

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA

May 18, 2026

7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION: CHRIS SMITH, WARD 4 COUNCIL MEMBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#8; 2ND RDG O#9 - O#14; O#8 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#17 ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: DANIEL GATES, SAMUEL SMITH, BRENDA PARSONS, NIKKI KAV, AND BEN SPONSER SPOKE REGARDING AGENDA ITEM #15 AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT COUNCIL'S PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT A DATA CENTER COULD HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY. STEVEN COON ALSO SPOKE ON ITEM #15 AND ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO RESEARCH C.R.A. AGREEMENTS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY. KAI WELCH SPOKE REGARDING AGENDA ITEM #4 AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE ITEM BEING PASSED AS AN EMERGENCY AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING BEING ALLOCATED TO THE POLICE DEPT.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. REQ ANNEX OF 13.525 ACRES IN CANTON TOWNSHIP TO CITY OF CANTON (2050 & 2232 CENTRAL AVE SE- 2025 ANNEXATION). - PLANNING COMMISSION

2. APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2050 & 2232 CENTRAL AVE SE - 2025 ANNEXATION (I-2 - HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT, WARD 4). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
3. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ACCEPT THREE (3) SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANTS IN AMT OF \$7,000.00; EMERGENCY (\$7,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 - POLICE - ADMIN - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
4. AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT AND ACCEPT \$44,144.90 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; EMERGENCY (\$44,144.90 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2791 FY26 OCJS VIOLENCE INTERDICTION PATROLS INITIATIVE FUND TO 2791 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; \$44,144.90 FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 - POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$44,144.90 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2791 102001 - ADV IN FR OTHER FUND). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
5. REQ MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE 2026 YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM WITH SIMPLY YOUTH, LLC; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

FIRST READINGS:

6. AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$139,645.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS OP FUND TO 5201 202018 4TH ST. BRIDGE REHAB GP 1297 - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
7. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER PROFESS SERVS CONTRACTS FOR AEP BUILDING PLANNING STUDY AND FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$142,000.00; AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$142,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMP PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:35 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#14; RECONVENED AT 7:36 PM)

8. **8/1/2026** AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$40,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2318 HIV PREVENTION FUND TO 2318 HIV PREVENTION - OTHER DIRECT COSTS). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#9 - O#14)

9. APPROVE CONTINUED OPERATION AND EXPANSION OF DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA; EMERGENCY. - COMM DEV **PUB HRG 6/1/26 @7:00 PM**

10. AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$25,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF FUND 2320 NURSING CLINIC ACTIVITY FUND TO FUND 2320 303002 TRAVEL CLINIC - OTHER DIRECT COSTS). - FIN
11. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER PROF SERVS CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVS DURING SUGAR CREEK TRANSMISSION LINE SURGE TANKS RENOVATION PROJ IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,900.00; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$225,900.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207099 SUGAR CREEK TRANSMISSION LINE SURGE TANKS RENOVATION PROJ - OTHER). - FIN
12. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER NECESSARY AGMTS TO PARTNER WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY, FEASIBILITY COST SHARE AGMT, AND PROJ PARTNERSHIP AGMT FOR SUGAR CREEK BANK EROSION STABILIZATION PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CHANGE ORDERS; EMERGENCY. - FIN
13. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO FILE ACTION PLAN/ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS TO CITY'S 2023 AND 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS TO U.S. DEPT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO IMPLEMENT THE CDBG PROG; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR TIMELY EXPENDITURE OF CDBG PROG FUNDS; ENTER CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO ALLOW EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF PROG DURING GRANT PERIOD; EMERGENCY. - COMM DEV
14. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR OR DESIGNEE TO FILE WITH HUD A 2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, 2026 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND 2026 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS; RATIFY SUBMISSION AND FILING; AUTH MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT AGMT WITH HUD AND ACCEPT FUNDING FOR THREE PROG; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR TIMELY EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROG FUNDS; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT 2026 ACTION PLAN; EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF FUND 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 506001 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMIN - TRANSFER OUT; \$50,000.00 INTER-FUND TRF FR 1001 TRANSFER OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2211 TRANSFER IN FR OTHER FUND). - COMM DEV

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

THIRD READINGS:

15. **82/2026** CONSENT TO STARK CO. COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) TAX ABATEMENT IN PERRY-CANTON JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT 22-01 (FAIRCREST JEDD); EMERGENCY.

16. **83/2026** AUTH STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF \$95,500.00 FOR SHAUN RUNION FOR TEMP POSITION OF DEPUTY AUD III; GRANTING FOUR WEEKS OF VACATION UPON HIRE; EMERGENCY.
17. **AMENDED AS**
84/2026 AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$98,818.75 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4568 11TH ST IMPROVEMENT FUND TO 4568 202095 11TH ST IMPROVEMENT PROJ - OTHER; \$98,818.75 FR 5446 202095 11TH ST IMPROVEMENT PROJ - OTHER TO UNAPPROP BAL OF 5446 11TH ST IMPROVEMENT FUND; \$800,000.00 FR 5501 202033 NORMAN AVE NW SWR PROJ - OTHER, \$600,000.00 FR 5501 202066 COLONIAL BLVD RECON PH 2 PROJ - OTHER TO \$1,400,000.00 UNAPPROP BAL OF 5501 STORM WATER DRAINAGE FUND).
18. **85/2026** AUTH TO MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS NECESSARY; ALTERNATIVELY ENTER ANY CONTRACTS UTILIZING PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTH BY LAW FOR MOUNT VERNON AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJ; AUTH CITY TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS IN AMT OF \$600,000.00 AND ZERO PERCENT INTEREST LOAN IN AMT OF \$900,000.00 FOR PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AUTH AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH 5259 FOR MOUNT VERNON AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJ FUND FOR TRACKING PROJ REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND APPROP TOTAL OPWC FUNDING AMT OF \$1,500,000.00; EMERGENCY.
19. **86/2026** AUTH TO MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY; ALTERNATIVELY ENTER ANY CONTRACTS UTILIZING PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTH BY LAW FOR CROYDON DR NW AND BROOKPARK CIR NE AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ; AUTH CITY TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS IN AMT OF \$750,000 AND ZERO PERCENT INTEREST LOAN IN AMT OF \$750,000 FR OPWC; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AUTH AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH 5258 CROYDON DRIVE NW & BROOKPARK CIR NW AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT FUND FOR TRACKING PROJ REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND APPROP TOTAL OPWC FUNDING AMT OF \$1,500,000.00; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$1,500,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5258 CROYDON DRIVE/BROOKPARK WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ - FUND TO 5258 207087 CROYDON DRIVE/BROOKPARK WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ - OTHER; \$1,500,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207087 CROYDON DRIVE/BROOKPARK WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ - OTHER).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:45 PM
FINANCE COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 25 AT 10:00 A.M., BEGINNING ON MCKINLEY

AVENUE AND HEADING DOWN TUSC. MAYOR SHERER ALSO ANNOUNCED THE JULY 4 FIREWORKS SHOW, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE MONUMENT ON JULY 2, 2026, WITH THE TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE. HE WISHED EVERYONE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER SMITH ANNOUNCED THAT CRENSHAW PARK AND THE SPLASH PAD WILL BE OPEN FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO COME OUT AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:13 P.M.

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 @ 7:00 PM