIKE: I'd be more than happy  
25 to provide some insight to where they're at.

1 MS. CRAWFORD: Please.

2 MR. DIKE: Can I go ahead and do  
3 that?

4 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

5 MR. DIKE: So we did have a  
6 meeting as a body, and we did want to engage  
7 with Teresa Snyder to help us move through  
8 this and provide a road map to give us all  
9 the options to where we could look at either  
10 a partnership with the Port Authority,  
11 the, um, with the City involvement and maybe  
12 the Township or individually as far as the  
13 Port Authority and all of those. We did  
14 plan to have another meeting, but it was  
15 cancelled based off of the weather, because  
16 we had one evening with bad weather.

17 So then moving forward, there were  
18 some individuals that were on vacation, so  
19 we couldn't get enough people there to have  
20 a meeting.

21 So last talking with Mr. Moore, he is  
22 overwhelmed with a lot of things at the  
23 hospital, so he is unable to have a meeting  
24 as of yet, and we wanted to try and see how  
25 this worked. I told him how we were doing a

1 teleconference and he wanted to see, you  
2 know, how this worked and then potentially  
3 have a meeting and then we are going to, um,  
4 there's going to be a Motion made and we're  
5 going to vote on engaging with Teresa Snyder  
6 and her group to prepare information for all  
7 of us.

8 And one of the other things is, is,  
9 um, we wanted to find out more information  
10 that was going to be received back regarding  
11 the infrastructure to see if there was any  
12 opportunities for the Port Authority to help  
13 absorb some of those costs as well.

14 So that's where we are currently. I  
15 think in the next 90 days, if we're able to  
16 do something over the teleconference call,  
17 we'll be able to get other things  
18 accomplished and moving forward and then  
19 disseminate that information out to the  
20 Council and then also with the Township and  
21 have everybody on the same page of where  
22 everybody was at.

23 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Dike, has the  
24 Geological Survey asked for an update or are  
25 they involved in these communications at

1 all?

2 MR. DIKE: Rob Moore has reached  
3 out to them and just told him that we are  
4 still in the progress of moving forward, and  
5 they said just keep us informed, and they  
6 haven't given us any feedback as far as like  
7 they say that they're out or they're in.  
8 They're still pursuing down the path of  
9 looking for something.

10 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. ARTINO: Anyone else? Mr.  
12 Spafford?

13 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah. Thank you, Sam.  
14 Just a quick update from what we've been  
15 doing on the City's end of things.

16 As Joe eluded to, Mr. Moore and the  
17 Port Authority, obviously just due to a lot  
18 of the circumstances going on, we've been  
19 unable to get together. So from a time  
20 standpoint, hopefully this 90 day extension  
21 will allow us the ability to coordinate  
22 those efforts.

23 From an internal perspective  
24 regarding the infrastructure piece, Mr.  
25 Critelli from OHM had disseminated a report

1 basically giving a status update as to where  
2 they are with design on the infrastructure  
3 piece for ConAgra.

4 Just once, um, a lot of the potential  
5 fiscal impacts were being discussed, Finance  
6 Director, Mr. Swaisgood, and I went through  
7 a lot of our outstanding and open projects  
8 and put a -- just a very temporary hold just  
9 so we could re-evaluate and look into some  
10 things. This was one of the projects that  
11 initially we had placed on hold, just as  
12 there was a pretty sizeable outstanding  
13 chunk of the resources available, but due to  
14 I believe the timing of everything, we've  
15 re-engaged that discussion with Mr. Critelli  
16 and are still moving forward and are  
17 following the schedule that was provided in  
18 that update.

19 In addition to that, prior to his  
20 departure, Mr. White and I did meet with  
21 Teresa and Joseph of Pace Energies as well,  
22 just to continue that discussion on the  
23 financial piece, and during that meeting had  
24 expressed just desire to coordinate efforts  
25 amongst the City, Port Authority, and then



1 obviously, through the Port Authority's  
2 partnership, to bring the Township into that  
3 discussion as well.

4 So just once if, you know, assuming  
5 that this process through the teleconference  
6 is something that Mr. Moore and the Port  
7 Authority thinks they could make available  
8 to themselves, I'd just ask that I be part  
9 of that discussion, part of that discussion  
10 as well.

11 MR. HAGY: Mr. Mayor, this is Joel  
12 Hagy. I have a couple questions. I'm not  
13 sure who to address them to. I'm not sure  
14 if it's --

15 MR. ARTINO: Go ahead.

16 MR. HAGY: Yeah. So just three  
17 questions real quick.

18 I believe this is the second time  
19 we've extended this, maybe the third. So  
20 the first question is, is there reason to  
21 believe that another 90 day extension will  
22 produce substantive movement forward?

23 Second question is, with these  
24 extensions and this concept being looked at,  
25 does it preclude looking at other

1 possibilities for the use of the site?

2 And I can't remember my third  
3 question. So, again, I'm not sure who I'm  
4 addressing that to.

5 MR. ARTINO: This is the -- this is  
6 the Mayor. I can tell you that we will  
7 always be open to any other interested  
8 parties, and if that does come about, we  
9 will deal with that at that time.

10 MR. HAGY: Okay. And on the  
11 second question, the first question I guess  
12 we don't know the answer, but on the third  
13 one, um, in that we are in a lockdown  
14 basically, is it meritorious to think about  
15 making the 90 day extension start once the  
16 lockdown is lifted? We could spend this  
17 entire 90 day session, extension waiting.

18 MR. SPAFFORD: Mr. Artino?

19 MR. ARTINO: That's a good  
20 suggestion.

21 MR. SPAFFORD: Mr. Artino?

22 MR. ARTINO: I'm sorry?

23 MR. SPAFFORD: If I could, just from  
24 the staff's perspective, you know, I will  
25 say 90 days, I think Mr. Hagy's suggestion

1 is probably pertinent. I think that 90 day  
2 window extending from whenever that date  
3 certain is from the lockdown would also give  
4 us a better understanding and time to get  
5 together to figure out what the economic  
6 landscape is going to look like once this is  
7 all said and done.

8 MR. ARTINO: Alright. Then would  
9 you note that in the Memorandum of  
10 Understanding then, Mr. Spafford?

11 MS. WELKENER: You would have to make  
12 a -- Mr. Dike, if you wanted to do that, you  
13 could make a Motion to amend your Motion to  
14 extend the MOU by 90 days starting at the --  
15 when the lockdown is ended, if that's what  
16 you want to do.

17 MR. DIKE: Mr. Mayor, I would like  
18 to amend my Motion as to how Ms. Welkener  
19 described it, as she has the correct  
20 verbiage, so I don't screw it up. Thank you  
21 very much.

22 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion on the  
23 Motion?

24 Hearing none, would you please call  
25 the roll for final adoption?

1 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

2 MR. DIKE: Yes.

3 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

4 MR. HARDY: Yes.

5 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

6 MR. HAGY: Yea.

7 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

8 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

9 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

10 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

11 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

12 MR. TAPP: Yes.

13 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

14 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

15 Alright. Next is New -- under New

16 Business, Ordinance No. 2020-8.

17 MR. HARDY: Mr. Mayor?

18 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Hardy.

19 MR. HARDY: I move that we suspend

20 the 3-Reading Rule and Ordinance 2020-8 be

21 placed on its First Reading.

22 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion on

23 suspension of 3-Reading Rule?

24 Hearing none, please call the roll.

25 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

1 MR. HARDY: Yes.

2 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

3 MR. HAGY: Yea.

4 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

5 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

6 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

7 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

8 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

9 MR. TAPP: Yes.

10 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

11 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

12 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

13 MR. ARTINO: Mr. --

14 MR. DIKE: Yes.

15 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Chojnacki?

16 MS. WELKENER: Mr. Chojnacki is unable  
17 to have voice on this. He's only listening;  
18 is that correct, Ben?

19 (UNKNOWN): That's right.

20 MS. WELKENER: So I will be reading  
21 the legislation.

22 MR. ARTINO: Alright. Go ahead,  
23 please.

24 MS. WELKENER: Ordinance No. 2020-8.  
25 An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-27,

1 adopted December 10, 2019, to provide for  
2 additional appropriations from the General  
3 Fund and other funding sources and an  
4 increase in estimated resources and further  
5 approving cash transfers between funds, and  
6 declaring an emergency.

7 MR. HARDY: Mr. Mayor?

8 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Hardy.

9 MR. HARDY: I move that we declare  
10 Ordinance 2020-8 an emergency.

11 MR. ARTINO: Roll call on the  
12 emergency.

13 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

14 MR. HARDY: Yes.

15 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

16 MR. HAGY: Yea.

17 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

18 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

19 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

20 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

21 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

22 MR. TAPP: Yes.

23 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

24 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

25 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

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MR. DIKE: Yes.

MR. ARTINO: Any other discussion?

Hearing none, please call roll call  
for final adoption.

MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

MR. HARDY: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

MR. HAGY: Yea.

MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Claus?

MR. CLAUS: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

MR. TAPP: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Artino?

MR. ARTINO: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Dike?

MR. DIKE: Yes.

MR. ARTINO: Thank you.

Next on the Agenda is Resolution  
2020-23.

MR. DIKE: Mr. Mayor, this is Joe  
Dike.

MR. ARTINO: Go ahead, Joe.

MR. DIKE: I would like to move

1                   that we waive the 3-Reading Rule and approve  
2                   Resolution 2020-23 on its first adopt --  
3                   First Reading.

4                   MR. ARTINO:                Any discussion on  
5                   waiving the 3-Reading Rule?

6                                 Hearing none, please call the role on  
7                   the --

8                   MS. WELKENER:            Dike?

9                   MR. DIKE:                    Yes.

10                  MS. WELKENER:           Hardy?

11                  MR. HARDY:                   Yes.

12                  MS. WELKENER:           Hagy?

13                  MR. HAGY:                   Yea.

14                  MS. WELKENER:           Crawford?

15                  MS. CRAWFORD:           Yes.

16                  MS. WELKENER:           Claus?

17                  MR. CLAUS:                   Yes.

18                  MS. WELKENER:           Tapp?

19                  MR. TAPP:                    Yes.

20                  MS. WELKENER:           Artino?

21                  MR. ARTINO:                Yes.

22                                 Madam Clerk?

23                  MS. WELKENER:           A Resolu -- I'm sorry.

24                                 Resolution No. 2020-23. A Resolution

25                                 accepting the recommendations of the Erie



1 County Tax Incentive Review Council relating  
2 to Enterprise Zone Agreements.

3 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Spafford?

4 MR. SPAFFORD: Thank you, Mr. Artino.

5 So as part of our annual filings with  
6 the Community Reinvestment Area that we have  
7 at the Huron Corporate Park, a contingent of  
8 staff and multiple county officials meet on  
9 an annual basis to review all of our  
10 existing CRA agreements. The detail and  
11 list of those agreements outstanding are  
12 largely within the corporate, excuse me,  
13 within the Corporate Park, and then in  
14 addition to that, you have South Shore  
15 Marine that has two CRA agreements, Label  
16 Aid, and then also Huron Senior Residents.

17 I want to point out within the report  
18 there's -- it's been a fairly successful  
19 program overall, um, with notable job  
20 creation particularly within Humanetics and  
21 News-2-You, both far exceeding their  
22 proposed job totals, but for the most part,  
23 everyone is either on track to meet or has  
24 met their anticipated job numbers, with  
25 easily millions of dollars reinvested back

1 into the community through various, various  
2 developments.

3 One particular note within this  
4 year's recommendation from the Council would  
5 be to cease the existing agreement with  
6 Huron Senior Residents. This was also a  
7 recommendation from Council last year  
8 relative to an ongoing dispute over the  
9 valuation of the property from the property  
10 owner.

11 MS. CRAWFORD: Right.

12 MR. SPAFFORD: This year -- last year  
13 City Council had decided to maintain the  
14 agreement to give Huron Senior Residents the  
15 opportunity to go through the property tax  
16 valuation reduction process. They had done  
17 that throughout 2019 and were successful in  
18 reducing their property tax valuation by a  
19 factor of close to 77 percent.

20 Based on that, it was the Council's  
21 opinion that due to the reduction in the  
22 valuation and then, therefore, subsequent  
23 reduction in property taxes that to abate on  
24 top of that was just not necessary or  
25 feasible. And so as part of this

1 recommendation, um, it includes continuation  
2 of all the existing and ceasing the existing  
3 with Huron Senior Residents.

4 And I'll take any other questions.

5 MR. DIKE: So, Mike, this is --

6 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Spafford?

7 MR. DIKE: -- Joe Dike. Go ahead,  
8 Christine. Sorry.

9 MS. CRAWFORD: No, that's okay.

10 Mr. Spafford, they're aware of all  
11 this, right?

12 MR. SPAFFORD: I believe so.

13 MS. CRAWFORD: That we were  
14 contemplating removing them from --

15 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah, this was an  
16 ongoing discussion pretty much throughout  
17 the last year.

18 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. Very good.  
19 Thank you.

20 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Dike?

21 MR. DIKE: Yeah. Mike, my  
22 question was, with everything that's going  
23 on, is this going to put any further  
24 financial constraints on, I don't know, it's  
25 just like just the timing of it just is a

1 little off to me with everything that's  
2 happening. How do you see that this is  
3 going to affect those, that entity out  
4 there, of us doing this right now?

5 MR. SPAFFORD: In regards to Huron  
6 Senior Residents or the remaining groups?

7 MR. DIKE: Huron Senior Residents.

8 MR. SPAFFORD: Just in running the  
9 quick numbers, I think this is even still --  
10 based on the -- their reduction of their  
11 valuation, they were at roughly 3.3 million  
12 and then they -- their payment in lieu of  
13 taxes was 30 percent of their -- what their  
14 property tax liability would be. If you  
15 look at what their actual property tax will  
16 be based on their new valuation, it's  
17 basically in line with what they were paying  
18 prior to.

19 So really from a -- from a -- just a  
20 true net aspect, from a cash flow  
21 perspective, I don't anticipate there to be  
22 any impact, potentially even a small  
23 savings, even with elimination of the  
24 abatement.

25 MR. DIKE: Thank you.

1 MR. SPAFFORD: Yep.

2 MR. HAGY: Hey, Mike?

3 MR. SPAFFORD: Yep.

4 MR. HAGY: This is Joel. Hey,  
5 quick question, and I apologize if it's a  
6 dumb one, but was I -- did I see they have a  
7 tax incentive in place? And if so, since  
8 they've decided to take the difficult  
9 decision to shut down operations, is there  
10 any recourse for us to claw back some of the  
11 incentive that they've received?

12 MR. SPAFFORD: Mr. Hagy, I'll have to  
13 get back to you on the history. I believe  
14 at some point in time they did, but they  
15 don't -- they no longer have an active  
16 abatement. I believe there was one --

17 MR. HAGY: Okay.

18 MR. SPAFFORD: -- at one point in  
19 time, but I can't speak to the history with  
20 any factual basis.

21 MR. HAGY: Alright. Thanks.

22 MR. SPAFFORD: Uh huh.

23 MR. HARDY: Hey, Mike, it's Trey.

24 Question: If we approve this, are  
25 we agreeing to terminate then the

1 recommendation from the TIRC? We're  
2 agreeing to terminate Huron Senior  
3 Residents?

4 MR. SPAFFORD: Correct. An  
5 affirmation from Council would essentially  
6 be an acceptance of the recommendation from  
7 the Tax Incentive Review Council.

8 MR. HARDY: Okay. So we don't have  
9 to take any other action?

10 MR. SPAFFORD: No.

11 MR. HARDY: Thank you.

12 MR. SPAFFORD: Uh huh.

13 MR. ARTINO: Any other discussion?

14 Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

15 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

16 MR. DIKE: Yes.

17 MS. WELKENER: Hardy? Hardy?

18 MR. HARDY: Yes.

19 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

20 MR. HAGY: Yea.

21 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

22 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

23 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

24 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

25 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

1 MR. TAPP: Yes.

2 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

3 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

4 Next on the Agenda is Resolution  
5 2020-24.

6 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Mayor?

7 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

8 MS. CRAWFORD: I'd like to move that  
9 Resolution 2020-24 be placed on its First  
10 Reading, please, and the 3-Reading Rule be  
11 suspended.

12 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion on the  
13 waiving of the 3-Reading?

14 Hearing none, please call the roll.

15 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

16 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

17 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

18 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

19 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

20 MR. TAPP: Yes.

21 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

22 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

23 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

24 MR. DIKE: Yes.

25 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

1 MR. HARDY: Yes.

2 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

3 MR. HAGY: Yea.

4 MR. ARTINO: Madam Clerk?

5 MS. WELKENER: Resolution No. 2020-24.

6 A Resolution authorizing the Interim City  
7 Manager to accept the Proposal and enter  
8 into an agreement with CTL Engineering, Inc.  
9 for engineering inspection services related  
10 to the US 6 Phase I Paving Project  
11 (ERI-6-17.49) in an amount not to exceed Two  
12 Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred  
13 Twelve and 00/100 Dollars (\$218,912.00).

14 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Spafford?

15 MR. SPAFFORD: As part of any state  
16 and federally run project, the City is  
17 what's called an LPA, basically meaning that  
18 we have the authority to locally let and  
19 manage state and federal projects. So US  
20 Phase I, US 6 Phase I and Phase II are both  
21 considered projects under that, um, under  
22 that arrangement, which the City would be  
23 the LPA and local manager for that.

24 Part -- one of the regulations is  
25 that where in a typical City project we



1 would have OHM typically be our engineer of  
2 design and engineer of inspection, state and  
3 federally funded projects require the  
4 inspection engineering firm to be separate  
5 from your design engineering firm. So they  
6 set the process up where the City goes  
7 through and essentially requests  
8 qualifications from various engineering  
9 firms that have the capabilities of managing  
10 an LPA project. There's a fairly hefty and  
11 substantial amount of paperwork that's  
12 necessary to file everything.

13 So Doug and I went through the  
14 scoring process over the last month or so.  
15 We -- I think we interview -- or we  
16 interviewed and scored five different  
17 engineering firms. We ended -- it's all  
18 based on their qualifications and competency  
19 as a firm rather than cost.

20 Once you select your firm, you then  
21 request proposal from that firm. We chose  
22 CTL based on their experience with LPA  
23 projects and then also we had just  
24 previously used CTL for the Safe Routes to  
25 School project last fall with very, very

1 good success.

2 So based on that strong working  
3 relationship, we had reached out to them to  
4 be the successful bidder. At 220,000 on  
5 total construction cost of the project, they  
6 came in at about 8 and a half percent, which  
7 we felt was definitely an economically  
8 advantage bid, so.

9 I'll take any other questions, but  
10 that's the background.

11 MR. TAPP: Mr. Mayor, this is  
12 Monty.

13 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

14 MR. TAPP: Mr. -- I guess Mr.  
15 Green is not there, okay --

16 MS. WELKENER: No.

17 MR. SPAFFORD: That's correct.

18 MR. TAPP: -- with you? Okay.

19 Mike, I just got a question, so, just  
20 because I don't understand some of this. So  
21 CT -- this was a bid process?

22 MR. SPAFFORD: It's an RFQ process.  
23 So we -- basically we request qualifications  
24 from engineering firms that manage LPA  
25 projects.

1 MR. TAPP: Correct.

2 MR. SPAFFORD: So, no, there are -- we  
3 have no -- we have no cost of comparison in  
4 terms of we don't have actual proposals from  
5 the other firms. We just have --

6 MR. TAPP: Okay.

7 MR. SPAFFORD: -- qualifications from  
8 the other firms.

9 MR. TAPP: Okay. And part of the,  
10 well, structure with the state, and correct  
11 me if I'm wrong. Does this -- so does the  
12 state cover any of this cost on the 218,000?

13 MR. SPAFFORD: I believe it's cooked  
14 into the entire -- the portion of it that  
15 they can equate back to the Urban Paving  
16 Project through the 80/20 split. I can get  
17 a full --

18 MR. TAPP: Okay.

19 MR. SPAFFORD: -- breakdown in terms  
20 of applicability, but, yeah, it'll be  
21 covered as whatever we can -- of the design  
22 and of the inspection portions it's covered  
23 under that 80/20 split, the ODOT Urban  
24 Paving Project.

25 MR. TAPP: Okay. Okay. Alright.

1 I mean, it just -- I looked at that total  
2 cost for 22 weeks of work and it just -- it  
3 looked rather large to me, but, again, that  
4 might be in line with everything else that  
5 goes on.

6 So, okay, that's all I had.

7 MR. SPAFFORD: Okay.

8 MR. ARTINO: Any other discussion?

9 Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

10 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

11 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

12 MS. WELKENER: Tapp? Oh, sorry,

13 Claus?

14 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

15 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

16 MR. TAPP: Yes.

17 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

18 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

19 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

20 MR. DIKE: Yes.

21 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

22 MR. HARDY: Yes.

23 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

24 MR. HAGY: Yea.

25 MR. ARTINO: Next on the Agenda

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Resolution 2020-25.

MR. HARDY: Mr. Mayor?

MR. ARTINO: Mr. Hardy.

MR. HARDY: I move that the  
3-Reading Rule be suspended and Resolution  
2020-25 be placed on its First Reading.

MR. ARTINO: Any discussion on  
waiving the 3-Reading?

Hearing none, Madam Clerk, please  
call the roll on that Motion.

MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

MR. HARDY: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

MR. HAGY: Yea.

MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Claus?

MR. CLAUS: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

MR. TAPP: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Artino?

MR. ARTINO: Yes.

MS. WELKENER: Dike?

MR. ARTINO: Madam, Madam Clerk?

MS. WELKENER: Yes?

1 MR. ARTINO: Oh, I'm sorry.

2 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

3 MR. DIKE: Yes.

4 MR. ARTINO: Madam Clerk?

5 MS. WELKENER: Resolution No. 2020-25.

6 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of  
7 Michael Spafford as City Manager on an  
8 interim basis, authorizing an Employment  
9 Agreement memorializing the same, and  
10 declaring an emergency.

11 MR. HARDY: Mr. Mayor?

12 MR. ARTINO: Go ahead.

13 MR. HARDY: I move that Resolution  
14 2020-25 be placed as an emergency measure.

15 MR. ARTINO: Madam Clerk?

16 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

17 MR. HARDY: Yes.

18 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

19 MR. HAGY: Yea.

20 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

21 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

22 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

23 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

24 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

25 MR. TAPP: Yes.

1 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

2 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

3 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

4 MR. DIKE: Yes.

5 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Spafford, would you  
6 like to say anything?

7 MR. SPAFFORD: I think you guys should  
8 vote against this contract.

9 *(Laughter)*

10 MR. SPAFFORD: No, I just -- I just  
11 wanted to say, Mayor Artino and the rest of  
12 the Council, I'm obviously very thankful for  
13 the opportunity, look forward to it. It's  
14 definitely an interesting and challenging  
15 time to step into the role, but I've had  
16 tremendous support from staff, and I know  
17 we'll get through it. Obviously our number  
18 one focus right now is just making sure we  
19 can keep everyone as safe as possible. And  
20 just to echo your sentiment at the  
21 beginning, Mr. Artino, just obviously  
22 keeping our first responders particularly in  
23 our thoughts and prayers.

24 So nothing particular, just, again,  
25 just a -- just a load of gratitude.

1 MR. ARTINO: Thank you.

2 Madam Clerk, would you call the roll  
3 for final adoption?

4 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

5 MR. HARDY: Yes.

6 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

7 MR. HAGY: Yea.

8 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

9 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

10 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

11 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

12 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

13 MR. TAPP: Yes.

14 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

15 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

16 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

17 MR. DIKE: Yes.

18 MR. ARTINO: Next Resolution

19 2020-26.

20 MR. CLAUS: Mr. Mayor?

21 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Claus.

22 MR. CLAUS: Yes. I'd like to  
23 place -- waive the 3-Reading Rule and place  
24 Resolution 2020-26 on its First Reading,  
25 please.



1 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion on  
2 waiving the 3-Reading Rule?

3 Hearing none, Madam Clerk, please  
4 call the roll.

5 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

6 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

7 MS. WELKENER: Tapp? Tapp?

8 MR. TAPP: Yes.

9 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

10 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

11 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

12 MR. DIKE: Yes.

13 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

14 MR. HARDY: Yes.

15 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

16 MR. HAGY: Yea.

17 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

18 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

19 MR. ARTINO: Madam Clerk, please.

20 MS. WELKENER: Resolution No. 2020-26.

21 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to  
22 contract with the law firm of Seeley Savidge  
23 Ebert & Gourash Co., LPA (SSEG) for legal  
24 services and declaring an emergency.

25 MR. ARTINO: Mr. Claus?

1 MR. CLAUS: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to  
2 place this measure on emergency.

3 MR. ARTINO: Discussion?

4 MS. CRAWFORD: May I ask why this has  
5 been escalated to an emergency?

6 MR. ARTINO: I don't believe this,  
7 uh, a Resolution has to be.

8 MR. CLAUS: I believe the  
9 Resolution was written with that language in  
10 there, Terri; is that correct?

11 MS. WELKENER: Yes, but it's not  
12 necessary to vote for an emergency.  
13 Resolutions take effect immediately once  
14 passed. That's just the language they put  
15 in there, yeah.

16 MR. ARTINO: Okay. So we won't be  
17 voting on this as an emergency then? Is  
18 that alright with Mr. Claus?

19 MR. CLAUS: Um, yes. If there's no  
20 need to, I guess it's (inaudible).

21 MS. WELKENER: Yeah. It doesn't hurt  
22 to vote on it, if you want to vote on it,  
23 since the Motion was made, or you can --

24 MR. CLAUS: I think that was what  
25 we did the last time and it was -- and the

1 discussion was that that's the way the  
2 Resolution was written.

3 MR. ARTINO: Alright.

4 MS. WELKENER: Okay.

5 MR. ARTINO: Any other discussion?  
6 Any other discussion?

7 MR. HAGY: On the emergency or on  
8 the Resolution?

9 MS. WELKENER: On the --

10 MR. ARTINO: What do you suggest?

11 MR. HAGY: Are you asking if  
12 there's more discussion on the emergency or  
13 on the Resolution? I wasn't clear.

14 MR. ARTINO: I'm asking the Clerk:  
15 Can he withdraw the discussion over the  
16 Motion for the emergency?

17 MS. WELKENER: Okay. So we're going  
18 to take a vote on the declaring an  
19 emergency.

20 MR. CLAUS: I'd say we -- since it  
21 doesn't make a whole lot of difference,  
22 since the -- the Resolution was written that  
23 way, I suppose we ought to vote on the  
24 emergency.

25 MS. WELKENER: Okay.

1 MR. ARTINO: Alright. Then  
2 discussion on the emergency?

3 Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

4 MS. WELKENER: Claus?

5 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

6 MS. WELKENER: Tapp?

7 MR. TAPP: Yes.

8 MS. WELKENER: Artino?

9 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

10 MS. WELKENER: Dike?

11 MR. DIKE: Yes.

12 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?

13 MR. HARDY: Yes.

14 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?

15 MR. HAGY: Yea.

16 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

18 MR. ARTINO: Any other discussion,  
19 Mr. Spafford?

20 MR. SPAFFORD: No, I have none. Thank  
21 you.

22 MR. HAGY: Discussion on the  
23 Resolution?

24 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion on the  
25 Resolution now, yes.

1 MR. HAGY: Yeah, okay. Yes, I do.

2 Hey, Mr. Mayor, I -- I'm against this  
3 Resolution, and I feel compelled to discuss  
4 why, as it's not in my nature to disregard  
5 the advice of counsel.

6 This Lot 1 of the Showboat has been  
7 an issue for years, and a very well known  
8 issue, and a couple months ago we were  
9 presented as a Council with some courses of  
10 action on how to clean up, fix the issue.

11 Very soon after that, though,  
12 allegations were -- were put forward, and  
13 this is all in public record in the e-mail  
14 that was sent to us, and I -- I believe that  
15 if we would proceed with the way we were  
16 going to fix the problem with Lot 1, if  
17 there was malfeasance or criminal activity,  
18 it would come to light in that, in that  
19 investigation, in that procedure.

20 The second thing is, you know, we're  
21 about to spend -- I know the contract says  
22 not to exceed 10,000, but as we all know,  
23 the offer made to us, the proposal made to  
24 us was significantly more than that. We're  
25 about to spend a lot of money and then we're

1 going to have to spend money again to clean  
2 up the Lot 1 issue. And in discussion with  
3 the Finance Director I asked, who's going to  
4 feel the pain? Who's going to feel this?  
5 And while it's coming out of the General  
6 Fund, he shared with me it's going to be the  
7 police, police department, police and fire,  
8 our first responders.

9 So in a situation where we have a  
10 pandemic, and first responders are more  
11 important now than they have ever been,  
12 we're discussing taking money away from them  
13 in order to investigate something that could  
14 be investigated in the course of cleaning up  
15 the Lot 1 issue. Thank you.

16 MR. ARTINO: Anyone else?

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Mayor?

18 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

19 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Mayor, I just want  
20 to agree with Mr. Hagy on the record,  
21 please. It just seems that this issue came  
22 to light after the fact that we had already  
23 addressed it as Council and that we needed  
24 to pursue cleaning up that Lot 1 situation,  
25 and I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Hagy. I

1 think if there were issues, it would present  
2 itself naturally while we were doing that.

3 And as far as the e-mails are  
4 concerned, I believe that the City could  
5 hire I believe it's Vestige without an  
6 attorney hiring them on our behalf and cut  
7 out the -- cut out the payment to the  
8 attorney for doing something that we're  
9 capable of doing ourselves.

10 That's all I have.

11 MR. ARTINO: Okay. Go ahead.

12 MR. CLAUS: Mr. Mayor? Mr. Mayor,  
13 this is Mark, Mark Claus.

14 I would like -- I guess I would like  
15 to hear from Cory about how we say that  
16 coming out of the General Fund is coming out  
17 of the pockets of the first responders. I  
18 mean, if that was the case, you know, you  
19 know, I have some concerns about that  
20 certainly. Money should not be taken from  
21 the first responders, especially now, but I  
22 also don't think we should use this  
23 situation to, you know, to change a  
24 direction we've been heading.

25 I also, um, to Ms. Crawford's

1 comment, I don't believe they addressed  
2 specifically the e-mail in their proposal,  
3 the e-mail situation. I think we did talk  
4 about that briefly in our last Executive  
5 Session that the -- we would ask them to  
6 just determine whether further investigation  
7 into the potential missing e-mails was  
8 warranted. So I would agree we do need to  
9 pay them to do that investigation, but I  
10 don't think that that was part of the, um,  
11 of their proposal at this point.

12 And I also, I guess while I'm  
13 speaking, our Law Director has clearly  
14 recommended that we get an opinion from a  
15 neutral party and get this thing, you know,  
16 resolved and get it answered. So I think  
17 that we should take the recommendation of  
18 our legal counsel, unless that's changed in  
19 light of current situation.

20 MR. SWAISGOOD: Hey, Mr. Claus and  
21 Council, this is Cory.

22 MR. CLAUS: Yes.

23 MR. SWAISGOOD: I do want to add or I  
24 do want to mention that I did speak with Mr.  
25 Hagy. He asked me a few questions about



1 where the funds will be coming from and it  
2 will be all General Fund and this was  
3 actually before the health emergency, before  
4 the pandemic, and, I mean, it will be  
5 impacting the General Fund, which is  
6 comprised of funds going to the police  
7 department, the fire department, any  
8 administration. I mean, right now our  
9 General Fund income tax revenue, 50 percent  
10 of it goes towards the fire -- or towards  
11 the police department and another 7 to 10  
12 percent goes to the fire department. So not  
13 only first responders, I know that's real  
14 critical right now, but it does go towards  
15 the rest of the City's main operations as  
16 well, and I think it's a big concern right  
17 now.

18 And just a note for Council, too, is  
19 just some of the projections that Mike and I  
20 have been talking about, I mean, we're  
21 looking at a potential decline in our  
22 reserve balance. Right now we're at 23  
23 percent in our General Fund, but with the  
24 potential financial impact, I mean, no one  
25 knows right now. We're still hoping to get

1 better numbers here over the next few  
2 months, but based on some of our  
3 projections, um, and trying to limit  
4 discretionary funding right now, we are  
5 looking at by the end of the year  
6 potentially losing a good 15 percent of our  
7 General Fund reserve if we have to fund and  
8 maintain current staffing operations and  
9 first responders.

10 So it's a little -- a little more  
11 critical now than I guess it was before the  
12 pandemic, but I'm just letting Council know,  
13 especially with everything going now, going  
14 on now, and limiting our own budgetary  
15 spending, especially with the Governor  
16 asking state agencies to reduce budget by 20  
17 percent, we're looking to do the same thing  
18 right now. So hopefully that helps.

19 MR. CLAUS: So, yeah. Thank you,  
20 Cory. So if the, you know, if we're talking  
21 about suspending it, potentially suspending  
22 this action due to budgetary issues, um, and  
23 in light of the pandemic, that, you know,  
24 that's certainly something that could be on  
25 the table, I think, and is legitimate. I

1                   suppose we -- I don't know. Does anybody  
2                   else have comments before I have any other  
3                   comment?

4                   (UNKNOWN):                Mr. Mayor?

5                   MS. CRAWFORD:            I guess I --

6                   MR. ARTINO:                I have a comment. This  
7                   is the Mayor.

8                                I want to remind everyone that this  
9                   is a separate issue from the Quiet Title.  
10                   This was an issue --

11                   MS. CRAWFORD:            From the Quiet Title?

12                   MR. ARTINO:                Quiet Title. This was  
13                   an issue that brought up some concerns by  
14                   staff, City residents, and the direction  
15                   from the Law Director was that we resolve  
16                   this issue before we move on. There's a  
17                   concern with even spending money on the  
18                   property if -- if this issue is -- does turn  
19                   out to be a real concern.

20                                The other recommendation was from the  
21                   Law Director to go ahead and use this  
22                   process by bringing someone else in.  
23                   There -- when it comes to finances, we've  
24                   spent a lot more money than this on other  
25                   issues, and I don't know that there will be

1 a good time coming down the road. This  
2 issue has to be resolved before we can go  
3 forward and know that we have no more issues  
4 before us and then the City -- then the City  
5 will be in a position to move that property.

6 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Mayor?

7 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

8 MS. CRAWFORD: I just -- circling back  
9 to what Mr. Hagy said, pursuing the Quiet  
10 Title, if -- if in the course of that  
11 action, you know, some of these questions  
12 come to bear once again and we think that we  
13 need to investigate, I think we could  
14 reserve judgment at that time.

15 And if I'm not mistaken, when we  
16 interviewed the two different law firms, we  
17 had conflicting opinions. I believe the  
18 other attorney that met with us said that we  
19 could pursue Quiet Title now, move that  
20 process forward, and the investigation could  
21 be separate. Do I remember that correctly?

22 MR. CLAUS: Ms. Crawford, this is  
23 Mark again. I believe that's correct. He  
24 suggested, in his 15 minutes of looking at  
25 the documents, that he thought that we would

1 potentially be able to proceed with that. I  
2 don't -- I don't think that that was an  
3 official opinion --

4 MS. CRAWFORD: Thank you.

5 MR. CLAUS: -- but I'm not  
6 disagreeing.

7 MS. CRAWFORD: No, no. I understand.  
8 I'm just saying --

9 MR. CLAUS: You know, but the --  
10 the other thing is, I think the other  
11 underlying factor is that I think, um, and  
12 Cory can correct me if I'm wrong, but the  
13 Finance Director was uncomfortable in  
14 releasing any funds to proceed with the  
15 Quiet Title action at this point. So I  
16 think we've got -- we're -- we're a little  
17 Catch 22 here then.

18 MR. ARTINO: Okay. Anybody else?

19 MR. CLAUS: If you're suggesting  
20 that we -- that we proceed with the Quiet --  
21 don't do this, um, hire this firm to have  
22 this opinion, but proceed with the Quiet  
23 Title action, um, unless -- unless Mr.  
24 Swaisgood's changed his position or his  
25 feeling on that, I think that that should be

1 part of the discussion.

2 MR. SWAISGOOD: Hey, Mark, this is Cory  
3 again. It was under my understanding that I  
4 wouldn't release any funds until that  
5 property is figured out and fixed. I don't  
6 know what course Council wants to take,  
7 but, I mean, I was --

8 MR. CLAUS: Sure.

9 MR. SWAISGOOD: I was -- I was never  
10 given like a legal opinion or anything, but  
11 I, I mean, I did speak with Ben, and it  
12 really is my call, but I wouldn't be  
13 comfortable until -- until that is figured  
14 out, the title is figured out, and I don't  
15 know what course that is, but you are  
16 correct in saying that.

17 MR. CLAUS: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. HAGY: Wait. You -- Cory, you  
19 said until the title is figured out? So  
20 nothing to do with any investigation.  
21 You're talking about the title for Lot 1?

22 MR. SWAISGOOD: Yes.

23 MR. HAGY: Okay.

24 MR. CLAUS: Well, but we -- but we  
25 can't -- we need to expend funds in order

1 to clear the title. So I thought that was  
2 the -- that was the issue. You --

3 MR. SWAISGOOD: Yeah, I'm not -- I'm  
4 not sure if that's this -- I mean, I don't  
5 know all the details of this discussion, but  
6 I'm not sure if it's this contract here or  
7 this legal opinion you might be getting  
8 into.

9 MR. CLAUS: No, this -- yeah, this  
10 opinion is not the Quiet Title action. This  
11 opinion is to answer whether there's any  
12 civic issues or concerns regarding the, um,  
13 the property, the acquisition of that  
14 property and subsequent improvements. So,  
15 so it's not the Quiet Title action itself or  
16 the -- or would not be the process to clear  
17 the title up.

18 MR. ARTINO: Okay.

19 MR. HARDY: Mr. Mayor?

20 MR. ARTINO: Yes.

21 MR. HARDY: I'd just like to  
22 briefly state for the record that I agree  
23 with Mr. Claus that this has always been an  
24 issue of this -- we need a legal opinion,  
25 but I completely disagree with the

1                   legislation because of the context by which  
2                   this legislation was brought.  It's always  
3                   been called an investigation, with  
4                   implications of wrongdoing or worse, and I  
5                   disagree with that.  So I'm going to vote  
6                   no.

7                   MR. HAGY:                   And, Mr. Mayor, just  
8                   for the record, I, you know, there's been  
9                   a lot of talk about Law Director  
10                  recommendation, and I want to be on the  
11                  record to say I respect the heck out of our  
12                  Law Director, but that's exactly what it is,  
13                  right?  It's advice.  And we were hired to  
14                  make decisions and sometimes those are tough  
15                  decisions.

16                  So totally respect his advice.  I  
17                  think it's the wrong move.

18                  MR. ARTINO:                  Alright.  Let me -- let  
19                  me just try to wrap this up by saying that  
20                  with all the legal action that this City's  
21                  going through, this is no time, in my  
22                  opinion, to not follow the direction from  
23                  the Law Director.  This is the direction the  
24                  Law -- the Law Director gave us, this is the  
25                  process he recommended to us, and I believe



1                   that we must follow the Law Director's  
2                   recommendation and not take the chance.  If  
3                   we're worried about \$10,000, we could end up  
4                   in a heavier lawsuit than that.  I believe  
5                   we should follow the direction of the Law  
6                   Director.

7                   I call for the Motion.  Madam Clerk?

8                   (UNKNOWN):               For a vote?  I'm sorry?

9                   MS. WELKENER:            Okay.  You ready?

10                  MR. ARTINO:                Madam Clerk, please  
11                  call the roll.

12                  MS. WELKENER:            Claus?

13                  MR. CLAUS:                Yes.

14                  MS. WELKENER:            Tapp?

15                  MR. TAPP:                 Yes.

16                  MS. WELKENER:            Artino?

17                  MR. ARTINO:             Yes.

18                  MS. WELKENER:            Dike?

19                  MR. DIKE:                Yes.

20                  MS. WELKENER:            Hardy?

21                  MR. HARDY:             No.

22                  MS. WELKENER:            Hagy?

23                  MR. HAGY:             Nay.

24                  MS. WELKENER:            Crawford?

25                  MS. CRAWFORD:        No.

1 MS. WELKENER: Hagy, was -- your vote  
2 was -- was it yea or nay?

3 MR. HAGY: Nay. No.

4 MS. WELKENER: Thank you.

5 MR. ARTINO: Alright. City  
6 Manager's Discussion.

7 MR. SPAFFORD: Thank you, Mr. Artino.  
8 I just -- I had sent out a Manager's  
9 Activity Report about 3:00 earlier this  
10 afternoon.

11 The biggest thing what's on that  
12 report, I wanted to highlight changes with  
13 our service delivery for -- with Republic.  
14 Our account rep had reached out to me and  
15 indicated that company wide, in an effort to  
16 maintain safety of their workforce, they are  
17 eliminating any service that requires them  
18 to (inaudible) their trucks. So that would  
19 include for us specifically our monthly bulk  
20 pickup and weekly yard waste collection.  
21 That's in effect starting -- technically  
22 starting yesterday. They continued our yard  
23 waste collection yesterday. So that will  
24 go into effect for us starting Monday,  
25 April 6th. That being said, Monday, April

1           6th, is the first Monday of the month that  
2           we typically have bulk collection, um, and  
3           then also our yard waste collection.

4                     After that discussion, I had a brief  
5           conversation with the Mayor. We had reached  
6           out to Barnes Nursery to see if there was  
7           some kind of potential, kind of immediate  
8           service that we could offer for yard waste.  
9           Prior to moving forward with anything,  
10          though, I wanted to just brief Council on  
11          what the outlines of that program would look  
12          like and garner if there's any interest in  
13          proceeding.

14                    Basically it would be similar to a  
15          previous arrangement we had with Barnes  
16          Nursery when we, when we ceased lawn or leaf  
17          pickup collection, where any City resident  
18          could take their unlimited yard waste,  
19          they'd have to haul it themselves, to Barnes  
20          Nursery with proof of residency. Barnes  
21          would take inventory of what's brought in  
22          and put together an invoice essentially that  
23          they would bill back to the City where we  
24          would cover that for our residents. Part of  
25          this -- so obviously there'd be some

1 increased costs on our end, but just in an  
2 effort, with the time of year and  
3 understanding with people stuck at home,  
4 gathering there's probably going to be some  
5 pent up interest in wanting to get a lot of  
6 that work done. And then also, just of  
7 note, that we're in conversations as part of  
8 this just to make sure that any potential  
9 cost impact in terms of services not  
10 rendered through the contract that we are  
11 working through the true-up process and the  
12 back end of this.

13 MR. CLAUS: So, Mr. Spafford, a  
14 quick question on that.

15 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah.

16 MR. CLAUS: So are you -- do you  
17 have the feeling that you may be able to  
18 recoup some of this yard waste, if not all  
19 of it, that Barnes might charge us from  
20 Republic? I mean, they have to dump it  
21 anyway, right, when they --

22 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah. So basically --

23 MR. CLAUS: -- if they were to pick  
24 it up?

25 MR. SPAFFORD: We have a yard waste

1 cost in our contract that's specific for  
2 account. Republic does use Barnes as their,  
3 um, essentially their landfill for the yard  
4 waste materials. So rather than Republic  
5 picking it up and paying Barnes the tipping  
6 fees, residents would be taking it to Barnes  
7 themselves and Barnes will take inventory  
8 and bill the City directly for whatever is  
9 dropped off by City residents.

10 MR. CLAUS: Correct, but what I'm  
11 saying is, are you hoping that whatever we  
12 get charged from Barnes in that scenario  
13 would potentially get covered by a refund  
14 from Republic?

15 MR. SPAFFORD: Sorry, I misunderstood  
16 the question. Yeah, that's -- that's --  
17 basically when we ran some quick numbers,  
18 we think it will be very close to and not  
19 cha -- not impact.

20 MR. CLAUS: Thank you.

21 MR. SPAFFORD: Uh huh. So unless  
22 there's any other questions on that, I'm  
23 going to just confirm back with our contact  
24 at Barnes tomorrow to get a proposal and get  
25 an agreement in place and estimated cost and

1 those kinds of things.

2 MS. CRAWFORD: Alright. Thank you,  
3 Mike. With this time of year and, like you  
4 said, people being home, I appreciate you  
5 being proactive in pursuing that before we  
6 start hearing about it from --

7 MR. SPAFFORD: Sure.

8 MS. CRAWFORD: -- residents.

9 MR. SPAFFORD: Unless there's any  
10 other questions --

11 MR. DIKE: Mr. Mayor?

12 MR. SPAFFORD: Go ahead.

13 MR. DIKE: Mike?

14 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah.

15 MR. DIKE: Hey, Mike, last week  
16 you sent out a Management Activity Report,  
17 and I did see that we are going to be, um,  
18 the 3.5 million taxable note financing.

19 MR. SPAFFORD: Yes.

20 MR. DIKE: And as of 2019, the  
21 rate was 2.5.

22 MR. SPAFFORD: Correct.

23 MR. DIKE: And for 2020 it's going  
24 to be the 1.9. What type of cost savings is  
25 that for the City?

1 MR. SPAFFORD: Roughly, I want to say  
2 our interest payment, Joe, in 2019 was  
3 around 90,000.

4 (UNKNOWN): Yeah, this one's going  
5 to be 75.

6 MR. SPAFFORD: This one would be  
7 roughly 75ish, 75,000 or so. So 10 to  
8 \$15,000 savings, just rough numbers.

9 (UNKNOWN): Electric Fund.

10 MR. DIKE: Okay.

11 MR. SPAFFORD: That's all -- that's  
12 all Electric -- all Electric Fund money.

13 MR. DIKE: And then I also --  
14 okay. I also wanted to make comment -- and  
15 congratulations, Mike. I'm glad the vote  
16 went through in your favor as the interim,  
17 but I did see that (inaudible) oath of  
18 office. I hope when we do meet, we can also  
19 do that again for you. I think that's only,  
20 you know, I think that should be done in the  
21 public body as well when we're back in  
22 session. So I hope we make note of that and  
23 we can do that.

24 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah.

25 MR. DIKE: I think you deserve

1 that.

2 MR. SPAFFORD: And thank you, Joe. I  
3 appreciate that. And really the only -- the  
4 only reason for the expediency was just  
5 continuity of activities.

6 Obviously, you know, things being  
7 different, my family would like to attend  
8 the meeting as well and get the opportunity  
9 to shake each of your hands and thank you  
10 for the opportunity in public. So I had a  
11 discussion with Mayor Artino about doing  
12 more of a ceremonial type activity once we  
13 can get back to normal operations. So thank  
14 you for that.

15 Unless there's any other questions  
16 about the -- specific to the garbage update,  
17 just a few quick highlights.

18 You may have seen OHM has been in the  
19 field for the last few days. They're doing  
20 their field observations for the pavement  
21 condition map. We should have that this  
22 summer.

23 With US 6 Phase II, with the  
24 Coronavirus issue that we're dealing with,  
25 obviously the public, uh, public information



1 event scheduled for next week has been  
2 postponed. I still would like to get  
3 something out to Council and then also  
4 specifically for this Council just to get  
5 one more opportunity to review the current  
6 designs. I'm working with Mr. Critelli and  
7 Mr. Green on getting that report out to you  
8 likely in the upcoming work session.

9 With the US 6 Corridor Study that the  
10 County had conducted over the previous two  
11 years, I wanted to relay some good news, and  
12 I think we've touched on this, but just to  
13 reiterate that ODOT has indicated to us they  
14 have significant funding available and that  
15 they've prioritized this corridor, and the  
16 initial feedback we're getting is that they  
17 have interest in funding the entire thing  
18 from east to western limits of the project,  
19 which would go into Sycamore Line in  
20 Sandusky all the way back through to the Rye  
21 Beach Road corridor.

22 There are some design proposals that  
23 were included in the study. None of these  
24 are finalized. These would all have to go  
25 through ODOT's typical project development

1 process. That'll include substantial public  
2 outreach.

3 So you'll see the two, um, two kind  
4 of proposals specific were inclusion of  
5 three roundabouts, at the two intersections  
6 and then one at Cleveland Road and Rye  
7 Beach, and then second to that would be just  
8 lane modifications and traffic signalization  
9 updates.

10 The indication we're getting from  
11 ODOT is not only are they intent on funding  
12 this, but they're also, as part of this  
13 project, indicating that they'd pick up the  
14 local match as well, which for us would have  
15 been 5 percent on this. So there's --  
16 there's potential. They'll be coming  
17 through, managing this project  
18 wholeheartedly with stakeholder feedback,  
19 and then funding it at a hundred percent.  
20 So some good news there.

21 I wanted to relay and give a shout-  
22 out to all of our local health and just  
23 community partners and all of their help  
24 with everything that's going on with the  
25 Covid-19 outbreak.

1                   Trey, you know, thanks to the Health  
2                   Department. Obviously a lot of great  
3                   information out there and a lot of good  
4                   coordination with EMA and with our guys  
5                   here. Nothing but positive feedback from  
6                   police and fire. So thank you for that.

7                   And a shout-out to Abbey Bemis at  
8                   ECEDC and Amy Roldan at the Chamber.  
9                   They've been getting a lot of really great  
10                  information out there for all of our local  
11                  businesses. Just continue supporting them  
12                  as best we can.

13                  And then, finally, the US 6 Phase I  
14                  project with the -- you may have noticed or  
15                  heard some commentary in the public  
16                  regarding the crews cutting down trees along  
17                  the corridor. Basically the reason for the  
18                  timeliness of it is there's EPA regulations  
19                  that would have -- if we would have missed  
20                  the deadline, which is today, to have those  
21                  trees removed as part of the project, we  
22                  would have had to go through a fairly costly  
23                  endeavor through the Ohio EPA to prove that  
24                  there isn't Indiana bats within the trees  
25                  themselves. So that was the timeliness of

1 the -- of the effort, just so everyone's  
2 aware.

3 And then in addition to that, Mr.  
4 Green and myself have been going back and  
5 forth with the Homeowners Association  
6 President on putting together a timeline  
7 to get together this summer on what a  
8 replacement project might look like, which I  
9 don't want to limit it to just the eight  
10 trees that were removed, but also those  
11 eight trees mirrored the other six that are  
12 just to the west of it. So it's just, you  
13 know, cost dependent obviously, but we'll  
14 include it as part of the Route 6 Project.

15 So I just want to reiterate that  
16 replacement is on the horizon, but that  
17 just the short-term elimination of those  
18 trees is just necessary to put the capital  
19 infrastructure in.

20 Okay. That's all I have. Answer any  
21 other questions.

22 MS. CRAWFORD: Hey, Mike, I know that  
23 it's premature. We don't know what this  
24 virus is going to do and how long some of  
25 these restrictions are going to be.

1                   Has any conversation started about,  
2                   for example, keeping the beaches closed? I  
3                   mean, if we would go beyond Memorial Day,  
4                   we've got a whole different set of  
5                   circumstances, you know, with folks  
6                   returning to Huron, opening their summer  
7                   cottages back up. I'm starting to see  
8                   things from the islands, Kelleys,  
9                   Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass. They're dealing  
10                  with their snowbirds returning home.

11                  Have we had thoughts on addressing  
12                  those kind of issues or are we playing a  
13                  game of wait and see?

14                  MR. SPAFFORD:            We have been having  
15                  those conversations, hopeful we're not going  
16                  to be put in a position where we'll have to  
17                  execute, but --

18                  MS. CRAWFORD:            Right.

19                  MR. SPAFFORD:            -- just to piggyback  
20                  off of some of the financial discussions  
21                  that Cory had brought up earlier,  
22                  obviously specific to the Parks and Rec  
23                  Department, those are our main community  
24                  programs that would likely be most  
25                  impacted if this -- these current social

1 distancing restrictions stay in place. You  
2 can imagine roughly, you know, 30 to 40  
3 percent of our Parks and Rec operations are  
4 funded through a lot of those programming  
5 opportunities.

6 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

7 MR. SPAFFORD: And so we're starting  
8 to go through some of those mayday  
9 situations, you know. Nickel Plate Beach is  
10 obviously, you know, largely funded through  
11 parking revenues and all the different  
12 programs at the Boat Basin.

13 Prior to all of this, we were already  
14 having some concerns about a lot of the  
15 discussion and forecast of high water this  
16 year.

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Right.

18 MR. SPAFFORD: And we experienced a  
19 few opportunities last year where the water  
20 from the Boat Basin had actually risen above  
21 the bulkhead. So already had concerns  
22 regarding as that approaches, and a lot of  
23 our events at the Boat Basin specific, but  
24 now with this, in addition to that, a lot of  
25 those contingency plans are being put in

1 place.

2 Our Parks and Recreation staff is  
3 incredible, though. I mean, they're on top  
4 of it, and they're already in conversations  
5 with all of our vendors. All of our, you  
6 know, our Fabens programs, those kick off in  
7 May, um, already in contact with all those  
8 vendors. We're working closely with the  
9 Huron Baseball Program to make sure that  
10 their operations are, you know, in line with  
11 everything that we're working on.

12 So, yeah, I think we're in a good  
13 spot right now.

14 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. So kind of  
15 dialing down on part of what I mentioned, in  
16 the course of conversations, I mean, is  
17 there a specific vein of these conversations  
18 about, you know, the summer folks returning  
19 rather than later?

20 MR. SPAFFORD: No.

21 MS. CRAWFORD: Quarantining for --

22 MR. SPAFFORD: Not -- not specific to  
23 summer residents returning back, you know.  
24 There was an e-mail Mr. Claus had sent out  
25 to Mr. Chojnacki essentially getting to a

1 similar point and, you know, I think there  
2 could be some potential property rights  
3 issues and things that we'd have to consider  
4 in terms of -- concerns from that extent, if  
5 I'm understanding the question correctly,  
6 Ms. Crawford.

7 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes. Yes.

8 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah. So typically if  
9 Ben had audio, I'd have him reiterate, but I  
10 can forward -- I can make that  
11 correspondence available to the rest of  
12 Council as well just to see his answer on  
13 it.

14 MR. CLAUS: Yeah. I could comment,  
15 Mike, or just throw in, I had a question  
16 from a citizen just kind of like, you know,  
17 what if people from New York start, as an  
18 example, start coming to our area to get  
19 away from, you know, the heart of the  
20 pandemic. You know, is there anything that  
21 we can do to limit that or restrict that was  
22 basically the question that was forwarded,  
23 asked of me that I forwarded to Ben.

24 Basically, like Mike just said, Ben's  
25 response was, you know, on private property



1 with private residences there's not, you  
2 know, much that we could do to restrict that  
3 activity.

4 MS. CRAWFORD: Right.

5 MR. CLAUS: And Mike could forward  
6 that e-mail, forward that response to  
7 everybody.

8 MS. CRAWFORD: I'll forward a couple  
9 letters that I've seen specifically from I  
10 believe it was the Mayor of Kelleys Island,  
11 and I can't remember who put the directive  
12 out from Middle Bass.

13 MR. SPAFFORD: Okay. I'd appreciate  
14 that.

15 MS. CRAWFORD: Yeah. I mean, people  
16 are coming home or renting a VRBO or  
17 whatever they're going to do, but at least  
18 addressing that the communities appreciate  
19 some restriction or self-quarantine or  
20 whatever parameters --

21 MR. CLAUS: Yeah.

22 MS. CRAWFORD: -- they drew around it,  
23 yeah, some structure.

24 MR. CLAUS: Yeah, it may be nice  
25 to, yeah, put out some kind of statement

1                   certainly. Not that we would ignore it, but  
2                   we probably can't do a lot legally I think  
3                   was Ben's comment.

4                   MS. CRAWFORD:           Right, but some kind of  
5                   a statement maybe.

6                   MR. CLAUS:                Yep.

7                   MR. SPAFFORD:           Can do.

8                   MR. TAPP:                And just to add on to  
9                   what Ms. Crawford and Mr. Claus said, again,  
10                  Ms. Crawford, I've gotten some texts and  
11                  phone calls and e-mails in reference to the  
12                  same thing that you're stating about --

13                  MS. CRAWFORD:           Yes.

14                  MR. TAPP:                -- some summer people  
15                  coming in, and I guess I don't have -- the  
16                  main thing is, I don't have an answer, and I  
17                  don't know if anybody does, and a time frame  
18                  is kind of what they're questioning, you  
19                  know, and some of these people do come in  
20                  with some of the areas down around Nickel  
21                  Plate, you know. They're here for three,  
22                  four, five months.

23                  MS. CRAWFORD:           Uh huh.

24                  MR. TAPP:                And some of the  
25                  questions are, is the beach going to be

1 open? I don't know. And I know that's  
2 putting you guys on the spot, but, again,  
3 like you guys said, maybe -- maybe a  
4 newsletter going out just stating this is  
5 what we're looking at. This is worst case  
6 scenario. This is best case scenario. At  
7 least they have an idea. They can make  
8 their own decision, but I don't know what  
9 the answer is and, you know, I do have  
10 sympathy for these folks that they're in  
11 Arizona and Florida in the winter and they  
12 come here in the summer, so.

13 MS. CRAWFORD: I --

14 MR. TAPP: You know, if things are  
15 shut down, I'm not sure what we do or how we  
16 express that to them and then let them make  
17 their own decision.

18 So maybe if a newsletter goes out and  
19 just gives them an outline of what you're  
20 looking at right now without any, you know,  
21 hardcore decisions made, because you can't  
22 make those right now. We don't know how  
23 long this is going to last. So, yeah, we're  
24 getting a lot of questions.

25 MR. SPAFFORD: That's, yeah, that's

1 fair enough. I can get something out. As  
2 of right now at least, we have those plans  
3 that are ready to be executed, but obviously  
4 they're all timing and event specific as the  
5 regulations come down from the state, so.

6 Sorry, just reading something really  
7 quick.

8 Oh, Ben just wanted me to comment as  
9 well. You guys, as Council, could seek  
10 legal guidance, legal counsel for guidance  
11 on anything regarding people coming into the  
12 community, um, that might be of potential  
13 concern. So I just wanted to forward that  
14 on.

15 But back in terms of a statement from  
16 the community, that is absolutely something  
17 that we could do. We could highlight some  
18 of the kind of worst case and best case  
19 scenarios and what that looks like. Yeah,  
20 that's something we can work on. I'll get  
21 drafts out to Council so you can --

22 MR. CLAUS: And, Mike, we'll  
23 relay that on to all the private beach  
24 neighborhoods as well. Obviously with  
25 regard to the beach, I mean, if --

1 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah.

2 MR. CLAUS: -- if we have to close  
3 Nickel Plate and Lake Front Park, we  
4 probably need to make sure that, you know,  
5 Chaska Beach and Old Homestead also remain  
6 closed --

7 MR. SPAFFORD: Yes.

8 MR. CLAUS: -- I'm assuming, but  
9 we can -- we can confirm that with Ben or  
10 maybe get a recommendation from the Health  
11 Department as well in terms of if -- if  
12 these things are still in effect, these  
13 restrictions are still in effect, then the  
14 beaches would need to be closed as well,  
15 something to that effect.

16 MR. SPAFFORD: Yeah, and I imagine the  
17 closure of some of the private property  
18 beaches would follow whatever mandates are  
19 from the State Governor's Office or State  
20 Health Department as well in terms of  
21 congregation.

22 MR. CLAUS: Yep.

23 MR. SPAFFORD: Alright. I'll work  
24 something up and get something out to  
25 Council for you guys to review just to get

1 an idea of what we're looking at long term,  
2 contingency planning.

3 MR. ARTINO: Thank you.

4 MS. CRAWFORD: Thank you, Mike.

5 MR. SPAFFORD: No problem. Anything  
6 else?

7 MR. HAGY: Hey, Mike?

8 MR. SPAFFORD: Yep.

9 MR. HAGY: Yeah. Hey, Mike, this  
10 is Joel. You may have said it, and I missed  
11 it, and so I apologize.

12 Is the Route 6, the phase on the east  
13 side, is that going to proceed on schedule  
14 or has that been delayed?

15 MR. SPAFFORD: No, that is proceeding  
16 on schedule. We had the funding in place  
17 and it's been in place for now over a year.  
18 The contractor is moving forward in terms of  
19 their scheduling and they're able to operate  
20 in a way that meets whatever regulations  
21 that they're concerned about in terms of any  
22 kind of things on that end from the state.  
23 So we are scheduled. They -- per the  
24 contract, I believe the start date is no  
25 later than June 1st.

1                   MR. HAGY:                   Okay. Great. I wasn't  
2                   sure if they were allowed to work, but  
3                   that's -- that's good.

4                   MR. ARTINO:                   Okay. Any other  
5                   questions for Mr. Spafford?

6                                   Okay. Hearing none.

7                                   As far as the Mayor's Report goes, I  
8                   think Mr. Spafford eluded to the letter we  
9                   got from IAC, that's the Auto Component  
10                  plant here at Sawmill Parkway in Huron.  
11                  They announced that they will -- there will  
12                  be a plant closure on July 31st. It's sad,  
13                  and I know that we will be working with  
14                  ECEDC and Jobs Ohio and whatever -- what  
15                  other agencies we can to help replace those  
16                  jobs, and we'll keep in touch with the  
17                  community on how that goes.

18                                  The other thing I would like to -- I  
19                  would like to apologize to all of our  
20                  citizens here in town, in Huron. We --  
21                  obviously this is a new process for us  
22                  during this time. We will continue  
23                  operating as per direction from our State  
24                  Governor Dewine and the Health Commissioners  
25                  and try to get back to some sense of

1 normalcy as soon as we -- we're allowed to.

2 I'd also like to take time to thank  
3 the Erie County Health Commissioner, Pete  
4 Schade, and his entire organization for  
5 everything they're doing. Mr. Schade has  
6 always made himself available to us when we  
7 have any kind of issues and this is no  
8 different. He's been very helpful and has  
9 taken a couple of calls from me personally.

10 I'd like to thank Mr. Spafford and  
11 the entire City staff. This is a burden  
12 that has really added to their workload and  
13 they're putting in -- they're putting a lot  
14 of extra hours in. I know that our first  
15 responders and other people on the City, you  
16 know, they are taking chances as they  
17 provide services to our community. So I'd  
18 like to thank the entire City staff for  
19 their dedication to our community.

20 With that, the only thing I can do is  
21 ask that everyone out there please stay  
22 safe, and I look forward to the day that we  
23 can resume normal operations. That's all I  
24 have.

25 For the Good of the Order?



1 MR. CLAUS: Start somewhere?

2 MR. HAGY: Any particular order?

3 I'll go first.

4 This is Joel. Hey, look, first of  
5 all, everyone please stay safe and healthy  
6 and calm. These are tough times, and we'll  
7 get through it.

8 On a much less important note, I did  
9 have a Town Hall scheduled for April 2nd.  
10 Obviously that's cancelled. I'm looking  
11 into some options of doing it remotely by  
12 video. I'll let -- I'll let everybody know  
13 if those work out. Thank you.

14 MR. CLAUS: I'll start -- I'll  
15 chime in. This is Mark. I want to also  
16 reiterate what Mayor Artino said and a big  
17 thanks to Mike. He jumped into the fire  
18 here in his new position and, um, you and  
19 staff and the police and fire are doing a --  
20 doing an amazing job, Parks and Rec,  
21 Streets, everybody.

22 And I also want to bring up that -- I  
23 want to make a comment about the loss a  
24 couple weeks ago of a longtime community  
25 leader, Dave Dreffer. Most of you probably

1 know Dave or have worked with him on  
2 projects. He passed away a couple weeks  
3 ago, and he was an amazing person, close  
4 personal friend of my family.

5 Among many other things that he's  
6 done for the community, he was instrumental  
7 in starting the Huron Joint Parks Authority,  
8 and we're -- we talked about doing a  
9 proclamation in his honor at a future date  
10 when we can all be there and have his family  
11 attend, et cetera.

12 So that's -- that's all I have.  
13 Everybody stay safe and healthy.

14 MS. CRAWFORD: I'd just like to add,  
15 Mark, that was very nice. Yes, I think Dr.  
16 Dreffer deserves a proclamation. My  
17 sympathies to his entire family.

18 I also want to thank Mike and the  
19 entire City staff. Boy, what a way to start  
20 out, Michael. I -- my hats off to you and  
21 staff, particularly the first responders.

22 I would want to urge all of the  
23 citizens of our community to follow the  
24 Governor's directives. Think about, you  
25 know, is what I need to go out and do really

1 essential? Follow the Governor's public  
2 addresses. He's having a press conference  
3 every day at 2:00. I do know that now some  
4 of the local television stations are  
5 streaming it, but there's an online service.  
6 It's the Ohio Channel dot gov or dot org. I  
7 apologize that I can't remember. You can  
8 get up-to-date information, kind of read  
9 into what they're thinking.

10 Randy and I are not parents, but my  
11 heart and my thoughts go out to all of our  
12 citizens that are dealing with home  
13 schooling, lack of daycare. I urge everyone  
14 to stay patient, stay calm, and reiterate  
15 what other members of Council have said.  
16 We'll get through this, but it's -- it is a  
17 challenge to be sure. So when life is  
18 getting us down, just take a deep breath,  
19 stay calm, and remember our blessings. So I  
20 urge everyone to stay safe and healthy.

21 And hats off, I guess one final  
22 comment, to our local grocery stores and  
23 stores. I know particularly Cornell's, Drug  
24 Mart, Huron Market, they're doing a  
25 tremendous job. Those folks are working

1 overtime, and they're not taking any time  
2 off, and they're dealing with a lot of the  
3 public. So I appreciate all of their  
4 efforts as well.

5 That's all I have.

6 MR. TAPP: This is Monty. I'll go  
7 ahead and chime in. I guess we're going in  
8 certain orders here.

9 Again, I want to like reiterate what  
10 everybody else said. I want to thank the  
11 staff. Mike, thank you very much. Safety  
12 Services, my hats off. I listen to their  
13 cause, and they're constantly going, and  
14 they all have families also. So keep them  
15 in your prayers.

16 The citizens that are listening  
17 tonight, just like the Mayor said, this is  
18 something new, new for us also. There's a  
19 lot going on in the world right now, and  
20 with all the negative, we need to stay  
21 positive. And I said this before. I mean,  
22 Huron is a great town and there's great  
23 things going on and people are sticking  
24 together, and help out your neighbor. Like  
25 Ms. Crawford said, just follow the orders.

1           The more we can get this, uh, all what the  
2           Governor says and everybody else, hopefully  
3           the quicker we can get through this, but  
4           we'll get through it together, and that's  
5           all I got.

6           MR. ARTINO:                Joe or Trey?

7           MR. HARDY:                 Mr. Mayor --

8           MR. DIKE:                 This is Joe Dike.

9           MR. HARDY:                 -- I just want -- go  
10          ahead. Go ahead, Joe.

11          MR. DIKE:                 Mr. Artino, this is Mr.  
12          Dike. I would like to just, you know, I  
13          want to reiterate the thanks for everybody  
14          that's involved as far as from the staff  
15          level and even from the state level and  
16          everybody that has done so much for us to  
17          continue to give us guidance to stay safe.  
18          I appreciate all those efforts.

19                                 There's a few things locally that  
20          some citizens are doing. One is the Chamber  
21          of Commerce, Amy Roldan, and also Jenny Hagy  
22          over at Lucky Stone. They're putting  
23          together Huron Strong shirts and selling  
24          them. So if anybody can, reach out and  
25          (inaudible) some of those. They're going to

1 help some businesses that are hurt by the  
2 closing of this, and I think that's a great  
3 thing for some of our local small businesses  
4 that, you know, during this time it's --  
5 it's scary out there. I've got three and it  
6 is different. So I want to say thank you to  
7 those guys for putting forth that effort.

8 Also, for any other small businesses,  
9 make sure to reach out to your local SBA. A  
10 great resource is Bill Auxter from the Terra  
11 Tech Community College, um, and there's a  
12 lot of SBA financial help out there for  
13 small businesses of all sorts that they can  
14 help get citizens through this. So I want  
15 to make sure that people know those  
16 resources. And, again, even Amy Roldan has  
17 some good information. Even employees in  
18 the restaurant and bar world, there's small,  
19 little grants where people can get some  
20 funds out there. So I want to urge people  
21 to reach out if they need help to -- at some  
22 of these different levels and see if there's  
23 any assistance that they can get.

24 So that's one thing that I just  
25 wanted to make mention of so everybody was

1 aware of that. If anybody hears of anybody  
2 that knows anybody in those situations,  
3 please pass that information along.

4 So, again, everybody stay safe and  
5 thank you. Until next time. Thank you.

6 MR. HARDY: I'll be brief, Mr.  
7 Mayor. I just wanted to congratulate Mike,  
8 thank the staff for putting this stuff  
9 together, and I think everyone has said --  
10 said it over and over again. You know, be  
11 safe, take this time. You know, the Stay At  
12 Home order, I know there were a couple of  
13 lockdown comments there. It is a Stay At  
14 Home order. It's a time to kind of  
15 reconnect and spend some time with your  
16 family and enjoy some of the little things,  
17 even in some of the struggles that we're  
18 going through here. Thank you.

19 MR. ARTINO: Alright. If there's  
20 nothing else, a Motion to Adjourn would be  
21 in order.

22 MR. TAPP: Mr. Mayor, I will make  
23 a Motion to Adjourn.

24 MR. ARTINO: Any discussion?

25 Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

1 MS. WELKENER: Tapp? Tapp?  
2 MR. TAPP: Yes.  
3 MS. WELKENER: Artino?  
4 MR. ARTINO: Yes.  
5 MS. WELKENER: Dike?  
6 MR. DIKE: Yes.  
7 MS. WELKENER: Hardy?  
8 MR. HARDY: Yes.  
9 MS. WELKENER: Hagy?  
10 MR. HAGY: Yea.  
11 MS. WELKENER: Crawford?  
12 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.  
13 MS. WELKENER: Claus? Claus?  
14 MR. CLAUS: Yes. Yes.  
15 MS. WELKENER: Got it.  
16 MR. ARTINO: Okay. Then this  
17 meeting is adjourned. Thank you all.

18 MR. SPAFFORD: Alright. Thank you,  
19 everybody.

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21 WHEREUPON, the meeting  
22 was adjourned at 7:51  
23 p.m.  
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