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FINAL AGENDA

June 1, 2026

7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION: ROBERT FISHER , WARD 5 COUNCIL MEMBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#16; 2ND RDG O#17 AND O#18; O#16 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#19 RECONSIDERED AND AMENDED AS O#84/2026)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:00 PM — A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINUED OPERATION AND EXPANSION OF THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA. (2 SPEAKERS)
SEE O#88/2026

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: KIM BELL SPOKE REGARDING AGENDA ITEM #18 AND EXPRESSED HER THOUGHTS ON IMPROVING CITY HALL, THE AEP BUILDING, AND FUNDING. LARINDA JOHNSON SPOKE ABOUT ITEM #3 AND HER CONCERNS WITH PUBLIC SPEAKS.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. COUNCIL-A-WHOLE: COMMENDING PASTOR WALTER MOSS ON 50 YRS OF PASTORSHIP. - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. AUTH MORAL OB TO BLACK-MCCUSKEY-SOUERS & ARBAUGH LAW FIRM IN AMT OF \$5,129.00; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE

3. ADOPT ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12/31/27; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
4. AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$80,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2185 URBAN TIF FUND TO 2185 871003 BROADVIEW DEVELOPMENT TIF - OTHER). - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
5. REQ NEW D-5 LIQUOR PERMIT FOR CASA ESPERANZA LLC MI CASA MEXICAN RESTAURANT @ 3000 ATLANTIC BLVD NE, UNIT B (WARD 6). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
6. AUTH CLERK TO CERTIFY LIST OF UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES FOR JAN & APRIL 2026 TO ST. CO. AUDITOR; EMERGENCY - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
7. AUTH AGMT FOR \$20,000.00 GRANT FUNDS FROM OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME FUND; EMERGENCY (\$20,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2772 FY24 OCJS PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) GRANT FUND TO 2772 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; \$20,000.00 FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102001 - POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$20,000.00 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2772 102001 - ADV IN FR OTHER FUND). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
8. AUTH AGMT FOR \$15,886.21 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA); EMERGENCY (\$15,886.21 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001.102005 FY25 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
9. REQ LEG FOR CLEVELAND AVE. NW PAVING PROJ - GP 1283 - PID 119801 - CHANGE ORDER #1; EMERGENCY (\$155,258.78 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4554 CLEVE AVE NW PAVING 12TH TO 50TH FUND TO 4554 202050 4554 CLEVE AVE NW PAVING 12TH TO 50TH FUND - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
10. REQ LEG FOR WATER SERVICE SHOP RENOVATION PROJ - CHANGE ORDER NO.5 - FINAL; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
11. REQ LEG FOR WATER AND SEWER COMPREHENSIVE RATE STUDY; EMERGENCY (\$113,627.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207001 WATER ADMINISTRATION - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
12. REQ LEG FOR MANAGEMENT OF DOWNTOWN CANTON ICE RINK; EMERGENCY (\$55,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 200501 GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT ADMIN. - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

FIRST READINGS:

13. AUTH CANTON TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS 2050 & 2232 CENTRAL AVE SE - 2025 ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROX 13.525 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4 OF CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE **PUB HRG 6/29/26 @ 7:00 PM**
14. AUTH MAYOR OR DIR OF SAF TO ACCEPT \$7,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FR WALMART AND SAM'S SPARK GOOD LOCAL FOR POLICE DEPT; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$7,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 - POLICE - ADMIN - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
15. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT AND ACCEPT \$44,144.90 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME 2791 EDW BYRNE MEM JUST ASST GRANT 2018 FUND; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; 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). - FINANCE COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:43 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#16; RECONVENED AT 7:46 PM)

16. **8/7/2026**
AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROG WITH SIMPLY YOUTH LLC; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#17 AND O#18)

17. 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). - FIN
18. 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). - FIN

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

THIRD READINGS:

19. **RECONSIDERED AND AMENDED AS**
8/4/2026 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).

20. **88/2026** APPROVE CONTINUED OPERATION AND EXPANSION OF DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA; EMERGENCY. **PUB HRG 6/1/26 @7:00 PM**
21. **89/2026** 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).
22. **90/2026** 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).
23. **91/2026** 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.
24. **92/2026** 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.
25. **93/2026** 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).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:45 PM
ANNEXATION COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER INVITED EVERYONE TO JUNE 5TH'S FIRST FRIDAY, IMPACT CANTON WITH COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP ON THIS SATURDAY AT 8:00 AM, STARK PRIDE ON JUNE 13TH, AND THE FIREWORKS WILL BE JULY 2ND WITH THE CANTON SYMPHONY AT MCKINLEY MONUMENT. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THE FLOWER BEDS DOWNTOWN ARE BEING REDONE AND TREES WILL BE PLANTED AS WELL. HE THANKED CANTON PARAMEDICS AND FIREFIGHTERS FOR THEIR WORK OVER THE WEEKEND AND GAVE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY INVITED EVERYONE TO THE 1ST ANNUAL "WE BELIEVE" KICK OFF ON WEDNESDAY STARTING AT 3 PM AT CENTENNIAL PLAZA.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER COOKS EXPRESSED HOW IMPRESSED HE WAS BY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN TURNER'S SPEECH AT STARK HIGH SCHOOL AND ALSO THANKED HER FOR REPRESENTING THE CITY SO WELL. HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE YOUNG MAN, CHRISTIAN WEBB, WHO WAS SHOT IN THE ARM ON MAY 21 ST. HE EXPLAINED HOW ACCOMPLISHED AND TALENTED HE IS DESPITE THE ODDS HE FACED.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 @ 7:00 PM