

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA
June 30, 2025
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION: CRYSTAL SMITH, COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENTAL BATES ALYWARD

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#29; 2ND RDG O#30 - O#37; O# 29 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#36 ADOPTED AS AMENDED ON 2ND RG; O#37 ADOPTED ON 2ND RDG; O#35 RETAINED INDEFINITELY; O#116/2025 RECONSIDERED AND AMENDED)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: DAVID KERESTES SPOKE ABOUT HIS CONCERNS WITH THE BUILDING STRUCTURE OF VICTORY SQUARE AND GATEWAY 2. SKYLARK BRUCE, ALYSSA HARRAH, PIERCE BROOKS, SIERRA MASON AND LANRINDA JOHNSON SPOKE ON THEIR CONCERNS WITH ICE AND CANTON PD. ALEX ROGERS SPOKE ABOUT THE STATE OF EDUCATION. STEPHANIE FERRELL AND JUSTINE NICELY SPOKE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH CANTON PD, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT RULES. JOSHUA BROWN SAID HE'S BEING FOLLOWED BY BLACK SUV'S AND THE CANTON PD.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,250 FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES FOR LINE REPAIRS FOR WATER DEPT - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. COPY OF ANNEXATION PETITION DOCUMENTS FILED WITH STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 1 - 2024. - AGENT FOR PETITIONER MATT BAILEY
3. COPY OF ANNEXATION PETITION DOCUMENTS FILED WITH STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 2 - 2024. - AGENT FOR PETITIONER MATT BAILEY
4. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR MARCH, 2025. - CHIEF BENNETT
5. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR APRIL, 2025. - CHIEF BENNETT
6. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR MAY, 2025. - CHIEF BENNETT
7. REQ ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY STORMWATER UTILITY. - COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE
8. REQ ACCEPTANCE OF DOWNTOWN CANTON PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN THE AMT OF \$6,000; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$6,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUND TO 2175 501002 - PLANNING AND ZONING - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
9. REQ ACCEPTANCE OF STARK STORIES, AMERICA 250 GRANT IN THE AMT OF \$25,000; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$25,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUND TO 2175 501002 - PLANNING AND ZONING - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
10. REQ ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICA 250-COMMISSION (AM250-OH) IN AN AMT OF \$5,000; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$5,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUND TO 2175 501002 - PLANNING AND ZONING - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
11. REQ AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS FOR PHI AIR MEDICAL IN AMT OF \$23,761; EMERGENCY (AIR FLIGHT SERVICES). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
12. REQ CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF ITEMS THROUGH CANTON CITY VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE SUBGRANT; EMERGENCY (\$20,000 SUPP APPROP). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
13. REQ CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF ITEMS THROUGH VIOLENT INTERDICTION PATROLS INITIATIVE SUBGRANT; EMERGENCY (\$100,000 SUPP APPROP). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
14. AUTH 105.04 EMERGENCY REPORT - CLEVELAND CLINIC MERCY HOSPITAL WATERLINE REPAIR (\$185,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS FUND TO 5201 207022 DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE-OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

15. REQ SHERRICK RD SE AREA IMPROVEMENTS; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
16. REQ PERRY HEIGHTS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 2 - CHANGE ORDER NO.1. EMERGENCY (\$114,573.04 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207085 PERRY HTS WTR PH2 WATER MAIN REPLCMT - OTHER - \$20,042.46; TO 5201 207091 PERRY HTS WTR PH2 WATER MAIN REPLCMT PAVING - OTHER - \$94,530.58). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
17. REQ INFORMAL RES. IN AMT OF \$50,000 FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL MAINTENANCE FOR WATER DEPT. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
18. REQ ENGINEERING DEPT PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE (EAST TUSC ST. PHASE 3 DESIGN, THE O'JAYS PARKWAY, AND CONTRACTED CRACK SEALING; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025;EMERGENCY (\$44,750 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4501 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO 4501 202069 EAST TUSC STREETSCAPE PHASE 3 -OTHER; \$150,000 APPROP ADV FR 4501 202054 THE O'JAYS PKWY NE IMPROVEMENTS - OTHER TO 4501 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
19. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 5/31/25. - TREASURER PEREZ

FIRST READINGS:

20. AUTH CITY TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE TRUMP & LINCOLN - 2025 ANNEX CONTAINING APPROX 16.512 ACRES MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4; ZONING TERRITORY B-4 SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE **PUB HRG 7/28/25 @ 7:00 PM**
21. AUTH CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER AGMT WITH STATE OF OHIO, DEPT OF REHABILITATION & CORRECTION FOR SFY 2026-2027 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 2.0 GRANT IN AN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$752,253 COMMENCING 7/1/25 THROUGH 6/30/27; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
22. AMEND O#84/2025 (PERMITS & PENALTY SECTIONS); EMERGENCY. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
23. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ACCEPT ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR POLICE SUB-STATION IN A TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000;EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
24. AUTH CLERK TO CERTIFY TO COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVS PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF CITY BUILDING AND CODE DEPT. FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
25. AUTH MAYOR OR SER DIR TO ENTER INTO PROFESS SERVS CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS DURING DESIGN PHASE OF NW BOOSTER SURGE TANK PROJECT IN AN AMT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$111,900; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS

FOR CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$111,900.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207097 NW BOOSTER SURGE TANK PROJ - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE

26. AUTH CITY TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE TRUMP AVE SE - ORCHARDVIEW DR SE - 2024 ANNEX CONTAINING APPROX 84.568 ACRES MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4; ZONING TERRITORY I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE **PUB HRG 7/28/25 @ 7:01 PM**
27. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO A ROADWAY MAINTENANCE AGMT WITH BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLAIN TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO; EMERGENCY. - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE
28. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, ENTER SUPPLEMENTAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGMT FOR DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MONUMENT RD. SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT, GP 1364; DESIGNATING REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:14 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#29; RECONVENED AT 7:53 PM PM)

29. **119/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO RESPOND TO CLEVELAND CLINIC MERCY HOSPITAL WATERLINE REPAIR ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS FROM EMERGENCY SITUATION; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$185,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS FUND TO 5201 207022 DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#30 - O#37; O#35 RETAINED INDEFINITELY; O#36 ADOPTED AS AMENDED; O#37 ADOPTED)

30. AUTH CITY TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 2707 FULTON DR NW AREA - 2024 ANNEX CONTAINING APPROX 1.852 ACRES MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 7; ZONING TERRITORY B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. - ANNEX **PUB HRG 7/14/25 @ 7:00 PM**
31. ADOPT CITY ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12/31/26; EMERGENCY. - FIN
32. AUTH VACATION OF A PORTION OF 8TH ST. NE; APPROVE AND ACCEPT REPLAT OF LOTS 6250, 6251, & 39454, PART OF LOTS 2019, 2020, & 39558, PART OF OUTLOT 137, PART OF SENECA PL. NE AS VACATED AND THE VACATED PORTION OF 8TH. NE; EMERGENCY. - PS&T **PUB HRG**
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33. AUTH VACATION OF AN UNNAMED 10' ALLEY; APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE REPLAT OF LOT 37897 AND LANDS OF T.L. BALL AND THE VACATED PORTION OF AN UNNAMED 10' ALLEY; EMERGENCY. - PS&T **PUB HRG WAIVED**
34. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR. TO ENTER AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$5,500 IN GRANT FUNDS FR WALMART'S SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANT FOR CITY POLICE DEPT; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$5,500.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER). - FIN
35. **RETAINED INDEFINITELY**
AMEND O#9/2024, AS AMENDED, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERS EMPLOYED BY CITY; AMEND O#10/2024, AS AMENDED, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERS EMPLOYED BY CITY; EMERGENCY (POLICE DEPT/COM. CTR). - PERS
36. **AMENDED AS**
O#120/2025 AUTH CITY MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER PROFESS SERVS AGMT WITH JUSTICE AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS FOR UPGRADES TO COURT'S AUDIO/VISUAL, EVIDENCE PRESENTATION AND DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEMS; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$307,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2423 COURT CAPITAL/SPECIAL PROJ FUNDS TO 2423 701001 70506 COURT CAPITAL/SPECIAL PROJ FUND - OTHER). - FIN*
37. **O#121/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER ALL AMGTS AND TAKE STEPS TO PARTNER WITH STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT GRANT FR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR STARK CO. AUDITOR PARCEL NO. 4880031 & 4880011; EMERGENCY. - E&PU*

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

THIRD READINGS:

38. **RECONSIDERED AND AMENDED AS**
116/2025 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).
39. **O#122/2025** 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).

40. **O#123/2025** 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.
41. **O#124/2025** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TAX INCENTIVE AGMT WITH AMBAFLEX MANUFACTURING INC.; EMERGENCY.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 @ 6:45 PM

ANNEXATION COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY 4TH OF JULY AND REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE FIREWORKS WILL BE HELD THURSDAY AT MONUMENT PARK. FIRST FRIDAY WILL BE PUSHED BACK TO JULY 11, 2025 DUE TO A BLUES FESTIVAL EVENT. HE ALSO INTRODUCED THE NEW COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, PETER ZAHIRSKY AND THANKED CHRIS HARDESTY FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS FROM PUBLIC SPEAKERS. HE CONFIRMED THAT CANTON PD IS NOT WORKING WITH ICE; STATE LEGISLATORS ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO LIMIT WHO CAN OPPOSE LEGISLATION FOR EDUCATION, AND THE CITY IS LOOKING INTO EVERY OPTION AVAILABLE FOR A VICTORY SQUARE RESOLUTION. COUNCIL MEMBERS CHRIS SMITH, MARIOL AND GIAVASIS ALSO GAVE REMARKS OF APPRECIATION FOR CHRIS HARDESTY.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER MORRIS AGREED WITH WHAT THE MAYOR STATED ABOUT ICE. MEMBER SACCO STATED HE HASN'T RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE STATE LEGISLATORS CONCERNING THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION. MEMBER MARIOL EXPLAINED THE TAX CUT PROPOSAL AND HOW IT EFFECTS EDUCATION. MEMBER COOKS THANKED THOSE WHO STAYED TO THE END OF THE MEETING TO LISTEN TO THE COUNCIL'S VIEWS ON THE AGENDA AND TO POSSIBLY GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED DURING PUBLIC SPEAKS.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:19 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 14. 2025 @ 7:00 PM