

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
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FINAL AGENDA
February 2, 2026
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION: DARREN MAYLE, WARD 1 COUNCIL MEMBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#26 - O#29; 2ND RDG O#30 - O#36; O#26 - O#29 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#36 ADOPTED ON 2ND RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: NONE

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S): LARINDA JOHNSON SPOKE ABOUT RULE 15, PUBLIC SPEAKS

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. CERT OF TOTAL AMT FR ALL SOURCES FOR 2026. - AUDITOR MALLONN
2. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR DECEMBER, 2025. - CHIEF BENNETT
3. REQ LEG FOR 2026 CITY OF CANTON INTERIOR RENOVATIONS PROGRAM; EMERGENCY. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ZAHIRSKY

4. AUTH RECEIPT AND DEPOSIT ADULT USE CANNABIS TAX DOLLARS INTO GENERAL FUND AND CLASSIFY AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE; EMERGENCY - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
5. REQ LEG TO APPROVE FUNDING OF CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR TWO-YEAR PERIOD FR 1/1/26 - 12/31/27; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
6. REQ TRFO C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT TO PATEL FIRM LLC FR ARB CANTON INC @ 636 CHERRY AVE NE (WARD 2). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
7. REQ ANNEX OF 2.865 ACRES IN PLAIN TOWNSHIP TO CITY OF CANTON (2100 38TH ST NW- 2025 ANNEXATION). - PLANNING COMMISSION
8. REQ LEG FOR 2026 STOREFRONT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM; EMERGENCY. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
9. REQ LEG FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION; EMERGENCY. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
10. REQ LEG FOR PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT PROGRAM; EMERGENCY. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
11. AUTH APPROP FOR DEMO OF 705 6TH ST NW "THE RITZ"; EMERGENCY (\$94,320.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5701 BUILDING CODE FUND TO 5701 101501 CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMIN - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
12. AUTH DEMO OF 707 5TH ST NE "THE RANCH"; EMERGENCY (\$173,882.21 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5701 BUILDING CODE FUND TO 5701 101501 CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMIN - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
13. REQ LEG FOR DELINQUENT BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES FOR NOV & DEC 2025; EMERGENCY - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
14. REQ BUILDING CODE - CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - TRAINEES. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
15. REQ LEG FOR WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1; EMERGENCY (\$1,500,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5257 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1 FUND TO 5257 207090 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1 - OTHER; \$1,700,000 APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207090 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1 - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
16. NOTICE TO COUNCIL OF PROJECT LABOR AGMT (PLA) WAIVER - FULTON RD. NW SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PHASE 1 GP 1456 (CDBG FUNDS). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

17. REQ LEG FOR DOWNTOWN CANTON PARTNERSHIP 2026-2027; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
18. REQ LEG FOR FULTON AVE. NW AND 25TH ST NW INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT GP 1430, PID 121602 CONTRACT, CHANGE ORDER; EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5413 SEWER REPLACEMENT FUND TO 5413 202025 FULTON AVE NW & 25TH ST NW - OTHER; \$22,610.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS - OPERATING FUND TO 5201 202025 FULTON AVE NW & 25TH ST NW - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
19. REQ LEG FOR TYLER AVE SE AREA SANITARY SEWER GP 1472 - DESIGN AND APPROP; EMERGENCY (\$927,600.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5413 SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJ TO 5413 202081 - TYLER AVE SE AREA SAN SWR REPLAC - OTHER; \$160,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4501 CAPITAL PROJ FUND TO 4501 202081 - TYLER AVE SE AREA SAN SW REPLAC - OTHER; \$12,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF WTR FUND TO 4501 202081 - TYLER AVE SE AREA SAN SW REPLAC - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
20. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 12/31/25. - TREASURER PEREZ
21. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 12/31/25. - TREASURER PEREZ
22. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 12/31/25. - TREASURER PEREZ

FIRST READINGS:

23. AUTH LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BELOW-NAMED CITIES, VILLAGES AND ENTITY TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL CASES; EMERGENCY (EAST CANTON, EAST SPARTA, HARTVILLE, LOUISVILLE, MAGNOLIA, NORTH CANTON & WAYNESBURG). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
24. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE PROF SERVS CONTRACTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF US 62 & HARMONT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJ - GP 1417; AUTH THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY (\$200,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 2182 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN TO 2182 202005 US 62 & HARMONT INTERSECT GP 1417 - GP). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
25. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH BRINC DRONES VIA MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC. TO ESTABLISH A DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER (DFR) PROGRAM; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:12 PM FOR THE FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#26 - O#29; RECONVENED AT 7:22 PM)

26. **9/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$85,536 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE; AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH VERSATERM PUBLIC SAF FOR COMMUNITY CONNECT PLATFORM SOFTWARE; AUTH THE AUDITOR TO RENAME FUND 2784 FR 2017 COP'S HIRING GRANT TO 2784 OCJS SEXUAL ASSUALT NOTIFICATION PROGRAM GRANT; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY (\$85,536.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 2784 OCJS SEXUAL ASSAULT NOTIFICATION PROG GRANT TO 2784 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN - ADVANCE OUT; \$85,536.00 INTER-FUND ADVANCE FR 1001 102001 - ADVANCE OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2784 102001 - ADVANCE IN FROM OTHER FUND). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
27. **10/2026** REAUTH O#96/2025; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY (CJIS NOTIFICATION INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE PAYMENT); EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
28. **11/2026** RATIFY ALL ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF ORD PURSUANT TO SEC 105.04 OF COD ORD OF CANTON; AUTH MAYOR OR PUBLIC SAFETY DIR TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY DEMO OF 707 5TH ST. NE; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RESULTING FROM RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATION; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY (\$173,882.21 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5701 BUILDING CODE FUND TO 5701 101501 CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMIN - OTHER, THE RANCH). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
29. **12/2026** AMEND ORD NO. 9/2024, AS AMENDED, TO EST THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT AS THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR SAF DIR'S BUILDING/CODE DEPT. BARGAINING UNIT PER EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; EMERGENCY. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE*

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#30 - O#36; O#36 ADOPTED)

30. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACT WITH ST. CO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVS TO INDIGENTS; EMERGENCY. - FIN
31. AMEND O#10/2024, AS AMEND, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; EMERGENCY (LAW DEPT). - PERS
32. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE AGMT WITH BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CANTON TWP, ST. CO, OHIO; EMERGENCY. - FIN

33. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER PROF SERVS CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE LTD. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,930.00 FOR PROF SERVS RELATED TO 2026 LARGE DIAMETER SEWER CLEANING AND INSPECTION PROJ; EMERGENCY. - FIN
34. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS GRANTED TO CITY OF CANTON, FOR OWNERSHIP, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF REALIGNED SANITARY SEWER CROSSING TWO PARCELS WITHIN THE LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FORMER SOUERS) - J. BABE STEARN COMMUNITY CENTER PROJ SITE; MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROP OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPO ERRORS; EMERGENCY. - E&PU
35. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTACT CHANGE ORDER AMEND/MODIFICATION WITH RMI CEMENT, LLC IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,771.49 FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS RELATED TO 10TH ST. NW SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJ GP 1454; RETROACTIVELY AUTH ALL ACTIONS TAKEN IN REGARDS TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PROJ PRIOR TO THE FINALIZATION OF SAID AMEND/MODIFICATION AND AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RELATED; EMERGENCY. - FIN
36. **13/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGMT WITH ELLEX PROPS LLC AND STEVE'S TAILORING & MEN'S WEAR TO PROVIDE REAL PROP TAX EXEMPTIONS; EMERGENCY. -ECON DEV*

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

THIRD READINGS:

37. **14/2026** APPROVE CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO GREENTREE AVE SW ; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ANY AGMTS FOR EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; EMERGENCY.
38. **15/2026** APPROVE CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO LAKE CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ANY AGMTS FOR EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; EMERGENCY.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:15 PM
FINANCE COMMITTEE

DOWNTOWN CANTON PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION — TODD HERBERGHS
2025 CRIME STATISTICS PRESENTATION — CHIEF GABBARD

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER GAVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK CLEARING ROADS DURING THE RECENT SNOWSTORM. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR STEPPING UP TO ASSIST A FAMILY IN NEED AFTER THEY LOST THEIR HOME IN A HOUSE FIRE.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER MAYLE RECOGNIZED MAYOR SHERER AND CHRISTIAN TURNER FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY DURING THE WINTER SEASON, WITH MEMBER SACCO CONCURRING. MEMBER FISHER THANKED THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK DURING THE WINTER SEASON, AND MEMBER SMUCKLER ALSO RECOGNIZED MAYOR SHERER FOR HIS EFFORTS. MEMBER COOKS ASKED THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP THE FAMILY OF TASHAUN SMITH IN THEIR PRAYERS FOLLOWING A SHOOTING DEATH IN SKYLINE TERRACE. MEMBER MARIOL GAVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT, AND SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN RECOGNIZED ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN RESPONSE EFFORTS DURING THE RECENT SNOWSTORM.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:41 P.M.

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.