

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA

July 14, 2025

7:00 PM

Roll Call: ELEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion to Excuse Members: MEMBER MORRIS ABSENT

Invocation: DARREN MAYLE, WARD 1 COUNCIL MEMBER

Pledge of Allegiance: PRESIDENT BATES ALYWARD

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#21 THROUGH O#29; O#28 & O#29 ADOPTED ON 2ND RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:00 PM - AN ORD AUTH CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 2707 FULTON DR NW AREA - 2024 ANNEXATION CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.852 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 7 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. (NO SPEAKERS) SEE O#127/2025

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: ROGER GATES EXPRESSED HOW DISAPPOINTED HE WAS THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL DID NOT TAKE UP HIS INVITE TO COME INSPECT HIS HOME AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. DANIEL GATES THANKED LAW DIRECTOR REECE FOR ASSISTING HIS FATHER WITH ISSUES CONCERNING HIS HOME. AMY ROE SPOKE ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES WITH CANTON PD'S SLOW RESPONSE TIME. SKYLARK BRUCE EXPRESSED HER FEELINGS ON HOW MORE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE SEARCH FOR RYAN "JJ" GODBEY. JUSTIN NICELY GAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT HIS MENTAL HEALTH. KEITH DOUTHETT EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT IN HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. REQ NEW D2 LIQUOR PERMIT FOR VENUE AT GREENTREE LLC @ 3840 GREENTREE AVE SW STE 2 (WARD 4). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
2. AUTH APPT OF MR. PETER ZAHIRSKY TO THE STARK CO. REGIONAL PLANNING COMM. COMMENCING 7/28/25 TO 12/31/25. – MAYOR SHERER
3. AUTH APPT OF MR. PETER ZAHIRSKY TO STARK CO. LAND REUTILIZATION BANK COMMENCING 7/28/25, WITH NO EXPIRATION DATE. – MAYOR SHERER
4. APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 1–2024 ANNEXATION (SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT B-6, WARD 3). - PLANNING COMMISSION
5. APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 2–2024 ANNEXATION (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT R-1A, WARD 3). - PLANNING COMMISSION
6. REQ AMEND CH. 1131 - DEFINITIONS AND CH. 1166 - FLOOD HAZARD ZONING DISTRICTS. - PLANNING COMMISSION
7. REQ APPROVAL OF UPDATED BARGAINING-UNIT CLASSIFICATION PLANS FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPTS; EMERGENCY. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
8. REQ APPROP OF LOAN FUNDS FOR CROMER RESERVOIR IMPROV PROJ AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - DESIGN; EMERGENCY (\$17,734,260.68 FR UNAPPROP BAL 5242 CROMER RESERVOIR IMPROV PROJ FUND TO 5242 207070 CROMER RESERVOIR IMPROV PROJ). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
9. REQ AUTH GROSS AVE NE AREA WATER MAIN REPLCMT AND ROADWAY IMPROV PROJ; EMERGENCY (\$1,500,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5256 GROSS AVE NE WATER MAIN REPLCMT PROJ FUND TO 5256 207086 GROSS AVE NE WATER MAN REPLMT PROJ - OTHER; \$900,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207086 GROSS AVE NE WATER MAIN REPLCMT PROJ - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
10. REQ OHIO DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STA US-62-PID 100824 ADDITIONAL APPROP; EMERGENCY (\$28,535.19 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPRP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207072 US 62 ODOT WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJ - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

FIRST READINGS:

11. AMEND TITLE THREE, UTILITIES OF PART NINE, STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVS CODE TO ADD NEW CH.965, STORMWATER UTILITY. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
12. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ACCEPT DOWNTOWN CANTON PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN AMT OF \$6,000.00 FOR MURAL FEST; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025: EMERGENCY (\$6,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 2175 COMP PLAN

FUND TO 2175 501002 PLANNING AND ZONING - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE

13. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ACCEPT STARK STORIES - AMERICA 250 GRANT IN AMT OF \$25,000.00 FR VISIT CANTON AND ARTS IN STARK FOR REIMAGINING COURT INITIATIVE; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$25,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 2175 COMP PLAN FUND TO 2175 501002 PLANNING AND ZONING - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
14. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ACCEPT AMERICA 250-H GRANT IN AMT OF \$5,000.00 FR AMERICA-250 OHIO COMMISSION FOR UNTOLD STORIES OF CANTON DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATION; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$5,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 2175 COMP PLAN FUND TO 2175 501002 PLANNING AND ZONING - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
15. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB FOR PHI AIR MEDICAL IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,761.00; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
16. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO UTILIZE SUBGRANT TITLED CANTON CITY VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE FOR OVERTIME IN THE POLICE DEPT; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME FUND 2774; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$20,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 2774 OCJS 2024 PROJ SAF NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FUND TO 2774 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; \$20,000.00 INTER FUND TRF FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2774 102001 - ADV. IN FR OTHER FUND). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
17. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO UTILIZE SUBGRANT TITLED VIOLENCE INTERDICTION PATROLS INITIATIVE FOR OVERTIME IN POLICE DEPT; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME FUND 2788; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 22788 OCJS 2025 VIOLENCE INTERDICTION PATROLS INITIATIVE GRAN FUND TO 2788 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; FR UNAPPROP BAL 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$100,000.00 INTER-FUND ADVANCE FR 1001 102001 - ADVANCE OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2788 102001 - ADVANCE IN FR OTHER FUND). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
18. AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR OR DESIGNEE, TO: EST FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROP; ENTER INTO AGMTS FOR PURCHASE/ACQUISITION OF PARCELS; ENTER INTO AGMTS FOR SALE OR DONATION OF CITY-OWNED PROP FOR PERMANENT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, UTILITY EASEMENTS, AND/OR TEMP CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FOR SHERRICK RD SE AREA IMPROV PROJ; MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROP OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NOS. AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPO ERRORS; DECLARE INTENT TO APPROP PARCELS IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
19. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO.1 WITH WENGER EXCAVATING, INC. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$114,573.04 FOR PERRY HEIGHTS WATER MAIN REPLMT PROJ - PHASE 2; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER;

EMERGENCY (\$114,573.04 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 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). - FINANCE COMMITTEE

20. AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$44,750.00 SUPP APPROP FR 4501 CAPITAL PROJ FUND TO 4501 202069 E. TUSC STREETSCAPE PH.3 - OTHER; \$150,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 4501 202054 THE O'JAYS PKWY NE IMPROV - OTHER TO 4501 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN - OTHER). - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

***Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for First Reading Vote**

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPEND RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#21 THROUGH O#29; O#28 & O#29 ADOPTED ON 2ND RDG)

21. 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. - ANNEX **PUB HRG 7/28/25 @ 7:00 PM**
22. AMEND O#84/2025 (PERMITS & PENALTY SECTIONS); EMERGENCY. - JUD
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. - FIN
24. 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). - FIN
25. 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. - ANNEX **PUB HRG 7/28/25 @ 7:01 PM**
26. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO A ROADWAY MAINTENANCE AGMT WITH BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLAIN TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO; EMERGENCY. - PS&T
27. 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. - FIN

28. **125/2025** AUTH CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER AGMT WITH STATE OF OHIO, DEPT OF REHABILITATION & CORRECTION FOR FY 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. - FIN*
29. **126/2025** AUTH CLERK TO CERTIFY 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. - FIN*

***Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for Second Reading Vote**

THIRD READINGS:

30. **127/2025** 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. **PUB HRG 7/14/25 @ 7:00 PM**
31. **128/2025** ADOPT CITY ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12/31/26; EMERGENCY.
32. **129/2025** 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. **PUB HRG WAIVED**
33. **130/2025** 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. **PUB HRG WAIVED**
34. **131/2025** 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).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE RECYCLING CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 28. 2025 @ 7:00 PM