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FINAL AGENDA
June 2, 2025
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION: JAMES BABCOCK, COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT BATES ALYWARD

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#20 - O#22; 2ND RDG O#23 - O#29; O#20 - O#22 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#28 ADOPTED ON 2ND RDG; O#29 ADOPTED AS AMENDED ON 2ND RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:00 PM - AN ORD AUTH CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS 2904 MARKET AVE N -2024 ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROX .426 ACRE; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 9; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; DECLARING THE SAME TO BE EMERGENCY (NO SPEAKERS)
O#108/2025

OLD BUSINESS: REVIEWED PENDING ISSUES FROM PUBLIC SPEAKS

PUBLIC SPEAKS: ROGER GATES SPOKE ON SOME ISSUES HE'S HAVING WITH KEEPING HIS PROPERTY AND ASKED FOR COUNCIL AND THE LAW DEPT FOR HELP. ALYSSA HARRAH, CASSANDRA WHITE, JUSTIN NICELY, DANIEL GATES, JOSHUA BROWN, AND SKYLARK BRUCE SPOKE ON THEIR CONCERNS WITH COUNCIL AND THE POLICE DEPT. DAVID KERESTES SPOKE ON THE HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE. KIM BELL SPOKE ON HER CONCERNS WITH BILL SMUCKLER'S CAMPAIGN ENDORSEMENTS.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,657.74 FOR PURCH OF ONE (1) 2025 FORD F-250 VEHICLE FOR BUILDING CODE DEPT - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. REQ STATEMENT OF SERVICES FOR WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 1 - 2024 ANNEXATION (ANNEXATION BY PETITION OF MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR STATE OWNED LAND). - ANNEXATION CHAIRMAN MORRIS
3. REQ STATEMENT OF SERVICES FOR WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 2 - 2024 ANNEXATION (ANNEXATION BY PETITION OF MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR STATE OWNED LAND). - ANNEXATION CHAIRMAN MORRIS
4. AUTH APPROVAL OF COURT TECH UPGRADES AND SUPP APPROP IN FUND #2423 COURT CAPITAL/SPECIAL PROJS FUND (\$307,000 SUPP APPROP TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES #2423-701001-70506 - COURT CAPITAL /SPECIAL PROJS FUNDS 2423). - COURT ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL KOCHERA
5. REQ TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12/31/26; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
6. REQ ANNEX OF 16.512 ACRES IN CANTON TOWNSHIP TO CITY OF CANTON (TRUMP & LINCOLN - 2025 ANNEXATION). - PLANNING COMMISSION
7. REQ ANNEX OF 84.568 ACRES IN CANTON TOWNSHIP TO CITY OF CANTON (TRUMP AVE SE - ORCHARDVIEW DR SE - 2024 ANNEXATION). - PLANNING COMMISSION
8. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED VACATION OF 50' WIDE PORTION OF 8TH ST NE FROM WESTERLY LINE OF SPRING AVE NE TO EASTERLY LINE OF WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY CO. AND REPLAT OF LOTS 6250, 6251, & 39454, PART OF LOTS 2019, 2020, & 39558, PART OF OUTLOT 137, PART OF SENECA PL NE, AND VACATED PORTION OF 8TH ST NE, PARCELS 244092 AND 240329 (GREG HILL, PROPERTY OWNER HILL AND NEAL LTD AT 624 8TH ST NW, WARD 2). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED VACATION OF UNNAMED ALLEY BOUNDED NORTH BY KEN PL NW, EAST BY PART OF LOT 37898, SOUTH BY 37TH ST NW, AND WEST BY PART LOT 37897 AND REPLAT PART OF LOT 37897, PARCEL 305044 (TERRIE BALL, 1619 37TH ST NW, WARD 8). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
10. APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE TRUMP AVE SE - 2024 ANNEXATION (ZONING CLASS I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT; WARD 4). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
11. REQ TO CREATE CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR POSITION FOR BUILDING CODE - RECYCLING CENTER; EMERGENCY (SALARY RANGE \$64,411 - \$94,581). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
12. AUTH ACCEPTANCE OF TWO SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANTS IN AMT OF \$5,500; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$5,500 SUPP APPROP TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY

13. REQ TO HIRE COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR AND CRIME ANALYST II FOR POLICE DEPT; EMERGENCY. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
14. REQ PIKE RIDGE PARK CONSERVATION EASEMENT (PARCELS 4880031 AND 4880011; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
15. REQ 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; EMERGENCY (CDBG 2025 GRANT FUNDS, \$2,536,505; HOME 2025 GRANT FUNDS, \$659,234.32; ESG 2025 GRANT FUNDS, \$224,251) (PROG START DATE OF 7/1/25); - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
16. REQ INFORMAL RES. 2025 FORD F-250 VEHICLE (LIBERTY FORD QUOTE, \$56,657.74) - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

FIRST READINGS:

17. AUTH SERV/SAF DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER CONTRACT FOR REMEDIATION OF OHIO CAST PROPERTY ESTIMATED TO COST \$563,000; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER ALL AGMTS TO REMEDIATE, DEMOLISH, AND SECURE SAID PROPERTY; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$563,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
18. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ACCEPT DONATION OF STARK COUNTY AUDITOR PARCEL #239294 FR MIRACLE LAND COMPANY LTD. AND PARCEL #245553, 212209, 206993, 200149, AND 224471 FR S & C APTS LTD, EMERGENCY. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
19. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TAX INCENTIVE AGMT WITH AMBAFLEX MANUFACTURING INC.; EMERGENCY. - COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:37 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#20 THROUGH O#22; RECONVENED AT 7:45 PM)

20. **99/2025** AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS TO ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR 15TH ST AREA STREETScape PROJ DESIGN AND CORRECT JOURNAL ENTRIES AND FINANCIAL REPORTING RELATED TO TRANSACTION; RETROACTIVELY AUTH ACTIONS TAKEN TO ENSURE MORAL OBS ARE PAID IN TIMELY MANNER; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$27,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUND TO 2175 202097 15TH ST AREA STREETScape PROJ - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
21. **100/2025** RES ON SUBMISSION OF QUESTION OF REPLACEMENT AND DECREASE OF EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR PURPOSE OF PARK AND RECREATION. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
22. **101/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH CAVANAUGH BUILDING CORP. IN AMT OF \$39,672 FOR THE HEALTH DEPT /SEARS BUILDING RENOVATION PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS

FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TRFS FR 7601 307001 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - PAYROLL - \$18,000; FR 7601 308001 HEALTH PROMOTION AND PLANNING PAYROLL - \$32,000 TO 7601 301001 HEALTH ADMIN - OTHER - \$50,000). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

***ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING VOTE**

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#23 - O#29; O#28 ADOPTED; O#29 ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

23. AUTH CITY TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE IMAGE - TEETER - 2024 ANNEX AREA CONTAINING APPROX 163.505 ACRES MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4; ZONING TERRITORY I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRY; REQUIRING OWNER OF THE ANNEXED TERRITORY TO PROVIDE A BUFFER SEPARATING THE USE OF THE ANNEXED TERRITORY AND ADJACENT LAND REMAINING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; EMERGENCY. - ANNEX **PUB HRG 6/16/25 @ 7:00PM**
24. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY PATH MASTER, INC. A MORAL OB IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,842.00; EMERGENCY. - FIN
25. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$12,712.50 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$12,712.50 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102007 OCJS PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING - OTHER). - FIN
26. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR. TO ENTER AGMT FR AND ACCEPT \$100,855.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; ENTER CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF 25 BODY-WORN CAMERAS, SOFTWARE, WARRANTIES, STORAGE AND TRANSFER STATION FR MOTOROLA INC.; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME THE 2773 2015 COPS HIRING PROG GRANT FUND; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$100,855.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2773 OCJS BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT FUND TO 2773 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$100,855.00 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2773 102001 - ADV IN). - FIN
27. AUTH EST. OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURCH/ACQUISITION FOR FEE SIMPLE TAKES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COLONIAL BLVD NE, PROJ, GP 1428, TAG 625; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR. OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER AGRMT FOR THE PURCH/ACQUISITION OF PARCELS UTILIZING FMV AND TO NEGOTIATE OR DONATE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR PERMANENT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITY EASEMENTS AND/OR TEMP CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS; CITY TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS AND TITLE TO FEE SIMPLE TAKE PARCELS AND TO MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROPERTY OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPO ERRORS; DECLARE INTENT TO APPROP

PARCELS IF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED; EMERGENCY. - PS&T

28. **102/2025** AUTH SAF DIR TO AMEND CURRENT CONTRACT OF BBS MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF SERVS AS BACKUP RESIDENTIAL BUILDING OFFICIAL AND BACKUP RESIDENTIAL PLANS EXAMINER; EMERGENCY. - PERS*
29. **AMENDED AS**
103/2025 AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 2175 202047 10TH ST. NW SIDEWALK GP 1454 - OTHER TO 2175 202075 E. TUSC. STREETSCAPE GP 1422; \$77,250.00 FR 4501 202083 CLEVELAND AVE. SW RECONS PH.2 - OTHER TO 4501 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN - OTHER; \$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4553 BELDEN AVE. NE BRIDGE REH GP 1375 FUND TO 4553 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN - OTHER) (PROJ FUNDING UPDATE). - FIN AND PPCI*

***ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING VOTE**

THIRD READINGS:

30. **104/2025** AMEND EXHIBIT A TO ORD #10/2024, AS AMENDED, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL; EMERGENCY (RESOURCE ADMIN FOR PD).
31. **105/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 THROUGH 5 WITH STANDARD PLUMBING AND HEATING CO. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$131,960.65 FOR CIVIC CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJ; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS TO CHANGE ORDERS; EMERGENCY (\$80,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 203001 CIVIC CENTER - ADMIN - OTHER).
32. **106/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, REC BIDS, AWARD & EXECUTE CONTRACTS, EXECUTE PROF SERVS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT SERVS; ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NEEDED FOR MIDDLEBRANCH WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AUTH AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH AND CREATE FUND #5255 MIDDLEBRANCH WL EXTENSION PROJ; EMERGENCY.
33. **107/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO PROF SERVS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMIN OF NAVARRE RD SW AREA SANITARY TRUNK SEWER PROJ, GP 1491; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$400,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5410 202061 SEWER OPERATING, I-77/FAIRCREST ANNEXATION SANITARY SEWER TO 5410 202098 NAVARRE RD SW AREA SANITARY TRUNK SEWER, GP 1491).

34. **108/2025** AUTH CANTON TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 2904 MARKET AVE N - 2024 ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROX .426 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGN SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 9 OF CITY; ZONE SAID TERRITORY AS B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. **PUB HRG 6/2/25 @7:00PM**
35. **109/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 @ 6:45 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER GAVE A SHOUT OUT TO BETH LECHNER AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE EVENTS THEY HOSTED IN THE 4TH WARD, THIS PASSED WEEKEND. HE ALSO STATED THAT THROUGH COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP, THE CITY WILL HOST IT'S FIRST IMPACT CANTON DAY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH ON SHERRICK RD. HE MENTIONED COUNCILMAN FISHER HAS A BAN CLEAN UP, SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM. HE STATED THAT ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH AT THE CIVIC CENTER AT 5:30 PM, THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON THE STATE OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE OF OHIO. HE INVITED EVERYONE TO COME.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER KIMBROUGH SHARED SOME EVENTS COMING UP IN THE CITY. SHE INVITED EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO THE MCKINLEY BULLDOG ACTIVITY CENTER JUNE 6TH FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM FOR BOOKS AND BREAKFAST. FIRST FRIDAY WILL THE THEME CHALK TALK; THE JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL AT NIMISHILLEN PARK JUNE 14TH AND 15TH, FATHERHOOD FISHING RODEO ON JUNE 14TH AT COOKS LAGOON FROM 8AM TO 12 PM; GOSPEL MEETS SYMPHONY IS ON JUNE 14TH AT UMSTEAD HALL AT 6:00PM HOSTED BY ENRICHMENT, AND JUNE 4TH, CANTON SERVING CANTON AT CENTRAL PLAZA FROM 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY RESPONDED TO A REMARK MADE ABOUT HER DURING PUBLIC SPEAKS. SHE EXPRESSED HOW ALTHOUGH SHE KNOWS HER JOB COMES WITH A LOT OF NEGATIVE COMMENTS, THE STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE WAS FALSE. MEMBER MORRIS ASKED FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE TO EMAIL HIM A LIST OF THE REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE JEDDS WITH JACKSON AND PLAIN TOWNSHIPS FROM THE LAST 10 YEARS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED MAKING DOOR HANGERS FOR THE COMMUNITY WITH A REMINDER OF THE HIGH GLASS ORDINANCE. MEMBER COOKS THANKED DOUG FOLTZ FOR THE JOB HE'S DOING WITH ALL THE PARKS, THROUGHOUT STARK COUNTY, ESPECIALLY IN WARD 6. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT, HARMONT PARK HAS BEEN CHOSEN, BY THE YMCA, AS ONE OF THE PARKS PROVIDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH THIS SUMMER, STARTING JUNE 3RD THROUGH AUGUST 14TH. THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE OFFERED ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM. HE ALSO INFORMED EVERYONE THAT THE YMCA HAS A FREE LUNCH PROGRAM, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 12:30 PM TO 2:30 PM. MAYOR SHERER INFORMED MEMBER MORRIS THAT FLYERS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE. HE ALSO GAVE INFORMATION ON THE ANNEXATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN COMING TO COUNCIL.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:18 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 @ 7:00 PM